

Last of the Theophulus White Claims Settled

State Auditor Issued Warrants
for Three Yesterday--
Legislative Commit-
tee Approved \$3,-
600 Out of
\$5,000

Yesterday in the office of the state auditor the last of the disputed shell fish claims which grew out of the famous Theophulus White fight over the shell fish commission was settled. It will be remembered that, on the ground of absence of authority the state auditor and treasurer before the late General Assembly convened, refused to pay any more of the shell fish claims and the amount of these finally grew to something like \$5,000.

The General Assembly appointed a committee to investigate and pass upon the claims with the understanding that those approved were to be paid and those disallowed were not to be paid by

the treasurer. Out of the aggregate of \$5,000 in claims the committee approved of about \$3,600, and the last of the claims approved were paid yesterday. They were held by The North Carolina Iron Works and the Crystal Ice and Coal Company, both of Elizabeth City, the two amounting to \$230. There was also a small bill held by E. S. Willie of Elizabeth City.

The bill by the North Carolina Iron Works was for repairs done on the steamer Lilly and that by the Crystal Ice and Coal Company was for fuel and other supplies.

It will be of interest to note that since the steamer Lilly has been re-commissioned in the shell fish service under the democratic regime she has been thoroughly overhauled and new boilers and new engines installed at a cost of nearly \$3,000, so that she is now as good as a new steamer. She is under command of Shell Fish Commissioner W. M. Webb of Elizabeth City.

A prominent state official said yesterday that Mr. Webb is making a most acceptable and aggressive commissioner and the state control of the shell fish industry is thorough.

WATAUGA BUILDING AT A. & M. COLLEGE

Work of Rebuilding to Be Under
Direction of Prof.
Charles Parks—Con-
ference of Building
Committee

There were conferences Wednesday evening and yesterday morning of the building committee from the Board of Directors of the State Board of Agriculture, having in charge the rebuilding of Watauga building and the erection of the new dining hall and auditorium building at the A. and M. College. The result of the conferences was a determination on the part of the committee to proceed at once with the erection of Watauga dormitory building. Orders will be placed at once for the material needed. The walls of the burned building have been cleared away and the brick cleaned and stacked by students of the college. There are very nearly enough of them for the new building. The work of rebuilding will be under the direction of Prof. C. B. Parks of the A. and M. College and as previously stated the work is as far as possible to be done by student labor, the boys being thereby enabled to earn considerable extra money to use in defraying their own expenses while in the college.

No definite arrangements have yet been made for the erection of the dining hall and auditorium building plans for which were prepared by Architect W. P. Rose of this city.

THE NEW ORGAN READY FOR SERVICE

Dedecatory and Memorial
Program Monday Night.
Brilliant Recital
Tuesday Night

For several years, the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church have been gradually accumulating a fund for the purchase of a new organ. It was not, however, until Mrs. W. H. Kerr of Catonsville, near Baltimore, made a magnificent donation to this fund, that early success was assured. This contribution of Mrs. Kerr encouraged the young ladies to place at once an order for a very handsome instrument to be built by the Stein Organ Company especially for its position in the new church. The organ is now ready for service and will be used for the first time on next Monday and Tuesday nights.

As the instrument is in tribute of joint-memory to the late W. H. Kerr and the late Professor A. Baumann, the service on Monday night, commencing at 8 o'clock, will be of a solemn religious character, partly dedicatory and partly memorial. It will be attended chiefly by the congregation of the Presbyterian church and by those who were the somewhat more immediate friends of Mr. Kerr and Professor Baumann. After the services, the congregation and these friends will have an opportunity of meeting Mrs. Kerr, to whom so much is due, in a quiet reception to be held in the church parlor and Sunday School rooms.

Professor Haslup, a consecrated Christian gentleman and the organist of Brown Memorial church, Baltimore, will not be present on Monday night, but on Tuesday night, commencing at 8 o'clock, he will give one of his brilliant organ recitals for which he is so eminent, and to this all are invited. There will be no charge for admittance. A simple offering of voluntary contribution will be received.

THE VENERABLE COL. ALLEN T. DAVIDSON

The Asheville Citizen of yesterday carries an interesting reference to Col. Allen T. Davidson. It follows: Col. Allen T. Davidson, the father of Attorney General Davidson, was a caller at the Citizen office today. Though in his eighty-second year, he is still quite strong physically and in the full possession of all his mental faculties. Colonel Davidson was one of the earliest settlers of this western country, and was in the days of active practice, one of the most noted lawyers of the State, and he was a member of the Confed-

HANDSOME TRIBUTE TO JUDGE WINSTON

Members of the New Bern
Bar Impressed with His
Ability and Method
of Conducting
Court

Judge Francis D. Winston is winning golden opinions wherever he holds court. The following highly complimentary testimonial was presented him recently by the lawyers at New Bern court: "We, members of the New Bern Bar, desire to express our appreciation of Hon. Francis D. Winston as a judge. Judge Winston held the last term of Craven court, and we were greatly impressed by his ability and the ease and dispatch with which he disposed of the large amount of business which came before him. His courteous bearing and fair rulings were highly commended. He gave us ample opportunity to state our positions and views on all questions, and then promptly made his rulings with sufficient firmness. "His charges to the juries were indeed excellent, were in writing and were ready to be delivered at the termination of our addresses to the juries. The charges to the juries were of five and six words, making the work in appealed cases comparatively easy and pleasant. We shall be glad to have him with us at the next term of our court. " (Signed) A. D. Ward, Owen H. Guion, D. W. Ward, Romulus A. Nunn, P. H. Pelletier, H. C. Whitehurst, M. DeW. Stevenson, L. I. Moore, Wm. W. Clark, R. B. Nixon, S. M. Brinson, W. D. Melver, Chas. C. Clark."

MR. GRADY'S UNIQUE TRUCK FARM

Rev. B. W. Spilman Writes
of a Notable Picture at
Charleston Exposition

There is on exhibition at the Charleston Exposition, writes Rev. B. W. Spilman, a large picture in water colors of the peas grown last year by Mr. Lewis Grady of Kinston, N. C. The picture is the property of the Department of Agriculture of North Carolina and was made from a photograph taken while the peas were in the garden.

Mr. Grady is an old Confederate soldier and for many years has owned a fruit and confectionary stand a half block from the court house on Queen street, the principal business street in Kinston. Last year he put in his spare moments raising peas and beans in his garden of an eighth of an acre in area. He laid out the rows four feet apart, used one sack of the Columbia Guano Company's (Norfolk, Va.) Hycio fertilizer on ordinary gray loam, and on January 22 planted the Meeting Sugar, Marrow Fat and Champion of England peas. The tool used to cultivate the peas was an old piece of a buggy spring bent into shape and bolted to a hoe handle.

The peas grew to a height of eight or ten feet and some of the Marrow Fat variety to a height of fifteen feet. People from far and near came to see Mr. Grady's pea crop. I saw it and it was well worth a long trip to see. After supplying his family of five and giving away quite a quantity he sold \$30 worth of peas.

On the same piece of land on June 2 he planted some Ford's Mammoth Podded Lima beans and some Shotwell's Improved Pole Lima beans. The former having pods seven to eight inches long with six beans to the pod; the latter are shorter, more compact and have six beans to the pod. This bean crop Mr. Grady readily sold for \$35. How is that for an old wounded Confederate soldier with a few spare minutes each day, a bent buggy spring, one sack of fertilizer and an eighth of an acre of ground?

Mr. Grady this year has about one acre of land staked with 150 posts with staks nailed on them and his peas are pushing upward with amazing rapidity.

BLACKSTONE WILL BECOME PRESIDENT

Of the New Company to Carry
Out Coal Development and
Railroad Construction

Baltimore, March 20.—Mr. George Blackstone, president of the Union Trust Company, will become president of the new company which will carry out the coal development and railroad construction embraced in the plans of the syndicate whose formation was announced yesterday.

This company will have a capitalization of from \$9,000,000 to \$12,000,000. It will complete the old Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago Railroad from Wise county to Lincoln, N. C. The Union Trust Company employed some of the best known experts in the country to prepare plans and report upon this project. Among them were Prof. Clarke of Johns Hopkins University; Mr. John Scott, a well known railroad expert, who is consulted by the leading syndicate interests of the country and Mr. Win. T. Manning, the former chief engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio. Mr. Manning will become chief engineer of the railroad.

TWO CORPORATIONS CHARTERED YESTERDAY

Rose-Hilliard Co., Warrenton,
and North Carolinian Co.,
of Elizabeth City

The secretary of state on yesterday granted two charters, one to The Rose-Hilliard Company of Warrenton and the other to the North Carolinian Publishing Company of Elizabeth City.

The Rose-Hilliard Company is authorized to do a general merchantile business at Warrenton and has \$4,400 capital subscribed and authority to increase the amount to \$25,000. The in-

corporators are J. P. Satterwhite, B. C. Hilliard and Frank Rose. The North Carolina Publishing Company of Elizabeth City proposed to publish a weekly paper at Elizabeth City and change it to a daily at any time they may desire to do so. The incorporators are J. W. Meekins, D. O. Newberry and W. T. Phillips. The capital is \$1,500 subscribed and \$25,000 authorized.

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