

OF LOCAL INTEREST

IN HOSPITAL HERE.

Jarvis Campbell of Greenville is in Memorial Hospital here. Mr. Campbell came for an operation for appendicitis. He was accompanied by Mr. S. T. Hicks.

BANKS WILL BE CLOSED ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The banks of the city are to be closed next Monday, which day, being a legal holiday, is George Washington's natal anniversary.

NEW INSURANCE COMPANY.

A hail insurance company recently organized with a capital of \$25,000 will establish a branch office in Kinston and three other places, it is announced. The mayor of Louisburg is prominently identified with the concern.

NEGRO ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED FALSE PRETENSE

William Powell, colored, living about two miles from the city, has been arrested and will be tried Saturday for executing a mortgage upon a horse, the property of another. He is formally charged with false pretense.

DERANGED MAN IS LOCATED BY FRIENDS

L. B. Dail, a former real estate and insurance man, well known here, who a week ago disappeared from his present home in Mt. Olive, has been located at Zebulon. Dail, as his acquaintances anticipated, was demented. He was taken to the State Hospital at Raleigh.

E. P. LOFTIN'S WILL FILED FOR PROBATION.

The will of the late E. P. Loftin was filed with the Clerk of Superior Court Wednesday for probate. But three beneficiaries are named, these being the widow, a son, G. Felix Loftin, and a daughter, Miss Cynthia Loftin. Mr. Loftin has made distribution of his estate to the other heirs before his death.

TO ENLARGE SNOW HILL TOBACCO WAREHOUSE.

It is believed that the owners of the two tobacco sales warehouses at Snow Hill will enlarge the buildings during the summer. Floor space will be increased by a third or two-fifths. The sales during the past season were very heavy and taxed the capacity of the two houses.

METHODIST MISSIONARY INSTITUTE ENDS SESSION.

An affair of interest to the Methodists throughout this territory was the missionary institute of the New Bern district held during the past two or three days in Centenary church in New Bern. Rev. J. R. Underwood, presiding elder, had charge of the institute, which came to an end Wednesday night. There are 25 pastoral charges, including the two here, and over ten thousand members in the district.

ATLANTIC HOTEL WILL OPEN EARLY.

Preparations are already being made for the opening of the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City, Norfolk Southern men say. The house will start the season a little earlier than usual. A force of painters, carpenters and plumbers will be put to work on the big summer hotel in a few days. The exact date of the opening will not be announced for some time.

WINTER WEATHER AGAIN.

The ground hog has scored a creditable point. He had gotten in a few days of weather about as disagreeable as possible considering that the temperature throughout was comfortable, until Wednesday night, when clearing skies brought with them a drop to freezing. The mercury early today registered almost as low as it has any time since late December, and following about a month and a half of warm, comfortable weather, the drop was severely felt by early risers. A storm warning predicts that a disturbance off the West Indies will move northeast, causing gales along the South Atlantic coast during the next few hours.

GILBERT WHITE HERE WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Gilbert White of Charlotte and Durham, the noted consulting engineer who will have charge of the sewerage, lighting and paving extensions to be made here this summer, spent several hours in the city Wednesday night. Mr. White expressed himself as pleased with the prospects for an early beginning of the work, since payment has been made for the bonds and he is now able to proceed as soon as bids are in and accepted. He was on his way to Washington, where new electric light and water plants built under his supervision will probably be started on tomorrow.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY IS POPULAR INSTITUTION

More Than 20,000 Books Loaned in Year—Dramatic Club's Itinerary. Physical Director Finds Average Improvements.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 18.—The borrower's desk of the State University Library is a veritable information-dispensing bureau. A summarized report of Librarian L. R. Wilson takes account of the number of borrowers and the volume of books loaned for a twelve-month period. In the aggregate, 23,104 books were signed for and issued from the desk in a single year. Making a count of students, faculty, summer school students, residents of the village, and visitors, the figures, 1,392 represent the number of borrowers for the corresponding period. The loans of books and periodicals to other institutions and in the State represent a separate entry of 410 copies. Another field in which the library is an information-distributing agency, is in supplying of debating material. Thirty-six queries were posted, and reference material to the extent of 692 volumes were bulletined for use during the 12-month period.

The University Dramatic Club will make a second journey afield early in March. The trip will include several larger towns in the eastern and western sections of the State. Bernard Shaw's comedy, "Arms and the Man," is the presentation of the season. Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Goldsboro and Washington saw the play on the club's itinerary preceding the Christmas holidays. The engagements for the spring include: Eastern Carolina Training School, in Greenville, March 8; Rockingham, March 9; Charlotte, March 10; Asheville, March 11; State Normal College, Greensboro, March 12. A date for Lexington is being considered.

Dr. R. B. Lawson, physical director of the University, made a physical examination of 314 members of the freshman class during the fall term. From this number he selected 20 representatives that he might test the physical strength in eight different ways and ascertain the various degrees of physical strength exhibited in a similar examination of 20 students five years ago. The test showed a favorable gain in physical strength to the credit of the 1914 representatives. The weight of the average student exceeded the average for 1909 by eight pounds. The average for 1914 was 130 pounds. The average age for 1914 was 18 years and a fraction; in 1909, 19 years of age was the average. The circumference of the neck, chest and waist of the 20 students for 1914 exhibited favorable increases over the circumference of the average student five years ago. Among the defective students reported: Eyes defective, 28; ears defective, 7; fractures, 10 men, forearm; 5, elbow; 2, collarbone; 1, skull; 1, ribs; 2, knee.

LA GRANGE OPPOSES THE COUNTY COURT. (Continued from Page 1) clared that he thought a couple of years' time would convince LaGrange of the wisdom of coming back into the fold. Mr. Moore, like the other lawyers, believed a single court was the best for all concerned. The county court, as it is generally supposed to be intended, could be moved to LaGrange once a month or as often as necessary simply by the judge getting his clean collars together and the clerk his pens and papers and the pair traveling at the county's expense, a matter of about a dollar or so for a couple of round-trip tickets. In spite of this, the LaGrange gentleman insisted that it would be inconvenient for them to be huddled up at 10 minutes' notice and dragged off to Kinston at somebody else's will. One local man who seemed to have no particular business in the controversy declared to the assembly that one Kinston citizen believed that if LaGrange were to be eliminated Kinston could cut loose, too. A member of the bar stated extemporaneously on the outside that he harbors no misgivings that LaGrange may be intending to start another county and be the county-seat.

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The meeting was alive with possibilities, but there was no very sharp talk. All hands seemed to be in good spirits, and the Moseley Hall men emphasized their interest in the county's welfare. Mayor Peele declared they would guard "jealously" good old Lenoir's health and honor. The Commissioners at about 11:40 o'clock called the session off and after dismissing their guests went into executive session, and afterwards adjourned until 2 o'clock.

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