

OF LOCAL INTEREST

BAPTIST WOMEN TO MEET MARCH 23-24. A considerable number of local Baptist women is expected to attend the annual State convention of the Woman's Missionary Union of the denomination to be held in New Bern on March 23-24.

ATTORNEY JOHN GUION WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN. John Guion, Esq., son of ex-Judge Owen H. Guion, has been appointed to a position in the Norfolk Southern Railroad's general offices on the staff of Col. W. B. Rodman, head of counsel.

IKE SCHULTZ TRUSTEE. Ike Schultz, formerly of this city, was Saturday appointed trustee of the Wilmington concern of Thompson v. Spooner, a clothing firm, who recently filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Mr. Schultz was named at a hearing before George H. Howell, referee in bankruptcy. The former Kinstonian is now a leading business man of Wilmington.

WOMAN THREATENED TO SHOOT SURPRISED NEGRO. When George Simmons, colored, went to the home of John Thrower, another negro, at night, according to a report which reached here from Pitt county today, Thrower's wife denied him admission to the house. Simmons declared he would break down the door, and instantly was confronted with an angry woman with a gun. Thrower arrived when his wife called and had the other man arrested.

PROFESSOR KINSEY AND JUSTICE JOHN. Superintendent of County Schools Joseph Kinsey has just returned from Richmond. There is one thing that Prof. Kinsey would not miss upon a trip to Richmond, and that is a visit to the famous city police judge, "Justice John." The superintendent declares he will write an article for The Free Press about the old justice, who he thinks is a really great man.

HOW IT WAS DIVIDED MIGHT BE INTERESTING. Bust Sellers, a driver in the fire department, has returned from Norfolk, where he was a plaintiff in a suit against a street car company. Sellers was the victim of an accident there several years ago. As a result of being struck by a trolley he was laid up in a hospital for months. The suit was for \$10,000. "Sellers and his counsel" got \$1,500.

"DOC." FOLEY FINDS A REMARKABLE MULE. City Inspector J. F. Foley Saturday morning witnessed an unusual sight in a downtown horsehoof shop. A dilapidated mule, that was hardly able to stand erect in its poorly nourished condition, was being shod by the black farrier to go back into service. The ancient beast was lame. A negro boy hardly tall enough to reach up for the halter, stood by to take it away when the shoeing process was finished. "Mules were not quite in style in Noah's time," said Foley, intimating that otherwise he'd be hanged if he wouldn't believe the old hybrid came out of the ark. "Nothing doing," said the inspector, who ordered the mule led to city hall. Foley had sentenced the animal to death.

LONNIE SMITH GIVES LAD IN TROUBLE HOME. Lonnie Smith, a prominent Pink Hill farmer, has taken 14-year-old Willie Westbrook, whom he found in the Craven county jail at New Bern to live with him. The boy, a bright looking little fellow, had skipped out from a farm in Onslow county, where he was employed. He was accused of the theft of articles of small value, and arrested in New Bern. Sympathetic men interested themselves in his case, and being convinced that he was not of criminal proclivities, secured his release and Mr. Smith took him with him to Pink Hill after affecting a wonderful rejuvenation of the boy's appearance by buying him new clothes.

INSPECTING LOCAL MILITIA TODAY. Col. Thomas Stringfield, N. C. N. G., and Capt. Russell C. Langdon, U. S. A., inspected the band of the Second Infantry here early this afternoon. The band, despite the fact that it has been stationed in Kinston only six or seven years, presented ten men with more than three years' service and one with more than ten years. The maximum strength of the organization can be by twenty-eight men. Company B will be inspected tonight, and will show about sixty-five men. The inspection included an inventory of all government property and examination of the condition of equipment and efficiency of the men. Col. Stringfield and Captain Langdon will attend the convention of the N. C. N. G. Association at Goldsboro Tuesday.

CHIEF MOSELEY THINKS N. Y. FIREMEN VERY SLOW

Run Not Near So Spectacular as the Sunday Supplements Picture Them—Newspaper Row Attractive, and Foreigners Almost Come to Blows About War.

Chief Tom Moseley of the Kinston Fire Department stood on a corner in New York one night last week and watched the firemen run. It was disappointing. Chief Moseley doesn't believe they could have been indicted for speeding, to say the least. Compared with the way the boys "down home" do it, the show was tame. The metropolitan newspapers misled people into thinking there is nothing so spectacular to be found anywhere else as a dash to a blaze by the New York regu'lars. But, then, who is so conceited as a New Yorker, anyway? The crowded thoroughfares won't permit of the stunts that the newspapers fictionally play up in the Sunday supplements.

But, then, the metropolitan fire-fighters are certainly not lacking in promptness in getting on the way or in efficiency in combatting a blaze. The splitting-the-streets part of it, however, the Kinston volunteer chief didn't find half so interesting as the scenes around the bulletin boards in Newspaper Row, where excited foreigners were shaking their fists at one another. The New York firemen wouldn't stand much of a chance in a North Carolina firemen's tournament; "too much like a funeral procession," in Chief Moseley's opinion.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN WILL INSTALL CROSSING GATES

Work to Be Done at Once, Protecting Life and Property at Queen and Gordon Street Crossings—A. C. L. to Follow Suit.

The railroads have at last agreed to comply with the city's demand that gates be installed at important crossings in the city. The Norfolk Southern has informed Mayor Sutton that the crossings will be "taken care of" immediately, especially that at Queen street, opposite the depot. The Atlantic Coast Line is expected to follow suit and install the safety gates. Numerous narrow approaches to accidents caused the authorities to get busy in the matter. At one crossing alone, that of the Norfolk Southern on East Gordon street, the lives of two prominent physicians going on calls were threatened when their automobiles came near colliding with trains and other narrow escapes occurred during the past year. At the Queen street crossing a well-known lady was a near victim a few weeks ago.

DEMONSTRATE HOG CHOLERA SERUM.

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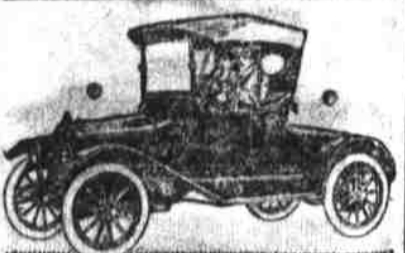
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PROFESSIONAL DIVER TO LOOK FOR BODIES

Victims of Ill-Fated Yacht Julia Which Burned in Pamlico Sound Ten Days Ago Will Be Found If Possible.

A professional diver is expected to be sent from Norfolk to the point in Pamlico Sound opposite Englehard where, on January 15, J. W. Murray of Burlington, N. C.; Mrs. W. E. Poreh of Beaufort, and Gustavus P. Dodson of Norfolk, were drowned when the gasoline yacht Julia blew up. E. Griffith Dodson, a brother of the victim from Norfolk, believes the bodies will not come to the surface yet awhile because of the low temperature of the water, although there is not much current at the spot where the Julia foundered after the explosion and burning of the vessel. A constant watch is being kept in the vicinity. The people have been exceedingly generous in aiding the friends of the unfortunate trio, as they did Mrs. J. W. Murray, who was the only member of the party on the Julia to escape.

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