

**OF LOCAL INTEREST**

**CONDEMNING LAND AT CAPE LOOKOUT**  
Twenty-five owners of land at Cape Lookout were Thursday summoned to a hearing on Monday to show why the property should not be condemned. The condemnation proceeding was instituted by the government. A considerable area is embodied in the land to be condemned, which the government found necessary to take in connection with the big breakwater to be constructed to make of Lookout harbor a place of refuge for shipping.

**HOW THE WATER SUPPLY IS WASTED BY CONSUMERS**

The Water and Light Department gives out interesting statistics concerning water leakage. According to a statement from the department today, if a stream half an inch in diameter is allowed to run an hour, 1,575 gallons of water, or 210 cubic feet, will be wasted. Permitting the same to run unchecked for a month, the waste would amount to 1,134,000 gallons. A tiny stream only one-thirty-second of an inch in diameter will waste 1.5 cubic feet, or 11 1/4 gallons of water in an hour, which in a month would total 8,100 gallons. This discharge is based on 40 pounds pressure.

**PICTURES AND VAUDEVILLE AT THE GRAND WERE ENJOYED**

The program of pictures and vaudeville at the Grand Thursday, matinee and night, were good and pleased the large number of patrons who visited the popular new playhouse. The management's firm stand against the introduction of questionable jokes in the vaudeville was evidenced by the clean variety of the comedian's offerings Thursday. Tonight the feature picture will be the "Colonel of the Red Hussars," a dramatization of John Reed Scott's popular novel. This picture is in three reels. "The Battle of Snakeville" in one reel will also be shown. The Go Ahead Girls will play an entire change of program.

**BISHOP THOS. C. DARST TO ARRIVE HERE TONIGHT**

Bishop Thomas C. Darst of the Diocese of East Carolina will arrive here this evening about 7:30 o'clock from New Bern, Bishop Darst, who will pay his first visit to Kinston since his consecration as the successor of the late Bishop Strange at Wilmington, will spend the night here at St. Mary's rectory and leave at 7:10 a. m., Saturday for Windsor, where he confirms his first class, since Windsor was the first church in North Carolina to call Mr. Darst as rector some ten years ago. While in Kinston the Bishop will not have a service. Rev. John H. Griffith, the rector of St. Mary's, asks the vestry to meet the Bishop at the rectory at 8:30 o'clock this evening.

**CITY COUNCIL CHOOSES FORM OF CITY BONDS**

City Council Thursday night accepted the form of bond in which the \$100,000 city issue will be printed submitted by the attorneys of Leach & Co., who through the Security Trust Company of Spartanburg, S. C., purchased the issue. The municipal body had to choose between that and a form submitted by the Trust Company. A resolution of their choice was passed by the aldermen to become a regular part of the proceedings in connection with the transaction, which in a matter of such importance must necessarily be full and complete. This is believed to be the last time City Council will be called upon to deal with the transaction before the payment is made by the New York purchasers, and no reason can be advanced here now why the buyers should not immediately remit.

**WANTS BELIEVERS IN EQUAL SUFFRAGE TO WRITE WOOTEN**

"The Equal Suffrage bill will be reported out of committee and voted upon immediately after the special hearing, February 2. All persons in Kinston who favor this bill should write or telegraph immediately Hon. E. R. Wooten, our representative, and Hon. A. D. Ward, our Senator, at Raleigh, urging them to vote for this bill," said Miss Sybil Hyatt, president of the Kinston Equal Suffrage League, in a statement Thursday evening. "It is most important that legislators should realize that constituents favor this bill," declared Miss Hyatt; and "there are very few persons in Kinston who oppose it." In fact, she asserts, "a very large number ardently wish it." Miss Hyatt believes the "clinging vine" variety of woman has disappeared in Kinston, and that the sex here almost as a unit desires the ballot.

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**COUNTIES TAKING LEAD IN EDUCATIONAL LINES**

Professor Williams of the University Compiles Table of "First in North Carolina"—Annual High School Debate  
(Special to The Free Press.)

Chapel Hill, Jan. 29.—Counties, not unlike individuals, court par excellence of ranking degrees of distinction in particular fields of effort. Prof. L. A. Williams of the University Department of Education, has compiled a table of "First in North Carolina," which is calculated to stimulate other counties not thus classified to acquire these distinctive qualities in educational efforts. The table follows:

Harnett, first to establish a moonlight school for illiterate adults—Leaflet School, Miss Bessie Knight.  
McDowell, first to require all teachers to hold a certificate showing completion of a four-year accredited high school course in certain subjects—January, 1915.

Wake, first to have a Teachers' Mutual Aid Society within its borders—Raleigh teachers, January, 1915.

Nash, first in the per cent. of vaccinated school children—98 per cent.

Guilford, first in total number of students enrolled in public State-aided schools for 1913-14—310.

Burke, first in per cent. of attendance on State-aided high schools for 1913-14—93.2 per cent.

Wake, first in per cent. of attendance on State-aided high schools for 1913-14—68.10.

Jackson, first in average expenditure per pupil in State-aided high schools for 1913-14—\$52.63.

Jackson also ranked first in this respect in 1907-08, the first year these schools were established.

Guilford, first to have a whole-time health officer—February, 1911.

Sampson, first to have a county supervisor—Miss Lulu M. Cassidey.

Wayne, first to have a county commencement—1910.

Halifax, first to register a student in the Correspondence Study Courses at the University—1914.

The third annual contest of the North Carolina High School Debating Union will draw its membership from ninety counties. The counties unrepresented in the comprehensive forensic debate are: Bertie, Caswell, Hoke, Jones, Madison, Mitchell, Pamlico, Tyrrell, Washington and Wauauga. The enrollment has enlisted the active participation of 227 schools—135 rural and State high schools, and 19 private schools. The date for the preliminary debates throughout the State is March 26, and the date of April 9 has been named for the staging of the final contest in Chapel Hill for the Aycock Memorial Cup.

**LAYMEN OF BAPTIST CHURCH TO CONDUCT A SERVICE**  
On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock a special rally service will be conducted in the First Baptist church under the auspices of the laymen of the congregation. A full attendance of the membership is desired.

**TICKETS FOR "SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS" WILL GO ON SALE SATURDAY AT 6 P. M.**

Harold Bell Wright's most popular novel, "The Shepherd of the Hills," of which a million copies have been sold, has been made into a play by its author with the assistance of Elsbury W. Reynolds, the first appearance of which in this city will be at the Grand Theater on the night of February 3.

The play is practically a true narrative of life among the humble dwellers of the Ozarks. It touches all the emotions, and its influence is wholesome and helpful, notwithstanding several rough characters that figure more or less prominently. The shepherd of the story is a cultured stranger, who comes into the hills glad to escape from the vanities and conventionalities to which he has been accustomed. Among his old lad who understands the voices of nature and sees what others cannot see. There is a mystery of the hills that often terrifies, but the solution is brought about by Pete and the shepherd, and it is the latter who is most deeply concerned. It is hardly necessary to add that a pretty romance is woven into the humor, pathos and tragedy, for the production throughout is one of human interest with a conclusion that is thoroughly satisfactory to "Young Matt" and the auditors. Tickets go on sale Saturday at 6 p. m. at the Grand refreshment parlor.

**LAWYERS DID NOT DECIDE UPON RECORDER'S COURT.**

Attorneys who met in the office of John G. Dawson, Esq., Thursday night, did not come to a final agreement regarding the proposed county court, for which a bill to be presented to the Legislature is now being gone over. It was decided to hold another meeting Saturday night and take final action in the matter, determining whether the court should have civil as well as criminal jurisdiction and the form of the bill to be sent to the General Assembly.

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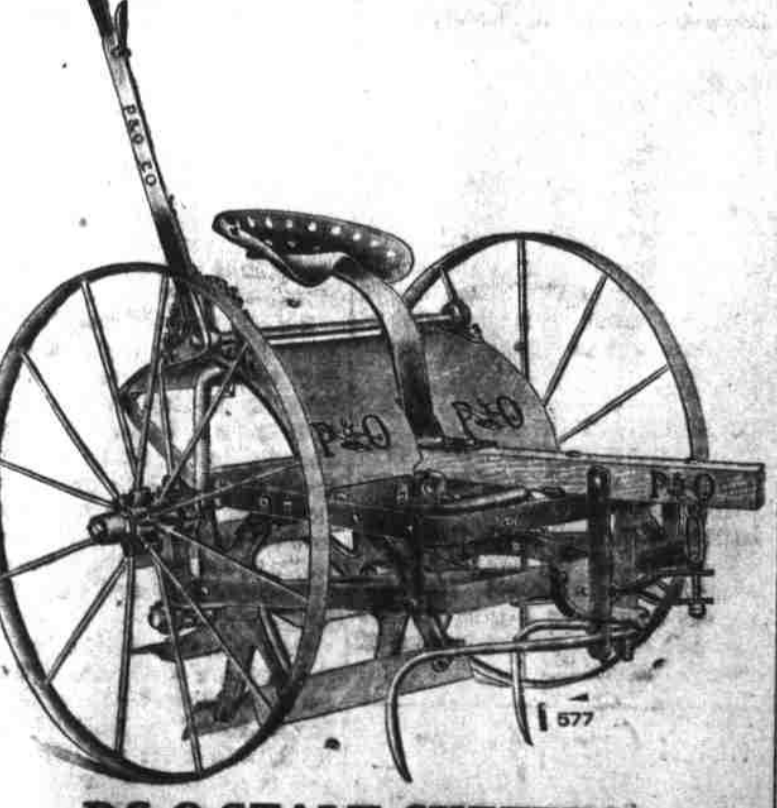
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