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Corn, from boats, 65a70c.
Field peas, 70a80c.
Seed Oats—Feed, 40a50c.
Peanuts, 70c.a80c.
Turkeys, $1·25a1.75.
Chickens, 45a55c. pr ; young 35a40c.
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CITY AND VICINITY.

Mr. C. T. Watson is erecting a dwelling on Metcalf street adjoining his residence.

Mr. D. M. Jones has accepted from Mr. J. B. Clark a situation to take charge of the Bargain Store.

Rev. F. S. Becton is critically ill at Mr. A. S Aldridge's at Oriental. The sickness commenced a week ago

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the A. & N. C. R. R. will be held at Morehead on the 24th of September.

The Washington Progress wants to know who can beat a cucumber raised by Mr. Chas. Alligood. It measures 19 inches long, 16½ inches around and weigh's 4½ pounds.

Mr. W. H. Pearce is starting to put down shell rock marl pavements in front of his stores occupied by Messrs. E. Cohen, J. B. Clark and F. S. Duffy. Mr. K. B. Jones is also preparing for one in front of his store.

Mr. H. L. Gibbs has just returned from a visit to relatives in Hyde county. He informs us that at the last meeting of the commissioners they appropriated $200 for an exhibit at the Inter-State Exhibition Good for Hyde.

The city is starting to construct a drain on the south side of Pollock street with the tiles left from the work on Middle street. It will extend to the east side of Craven street and then empty into the ditch now in use, which extends to the river

At the late township meeting of the National Sunday School Union, held at Kitt Swamp, Ernul P. O., the Kitt Swamp Sunday School reported their number of scholars enlisted as 41, the Antioch school 78 and the Friendship school 104.

The Kinston Free Press says that Mr. Shade Jackson, of Lenoir county, has already cured five barns of tobacco and is now curing several others, while in the western part of the State tobacco is not near grown yet. The conclusion reached is that this section far surpasses any other for tobacco culture.

Gov. Holt decided that the State, appropriation of $35,000 to the World's Exposition cannot be legally used. This is quite a blow to the commissioners, and the Governor now recommends a large private subscription by the citizens of the State as the only means of making an exhibit. Several cities will make heavy appropriations in order to have the exhibit.

The big barbecue and farmers' dinner at Cove Saturday was a splendid success. About four hundred people attended from the surrounding country. Fort Barnwell, Jasper, Tuscarora, Dover, Trenton and New Berne were all represented in the crowd. Dinner was abundant and choice. Speeches were made by Dr. Person of Wayne county, Mr. J. M. Mewborne of Lenoir and Messrs. H. H. Perry and J. C. Thomas of Craven.

Rev. R. A. Willis' report of Centenary M. E. Church to Quarterly Conference showed that there was not a single death in the membership of 500 during the preceeding three months. This is a very good showing for the healthfulness of New Berne but Mr. Willis informs us that the statement can be made even stronger as it has been over five months since there was a death in the membership of the church and there has also been very little sickness in the meantime.

The steamer Neuse of the E. C. D. line took out eight dozen bedsteads of various styles last week from the New Berne Furniture Factory, for Mr. P. W. Mellick of Elizabeth City. This is the most distant point from which the factory has yet received an order. It affords us much more pleasure to see our native wood going off in this finished state, after it has afforded considerable employment by the labor of manufacturing, than to see it going off simply as sawed lumber

The committee appointed to get up a suitable county exhibit at the Inter-State Exposition consisting of Messrs. Wm. Dunn, Chas. Reizenstein, Geo. N. Ives and J. J. Wolfenden, is an excellent one and may be relied upon to look well to the interests of the county, but to insure the best results from the $300 appropriated from the county funds for the purpose will require cordial co-operation of our people with the committee, and all should feel interest enough to render any aid possible. Craven county's resources are splendid and this will be a fine opportunity to show them.

The title of the property on which the Government building is to be located has passed from the New Berne Academy to the Government District Attorney C. A. Cook at Raleigh has the money for the trustees), and the work may soon be expected to commence, as a letter has been received from the authorities at Washington by Postmaster W. E. Clarke desiring information to be gathered and furnished as to the surroundings, drainage, distance from the river, etc., in order that bids may be intelligently made. In all likelihood the work will be in progress in a couple of months more

Rev. H. C. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church at Morehead, passed through Saturday morning en route for a visit to his old home in Caldwell county During Mr. Moore's ministry of less than a year at Morehead he has received into the church fifty-three new members. The membership when he took charge was 147, it now numbers precisely two hundred—a very satisfactory increase. Mr. Moore credits the prosperity of the church in a great measure to the zealous efforts and harmonious working of the members

North Carolinans at Harvard.

New Berne's young athlete, Mr. T. C. Daniels, lately elected instructor of physical culture at Trinity College, Durham, who is now taking a course of training at Harvard College preparatory to entering upon the duties of that position seems to be taking the lead in athletic contests North as he did in this State. The Boston Times tells of the Riverside Boat Club's largely attended annual picnic at Spy pond last Saturday. In the list of winners in the athletic events, Mr. Daniels is placed at the head with half a dozen others mentioned afterwards.

North Carolina is well represented among the students now taking the course of physical training at Harvard University. Of the eighty-five in attendance, eight are from this State—two gentlemen and six young ladies. The others besides Mr. Daniels are: Mr. Alexander Lambeth, of Thomasville, and Misses Mariana Cobb, of Goldsboro, Ella Dowd, teacher of calisthenics at Greensboro Female College, Mary Elise Beatrice Holmes, of Bowman's Bluff, Adelaide Mabie, of Asheville, Fannie Neal Yarborough, of Louisburg, and Annie Moore, teacher in public schools, Wilmington.

Raleigh Merchants "Kick" on the Purchase Tax.

There seems to be a considerable stir in Raleigh over the collection of the Merchants Purchase Tax under schedule "B." The sheriff is endeavoring to collect and the merchants refuse to pay. The News and Observer says that "the case contesting the constitutionality of this tax goes to the Supreme Court at their next term. It comes up for a hearing from New Hanover, which is in the sixth district. The court meets the last Monday in September, and the sixth district will be called six weeks thereafter, which will make it about the middle of November before it is heard. The opinion will probably be filed about two or three weeks thereafter. Sheriff Page says that if the taxes are paid and the court rules it unconstitutional they will be refunded, but if they are not paid and their constitutionality is affirmed, that he will be compelled to make all delinquents pay the penalty of their negligence in the matter"

As all merchants are subject to this unpopular and alleged unconstitutional tax, this case will be watched with much interest throughout the State

B. H. Melton's Work in Onslow.

We had the pleasure last week of a call from Mr. B. H. Melton, of Pollocksville who spent several years at school in this city and was, up to the time of his leaving here, the superintendent of the Sunday school of the Church of Christ.

He is now teaching a public school of 35 pupils about five miles this side of Jacksonville and he manifests his interest in his pupils by exerting himself to promote their religious as well as secular instruction Finding on his arrival that there was no Sunday school in the neighborhood he organized an undenominational one on the first Sabbath in July and though some talked discouragingly when he proposed it 43 pupils were enrolled the first Sunday and last Sabbath there were 65 in attendence.

Mr. Melton is an exemplary young man, cordial in manner, and forms friends readily. He is an active worker and will make an impression for good wherever he is. This fall he intends to enter the Bible College at the Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky., for a few years Theological course to prepare for his life work as a minister of the Church of Christ.

The State University.

We take pleasure in commending the University to our people. Its faculty contains sixteen teachers of learning and experience. Its Professor of Medicine and its Director in the Gymnasium look after the physical development of the students. Its instruction has proved itself equal to that of the largest Northern Universities.

There is no need for any North Carolina boy to go outside the State to be educated. The University publishes a small pamphlet which gives detailed information on all points, and which may be had by addressing President Winston at Chapel Hill.

The second number of the Students Handbook of the University of North Carolina is now ready for distribution. It contains much valuable information concerning the University, and will be of especial help to those contemplating entering college this fall. Copies may be had upon application to Major W. T. Patterson Bursar, Chapel Hill, N

Serious Accident.

Mr. W. H. Fox met with the misfortune to have a portion of his right foot cut off in a molder at Messrs. Moody & Fox's saw mill. A piece which was passing through caught and Mr. Fox attempted to pull it out. It resisted his efforts and he placed his right foot against the machine for a brace and pulled harder, when his foot slipped and went under the knife, or more intelligibly speaking the circle of revolving knives, the first blade caught his foot, and the others were pulling it farther and farther in, cutting as it went, until fortunately the belt slipped off and the machine stopped. Dr. Frank Duffy rendered the necessary surgical assistance

Mr. Fox is a brother of the junior partner in the mill and had moved to the city only two weeks ago with his family from Tonawanda, New York

Schedule "B" Tax Trial.

Judge A. S Seymour returned from Clinton, N. Y., Thursday night, on a professional business trip to the city. His first work was the hearing of a case arising from the objectionable Schedule B tax Mr. Alex D. Brown, of Wilmington failed to give it in, claiming the tax was unconstitutional, a violation of the regulations governing inter State commerce. Mr Brown was arrested for the failure and made application for release under a writ of habeas corpus Mr. Geo Rountree, of Wilmington represented the applicant, and Mr. Thos. Strange, of the same city, represented the State. Judge Seymour reserved his decision.

The Onslow Railroad.

Mr. B. H. Melton, whose school is located about five miles this side of Jacksonville, on the line of the New Berne, Wilmington & Onslow Railroad informs us that the grading is going on between Jacksonville and Maysville on the plans skipped when the first grading was done As the way was cleared the grading was done on the good ground but swamps and other difficult places were left until later, and these are now being fixed but a good deal of ditching has to be done to drain the water off so the hands can work where needed There were about three hundred hands employed up to a week ago but now the number has diminished somewhat, two hundred and fifty probably being as many as remain

Cleanse the scaly from scurf and dandruff keep the hair soft and of a natural color by the use of Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

County Commissioners' Proceedings.

Monday, Aug. 31, 1891.

The board of commissioners met at the court house in New Berne at 11 o'clock a. m.

Present, Commissioners E. W. Small-wood, D. A. Meadows, Daniel Lane and Jas. A. Bryan, chmn.

Ordered, That A. Goldberg and Bro. be granted license to peddle on foot upon the payment of the proper tax to the sheriff

Ordered, That Edward Jackson be relieved of payment of poll tax on account of infirmity.

Ordered, That C. K. Hancock produce before this board his certificate of service as an active fireman for seven years, exempting him from payment of poll tax.

Ordered, That a voucher for $500, the sum appropriated by the magistrates and commissioners of the county in joint session on the 1st Monday in June last to promote the exhibit of Craven county at the Southern Inter-State Exposition be issued to Wm. Dunn, chairman of the committee appointed to superintend said exhibit.

Ordered further, That the Treasurer of the county is hereby instructed to pay the above voucher from the first moneys received by him from the sheriff of the county for taxes collected for 1891.

The chairman reported to the board that he had appointed Messrs. Chas. Reizenstein and Geo. N. Ives, associates with Mr. Wm. Dunn upon the committee to superintend the exhibit of Craven county at the Southern Inter State Exposition.

Ordered, That J. J. Wolfenden is hereby appointed by this board an additional member of the same committee.

Ordered, That Messrs Asa Jones, Jonathan Havens and W. P. Metts are appointed cotton weighers for the city of New Berne for the ensuing two years, and that the clerk notify them to appear before this board and give bonds as required by law.

The report of Messrs Jas. A. Ernull and C. F. Foy, a committee to ascertain on what terms Nelson's and Street's Ferry could be secured for Craven county, was presented and on motion laid over to next regular meeting of the board.

Ordered, That Wm. A. Morris be relieved of the payment of poll tax until further orders of this board

Ordered, That the poll tax charged to Isaac Carter, Jr., township No. 5, for 1890 be remitted, he being under age.

The report of freeholders appointed to lay off a public road in township No. 1 was presented and on motion laid over to the next regular meeting of the board

Ordered, That Jas. M. Salter, township No. 5, is hereby relieved of poll tax until further orders, by reason of disability.

Ordered, That the clerk of the board reply to the letter of Mr. D. C. Murchison and inform him that upon proof that Hannah Cogdell, lunatic, is a resident of Craven county and has not acquired a residence in Lenoir county that the claim of the Justices of the Peace and physician for examination of said lunatic will be allowed.

Ordered, That Jas. A. Bryan, chairman of this board, be appointed proxy for the county of Craven to vote the stock of said county in the A. & N. C. R. R. at the next meeting of the stockholders of said company.

The board took a recess to 3 o'clock, p. m.

The board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Jas. A. Bryan, chairman, D. W. Smallwood and Dan'l Lane.

The bond of Jonathan Havens as cotton weigher for the city of New Berne with Jos. K. Willis surety, was accepted, approved and ordered to be recorded.

The bond of Asa Jones as cotton weigher of the city of New Berne, with C. E. Slover as surety, was accepted, approved and ordered to be recorded.

The bond of W. P. Metts as cotton weigher for the city of New Berne, with C. E. Foy as surety, was accepted, approved and ordered to be recorded.

Usual bills allowed

Board adjourned

Pure Water.

The Wilmington Messenger has been devoting considerable space towards the importance of having pure drinking water and a plentiful supply for all other needed purposes. It further says that the town without a good supply of this article is poor indeed. It needs help. It needs the missionary. It needs a sanitary revival in the South—all over the South—bad water is a scource of danger and death. Probably 50,000 people die annually of whom it might be safely written—Died of bad water. The Baltimore Manufacture's Record, that is doing so much for the development of the material interests of this great section says

"Much sickness is caused by using surface water or water from ordinary wells which is contaminated by bad drainage. In some sections artesian wells have changed unhealthy localities into health resorts.

Again the Messenger says that next to an artesian well sanitary science shows well constructed cisterns to be best. No doubt this is true if the cisterns are properly built and carefully attended to afterwards, but here comes the trouble. Scarcely one family in a dozen examine their cisterns with any regularity and often they have become so foul and putrid as to breede sickness and disease.

Water from a cistern in good condition is all right and wholesome but it is often they are sources of great danger.

The Colored Fair—Good Work—Bright Outlook.

Diligent preparations are being made by the colored people for their Fair, which is to be held from the 25th to the 29th instants inclusive, and they consider the present outlook for this one much better than it was for the first one held last year which was creditable to them. Many exhibits have been promised from the sections tributary to New Berne, and some from more distant points in the State The baseball club of Winston is coming, and the Norfolk club has also signified its intention of coming, and it is the intention to match these two clubs, said to be the best colored clubs of their respective States against each other

Another advantage the Fair has is that it has obtained the extreme reduction in rates over the railroads, one cent a mile each way and numerous excursions will be run both by rail and water—among them one is to come from Washington, and the president, M. P. Holly, has information that there will be one from Greensboro

Children Enjoy

The pleasant flavor, gentle action and soothing effects of Syrup of Figs, when in need of a laxative and if the father or mother be costive or bilious the most gratifying results follow its use, so that it is the best family remedy known and every family should have a bottle

HACKBURN & WILLETT

Preparing to Open in Their Mammoth Brick Building.

Messrs. Hackburn & Willett will be partners in the mercantile business to be carried on in the large three story, six room, double store on Pollock street formerly occupied by Geo. Allen & Co., and the same firm will continue the grocery business on Broad street heretofore run by Mr. E. B. Hackburn.

Monday Mr. E. M. Pavie began the work of repairing and remodeling the new stand and they expect to open there by the 15th of September and carry on a general business, dry goods, hardware and groceries, the eastern half of the store being devoted to the former and the western half to the two latter lines.

An iron girder will be put in the front of the building and the windows will be changed to slope inwardly after the style of those in Mr. Hackburn's Broad street store. The stairs will be moved from the eastern half of the store to the rear of the portion adjoining the National Bank An elevator of the latest improved style will be put in at the rear and the rear portion of the separating brick wall will be removed and a convenient office constructed there from which the whole lower floor can be overlooked, and lastly the shelves will be remodelled and the entire store nicely painted inside and out.

This is one of the best business stands in New Berne and when the improvements are completed it will no doubt be one of the handsomest in the city and a decided ornament to Pollock street and a fitting neighbor to the United States Government Building about to be erected on the nearest opposite corner.

The gentlemen composing the firm are among our most determined, persevering business men and will no doubt continue in their widened sphere of operations to achieve that success which has so abundantly crowned their efforts in the past.

New Berne and Lumber.

Some of our people have again engaged in rafting timber, and say they are well satisfied with the price they get for it at New Berne—Snow Hill Items in Kinston Free Press.

Yes, New Berne is a good lumber market, and cannot fail to be otherwise, surrounded as it is with mammoth saw-mills constantly running and shipping immense quantities of lumber to Northern markets.

Our statistics on this industry, given in a series of articles on New Berne a few weeks ago, were extensively copied in several States, Illinois, Tennessee, Maryland, etc., and surprise was manifested from some sources at the enormous figures, and their magnitude caused their accuracy to be questioned.

We consider the figures given were but moderate. It has never been our desire to over-estimate anything. The statistics were carefully gathered from the different mills, and notwithstanding their voluminous character we know of but one material mistake that crept in, and that was in giving the capacity of Mr. Warren Ellis' mill, which was stated at 6,000 feet, where as it being a shingle mill it should have read 60,000 shingles as its daily capacity.

New Berne can make those good reports and still not even claim all with which she is justly entitled to be credited.

Rains and Condition of Crops.

The weekly weather crop bulletin, issued by the North Carolina Experiment Station and State Weather Service for last week shows the weather continued unfavorable up to the last three or four days, when it became quite favorable, the excessive rains having cleared and the crops in all sections getting more sunshine.

The total rainfall for the week at Weldon was 2.06 inches, Wilmington, 2.12, Goldsboro, 3.18, New Berne, 3.14, Raleigh, 3.32, Charlotte, 0.87, Asheville, 1.78. Average for the State, 2.38 inches. The normal rainfall would have been 2.32 inches

In the eastern district there is complaint of cotton going to weed and not bolling well. Corn is good except on bottoms where damaged by rains. Present condition of crops in this district is Cotton 75, corn 81, tobacco 86 and grass 86. The condition in the other districts varies but little from this

The Experiment Station and Weather Service.

Dr R. H. Battle, of the North Carolina Experiment Station, delivered an address a few days ago in Bedford City, Va., by special invitation of the Agricultural Commissioner of the State of Virginia, on the "The Typical Experiment Station and How it Can be made useful to Farmers." This is an honor to Dr. Battle and a matter of pride to the State that her officials are thus appreciated abroad. An exchange commenting on the event, says "Dr. Battle is doing as much for the agriculture of the South as any living man. His methods are educational and at the same time eminently practical.

North Carolina is one of the foremost States in looking out for the agricultural classes and the N. C. Experiment Station and State Weather Service in co-operation with the U. S. Weather Bureau are doing a good, efficient, serviceable work for the farmers. One of the positions in the office is worthily filled by a young New Bernian Mr. Roscoe Nunn.

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France Warns China.

Paris, Aug. 1.—M. Ribot, minister of foreign affairs, had a conference today with the secretary of the Chinese legation concerning the protection of the missions and foreigners in China. The secretary declared that the Pekin government had taken all the measures necessary to secure order.

M. Ribot intimated that if the measures adopted by the Chinese government had no better effect in the future than they had in the past the European powers would arrange for a joint intervention to protect the lives and property of their citizens in China.

MERIT WINS.

We desire to say to our citizens that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time and we stand ready to refund the purchase price if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. For sale on New Berne by J. S. Duffy, wholesale and retail Druggist

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Sudden Death of Mr. E. M. Pavie, Prominent Contractor and Chief of the Fire Department.

The startling announcement that Mr. E. M. Pavie was dead was quickly spread over the city Tuesday morning. So unexpected and surprising was the statement that it appeared almost incredible but alas it was no mistake. Mr. Pavie had quietly breathed his last during the hours of the preceding night, seemingly without a struggle

Mr. Pavie was fifty four years of age. Up to last Sunday he appeared to be in perfect health, but being troubled with a pain in his chest, the result of muscular rheumatism, he consulted Dr. Primrose Monday afternoon and obtained a simple remedy, which relieved him. He retired early and nothing further was known of his condition until investigation a little before seven o'clock Tuesday morning revealed the fact of his death and that he had for an hour or more previous been dead a few hours. The cause of death was probably fatty degeneration of the heart, though its symptoms were somewhat obscure.

Mr. Pavie was a native of New York city. He came to New Berne in the Quartermaster's Department of the Federal army in 1862, and made the city his home from that time.

Immediately after the war he was a member of the city council, he and one New Bernian being the only Democratic members of the board at that time. From that time he took no active part in politics, but identified himself with the industrial interests of the city. He was an architect and builder, and he formed a partnership with a native of the city, Mr. Fred. Latz which lasted until Mr. Pavie's death, after which Mr Pavie continued the business and became one of the best known contractors in the city.

Mr. Pavie was quite prominent as a fireman. Before coming to New Berne he was a member of the New York volunteer fire department, and for 30 years he served, with honor to himself and the company, as a member of the New Bern Steam Fire Engine Company, acceptably filling in the meantime every office within the gift of the company and being repeatedly elected Chief of the New Berne Fire Department which position he held at the time of his death. In times of excitement he retained his good judgment, formed plans wisely and gave orders coolly and deliberately—traits which eminently fitted him for a successful fireman.

As a man he was friendly and generous. The community has lost a good and valuable citizen. His immediate family consists of his mother and his adopted daughter. He has a brother living in New York who expects to attend the funeral. It will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. T. M. N. George, and as the Episcopal church is undergoing repairs it will be held from the Methodist church.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a special meeting of the Board of Council of the city of New Berne Tuesday, acting Mayor Ellis presiding, with Councilmen Lovick, Bell, Richardson, Miller, Crawford, and others present, the Mayor appointed Councilmen Alex. Miller, H. J. Lovick and C. S. Bell to draft suitable resolutions relative to the death of our townsman, Edward M. Pavie. The committee submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Board.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased the Divine Creator in His great wisdom to remove from our midst our esteemed friend and fellow citizen, Edward M. Pavie, ex Councilman and Chief of the Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, We are profoundly grieved by the loss of so valuable and useful a member of the community. Be it

Resolved, That we, the Board of Councilmen of the city of New Berne, in session assembled, tender to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of grief and mourning.

That the city bell be tolled during the hour of service, and we attend the funeral in a body, thereby showing our respect for his memory and appreciation of his many virtues.

That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased and the New Berne JOURNAL be requested to publish the same.

ALEX. MILLER,
H. J. LOVICK,
C. S. BELL,
Committee.

Ladies Ayer's Hair Vigor is a superior and economical hair dressing. It has become an indispensable article for the toilet

ENGLEHARD ITEMS.

Too Much Rain—Lightning's Work—A Fight—Pleasure Seekers.

The crop outlook in Engelhard neighborhood is very gloomy. We have been having continuous and excessive rains for four weeks. Yesterday we had a sinker, the water in the ditches and the wells is on a level with the surface of the earth, and it stands continually in the corn and cotton. A few weeks ago our crops were thrifty and the outlook was bright and promising, but alas how changed now.

Lightning struck Mr. Sam. Gaskins' residence on Sunday, doing considerable damage to the north end of the building, knocking off the chimney top, wrecking the gable and splitting into splinters the mantel piece, making kindlings of clock and mantel ornaments and filling the house with the odor of the fiery kingdom. Mr. Gaskins and family were visiting at the time and thus escaped a shaking if nothing more.

There was an ugly fight between Isaiah Gibbs and Billy Gibbs on Sunday morning in which fence rails and knives were used. Billy Gibbs received three stabs and Isaiah Gibbs had his head mellowed with a fence rail. Home made lung juice was at the bottom of it. This took place on the east end of the lake.

Many of our well-to-do people are leaving for the seaside and the mountains, among them Messrs. Samuel Mann, Jno. M. Mann, Geo. Credle, E. L. Mann, T. H. Gibbs and P. H. Simmons with their families.

Staggers are prevailing among the horses. Messrs. Jones Gibbs and Geo. E. Davis have lost valuable horses and others have sick horses.

Mr. H. L. Gibbs, wife and baby, and Mrs. Ella Mace and children, of New Berne, are visiting their parents at Middleton. W.

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THE COLORED BENEFICIARIES.

The Colored Beneficiaries of Pythian Knighthood held their annual meeting in this city last week. The reports of the various officers showed the order to be in a flourishing condition. The Grand Chancellor, Rev. J. H. Hill, of Wilmington, in his address, said the negro problem was the most far political question of the day. He said the negro was being crowded out of political conventions, and that if this was allowed to continue for a few years the negro would be practically disfranchised. He said the negro was being crowded out of the Democratic party