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TRAVELLING NOTES

Observations by Our Canvassing Agent at Goldsboro, Raleigh and Durham.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Leaving the city of Elms this morning, and making a short stay in Goldsboro, seeing the familiar faces of those I used to know, and partaking of a sumptous dinner at the Hood House kept by that most estimable christian lady Mrs. Mattie Hood, we arrived here at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and soon found ourselves cared for in princely style at the Carrolina Hotel, the finest hotel in the State, and surpassed by few in the South. The inside work is very artistic. All hand painted, rich and perfectly beautiful.

The furniture is of the latest designs, and very costly, the carpetting corresponding with the finish of each room.

As I was the guest of the proprietor I was given one of the best rooms in the hotel, and dined with the family, and had every attention shown me.

The proprietor, Mr. Howell Cobb, is a born hotelist. Says he believes in keeping a clean house, as cleanliness is next to Godliness and providing a good meal for his guests. He has no time to crack jokes with his guest, but sees that they have all the attention from his servants that is due. And he is meeting with success. He attends personally to marketing and is ever on the alert for anything that comes into the market. I have never witnessd such discipline there is. No frieton there, every one has his duty to perform and it is done. It is a model Hotel and kept by a model hotel man.

I have had a very pleasant call from our old friend Hatchett of the Durham Times, and a visit to his office satisfied me that he is well equipped with all the paraphernalia necessary to conduct a good live newspaper. His issue this week is like the others that I have seen, neat and spicey, and I wish him abundant success. He will please accept my politest bow for his attention and kindnesses shown me.

To Mr. Walker, purchasing agent of the Durham Bull tobacco company, I am also indebted for courtesies. He kindly took me through the entire factory, explaining everything and how it is done. They have near ten million pounds of smoking tobacco now on hand, besides the mammoth amount of leaf on hand. Durham is truly a manufacturing town.

Leaving Durham this morning at six o'clock we were soon in Raleigh where we found the Democrats jubilant over the proceedings of the State convention. We paid our townsmen Simmons and Roberts a call at the revenue office and it was pleasant to be with them, and only regret that it was not my good fortune to be one of the employes in the office. H.

HAPPENINGS OF THE DAY.

A train wreck near Lincoln resulted in the death of seven people, five of whom were burned to death.

The negro convict who was shot by guards and dangerously wounded at Statesville is reported in a critical condition and not expected to live.

The Temperance Bush meeting at Purcellville, Va., was struck by a cyclone Thursday. The great tent blew down on two hundred people. One man was killed instantly and about fifty others seriously injured—some of them fatally.

Thursday morning Gen. W. G. Lewis, Col. Thomas S. Kenan and Col. S. McD. Tate left Raleigh for Gettysburg, to meet the members of the National Battle Ground commission. The makers of the positions occupied by all the North Carolina troops there will be located.

The Tariff deadlock continues, the Democratic conferees are still unable to agree. The situation is in no wise improved, and the feeling over it is intensified. The duty on coal and free iron ore is the stumbling block.

The Raleigh correspondence of the Wilmington Messenger says that the State University trustees in session Thursday Governor Carr presiding, elected Professor J. C. Robertson to fill the chair of Greek until the return from Greece of Professor Eben Alexander, now Minister there. Professor Robertson is a native of Virginia a graduate of Johns Hopkins and a son Gen. Robertson, of Virginia, who during the Civil war commanded a Confederate cavalry brigade.

The Prince of Wales has accepted Mr. Gould's proposition for three match races, the best two out of three to win, over an open course for $5,000. The first of these races will be sailed Monday outside the Needles, over a course of thirty miles, fifteen to windward or leeward and return. Mr. Gould has also challenged the Prince for the Cape May cup, which must be sailed for, according to the conditions, within fifteen days of the receipt of the challenge. The Cape May cup was won by the Genesta her defeat by the Puritan. The schooner Dauntless was easily defeated. The Navahoe tried to recapture the trophy last year but failed. The British course in the Cape May cup race is from the Isle of Wright, past the Needles, to Cherbourg and return, a distance of 122 miles.

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KOLB ADVISES REVOLUTION.

Populists Incited to Civil War to Over-Democracy.

The Kolb leaders have issued an incendiary address to the people of Alabama charging wholesale election fraud. Here are extracts from the address.

"To the People of Alabama:

"The campaign committee of the Jeffersonian Democracy and the People's party of Alabama, have been [illegible] by a conference of our State candidates, the leading supporters of that ticket and the State executive committee to promulgate the following:

* * * *

A contest law was promised to allay and prevent a popular uprising in 1892, to be broken in the most shameful manner, and the perfidy and treachery displayed was afterwards boasted of as a fine piece of legerdemain. We admonish our people not to accept promises nor pledges from those who have proven themselves recreant to every requirement of law, to every demand of honor and to every exaction of duty. They have demonstrated that they are enemies to liberty and republican institutions.

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"The conditions in this State have reached a climax. There is no doubt that the State ticket, headed by Captain Kolb, has been elected. The alternative is presented of submission to wrong, insult and robbery, or to assert the sovereign power before which thrones totter, sceptres fall and the outrages of tyrants cease. That alternative must meet a response from manhood or silent submission from those unworthy of citizenship. A proud and chivalrous people, worthy of freedom, cannot shirk the responsibilities the situation enforces. A distinguished patriot has asserted that the man who will not fight for his liberty is unworthy of freedom. We do not advise fighting or lawlessness of any kind, but the crisis has arisen that the sovereign power shall assert itself to compel unworthy servants of its will to submit to its power and recognize its futurity.

"Your committee recognizes that it has been entrusted with certain duties, and that its powers are circumscribed, and it feels authorized only in going to the extent of advising and urging those whom it represents to exercise the power vested in them and to hold meetings on Thursday, the 23rd of August, at the respective court houses, if not otherwise specified, to act upon this great crisis and to insist that that manhood patriotism and love of liberty which has ever led prompt and decisive action from them shall find expression in their course, that will be creditable to their revolutionary sires and furnish a precedent in history to which all ever revert with pride and satisfaction. At the same time and place, we would urge the organization of law and order leagues to uphold the supremacy of that greatest of all law and powers—the sovereign will of a free people.

"Upon the adjournment of these meetings, reports of the proceedings should be furnished immediately to W. H. Skaggs, chairman, Birmingham, Ala.

(Signed) "W. H. SKAGGS,
Chairman central campaign committee.
"A. T. GOODWIN,
Chairman Jeffersonian ex. committee.
"JOHN W. PITTS,
Chairman People's party ex. committee."

A FAREWELL ODE.

TO THE OLD "GASTON HOUSE."

Farewell to thee, Home of my childhood
Farewell to thee, New Berne's old inn,
Thou hast faced in thy life all its changes
Of success, failure, peace and War's din.

Plague, death, birth, fire, marriages which have
In turn been allotted a space
In thy history's ponderous volume,
Where the eras their records did trace.

And now like a vessel thou seemest,
Thou's braved many voyages to sea.
Then lacking some of Science 'new prow-ess,
To the past relegated must be.

Thy name in itself was a mission
Preserving integrity's sway
And 'tis sad but to think in thy downfall,
That thy tribute survived but a day.

The hearts that enshrined thee most truly,
No longer with earth's passions swell,
And she, of the few who still love thee,
From a foreign clime bids thee farewell.

Farewell to thee, Home of my childhood
Thou structure of mortar and clay,
Tho' changes decree alteration,
I'll cherish thy memory always.

MRS. J. H. MONTGOMERY.

Piedras, Negras, Mex., July 30th, 1894.

The views about the action of Congress on the Tariff bill are conflicting and seem to be merely all guess work. Some think a settlement near at hand, and others that the bill will be defeated.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

A Fine Assembly Of Representative Democrats.

Old Officials Renominated—Platform Adopted—Free Silver—Repeal of the Bank Tax—Tariff Reform The New Campaign Leaders.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 8.—The Democratic State Convention was called to order at noon in Metropolitan Hall, by Chairman Simmons, who presented J. C. Buxton, of Winston, as temporary president. The hall was packed, but few counties being unrepresented.

Mr. Buxton read a vigorous speech. He alluded feelingly to the great loss in the death of Senator Vance, and his sentiments were very appreciative were also his references to Ransom and Jarvis. He urged that all matters be subordinated to the one duty of destroying all enemies of the Democratic party; for now there are two enemies—the old-time Republicans and their confederates, the Populists.

There was a great laugh when he said that most of the Populist leaders were disappointed Democratic office-seekers. He declared that the Democrats would sweep the field. He then read the good news from Alabama, and this brought out more cheers. He said that some one had said that Populism had now reached the stage of Coxeyism and that this was semi-socialistic, under vagabond direction. He said we are now at the parting of the ways; we must choose between the commune, between the constitution and anarchy. There is only one party of the people—the Democratic party.

He said the time had come to repel the Republican insinuations against Mr. Cleveland. He showed how shamelessly the Republicans had looted the National treasury, and also how they had endeavored to spread falsehoods. Mr. Buxton eulogized President Cleveland, saying that on the main issue, on which the Democratic party went into power—that is the tariff—he had the confidence and the support of all loyal Democrats. He added that a campaign in State issues was most unwise, as would be any cutting loose from the national administration, and that the most cowardly thing a Democrat could do would be to do anything to weaken Mr. Cleveland's administration. At this there was great applause. Mr. Burton's remarks were well received.

Hon. R. A. Doughton was made permanent president.

Chief Justice James E. Shepard, and Associate Justices Walter Clark, James C. MacRae and Armistead Burwell, and State Treasurer S. McD. Tate, were nominated by acclamation to succeed themselves.

Addresses were made by Walter Hearne, A. M. Waddell, Cyrus Watson and others. The three questions of interest were the silver plank, the full endorsement of the Administration and whether primaries should be held in the counties for U. S. Senators to succeed Ransom and Jarvis.

There was great cheering at the announcement of the demand for coinage at the rate of 16 to 1.

Capt. Coke's motion was unanimously adopted that the convention adopt by a rising vote and in silence the resolution regarding Senator Vance.

J. D. Murphy offered a resolution that in the various counties Senatorial primaries be held, if directed by the Democratic Executive committee of such county.

Mr. Bradshaw moved to table this resolution.

On this there was a vote by counties—ayes, 694; noes, 218. So the resolution was tabled. The thanks of the convention were tendered the officers and also F. M. Simmons, retiring state chairman. At 6:45 o'clock the convention adjourned.

James H. Pou, of Smithfield, was elected Democratic State chairman. He will himself select the secretary. The old members of the central committee were re-elected, also the following new ones: S. A. Asbe, W. W. Fuller, J. R. Young, F. M. Simmons, E. J. Hale, H. J. Herrick.

The proposition for primaries was laid on the table by a vote of 690 to 215.

J. P. Caldwell, chairman of the platform committee, reported resolutions, the important planks being:

1st. We reaffirm the doctrines of the party as enunciated by the Chicago Convention of 1892, and desire to signify as follows what is the construction placed by us upon the section thereof relating to silver, viz. We hold that it is the duty of the law-making department of the Government, now in the hands of the Democracy, to take immediate steps to restore by legislation the equal privileges of silver with gold at the mints, by the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, such being the ratio of coinage which heretofore has held in the United States.

2nd. That we urge upon the said law-making department of the Government the abolition of the unconstitutional and prohibitive tax of ten per cent. upon the issue of State banks.

6th. That we admire the courage and lofty patriotism of the President and that we most heartily commend his prompt and effective action under the law for the suppression of the efforts of alien Anarchists to disturb by force and violence the true relations of labor and capital; his sturdy effort to secure the enactment of tariff reform as called for in the party platform; his prompt approval of the bill repealing the Federal election laws; the notable reduction of the expenses of the Government under his administration, and the freedom from scandal which has been such a marked feature of his return to the head of affairs.

The platform was adopted almost unanimously.

Edward Hart, Re-Captured.

Ed Hart, charged with the burning of Miss Mary Dewey's barn near Vanceboro about five months ago, whom Gov. Carr had offered a reward of $100 was arrested in Washington N. C. Monday by Policeman J. F. Lynn, and by order of Gov. Carr, brought to New Berne, and delivered to Sheriff Lane yesterday. M. Flynn and Mr. McRae Dunkin being the officers in charge of him.

Mr. Hart has a daughter living in Washington and went there Monday night.

Mr. Flynn saw him and recognized him as he was going from the train.

Mr. Hart, it will be remembered, had been arrested directly after the burning of the barn and had stood the preliminary trial, and as he was being brought to New Berne to be placed in jail until court he made his escape.

A reward of $100 for his capture had been offered.

The fall of '94 will witness a fall of predictions and politicians that promise to be unprecedented.

Fusion, coalition, co-operation, or whatever the Republican-Populists call their combination show did not take in Alabama. Neither will it take in North Carolina.

Effects of the Freshet.

Neuse river and its tributaries are on a tare that does not come often, and the effects of the high water has done considerable damage, though in one particular it has been a benefit—that of enabling timber men to float out logs and get them ready for market.

On the lowlands that lie a long these streams, crops are seriously injured, some totally destroyed. In many places the water is from eighteen inches to five and six feet deep, thus completely submerging the cotton and coming up to the top of the corn.

The bridge at Vanceboro is still in a precarious condition, but efforts are still being made to prevent its washing away. The great volume of water rushing down is too swift and turbulent for the boats. The steamer Carolina is still tied up, but will probably venture out very soon as the high water-mark is thought to have been reached.

Timber men are profiting from the overflow by employing all the help they can, to get out logs that could not be reached before for many years—some say as far back as 1867. It is cypress they are getting principally, which is now commanding a fairly good price.

Mr. W. R. Barrington tells us that the rains have made not only Streets' Ferry impassible but Nelson's Ferry also, which the latter was never known to be before.

At Grifton houses have been washed away, others under mined and water is up inside of a great many others.

The Kinston and Scotland Neck branch is suffering from a washout so that they commenced on Thursday running trains on the A & N C Railroad between Kinston and Goldsboro.

There have been washouts on some other Railroads in the State also.

The following is an extract from a private letter received from Grifton last night:

"The water has covered almost every thing—has washed away nearly all the houses on the south side of the creek and carried away the county bridge Thursday. Last night the center arch of the fine iron bridge of the Atlantic Coast Line gave way some and we think the whole bridge will go.

Crops all gone.

Dead bodies were washed out of the graves at Grifton.

It is perfectly awful."

A Burglar Caught.

Mr. H. A. Jarman, special deputy sheriff of Onslow county, came up from Jacksonville looking for L. C. Campbell a white man who was wanted for burglary at Magnolia, Duplin county, and who was also supposed to have robbed a store at Jacksonville.

Mr. Jarman saw his man near the junction of Broad and Queen streets and kept out of his sight and came on to the court house and returned with a warrant, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff J. D. La Roque, found Campbell in a saloon and arrested him.

A heavy set of metal knucks were found in his possession and he was at once put under a $250 bond by Magistrate Street for carrying this concealed deadly weapon, which of course he could not give and he is held in jail on that charge as well as the others.

At Magnolia he robbed the store of J. A. Matthews and is known to have had articles which answer the description of the things taken. This robbery was on the 3d of August. About the 5th Campbell turned up at Jacksonville—it appears he had come through the country, and on the 7th Mr. A. Reese's store near there was burglarized, and robbed of considerable. Circumstances point pretty strongly to his guilt in this instance also.

Mr. Jarman bears a good reputation for successful work in running criminals down. He was the one, it will be remembered, who succeeded with the aid of those who went from New Berne in ferreting out and capturing those who robbed Mr. Guy Lane's store.

A Charming House-Party.

Miss Hattie Lane has returned to the city from a visit to "Ivey Berne," the home of Miss Clara Hodges near Fayetteville.

Many friends of Miss Hodges were assembled there by invitation, it being the occasion of a House Party in one of the most charming and cultured communities in North Carolina.

The following ladies composed the party: Miss Hattie Lane, of New Berne, Miss Ethel Lagley, of Washington, D.C.; Miss May McAlister, of Ashboro, Miss Alice Green, of Wilmington; Misses Augusta Evans, Eliza Williams, Callie McKethan and Kate Falson, of Fayetteville. The gentlemen were: Messrs. Hector McGeachy, Gus Rose, John McKethan and Hervey Evans, of Fayetteville; Frank M. Harper, of Athens, Ga., and John C. Miller, of Goldsboro.

The ten days of uninterrupted pleasure spent at "Ivey Berne," will always be remembered with the greatest pleasure by the guests of Miss Hodges, who, by her thoughtfulness, had arranged a most attractive programme of amusements.

Streams Rising—Damage Resulting.

The continued rains are causing the streams tributary to the Neuse river above New Berne to rise considerably. The water is over the bridge at Snow Hill and is two and a half feet deep in the steamer ware-house and it was built, we are told, four feet higher than water was ever expected to come.

The water in Swift creek is higher than it has been since 1877, and it continues to rise. The Swift creek bridge is afloat, and would go down the current, but for the people there having managed so far to hold it at its place by making it fast at each corner and in the middle. There is no passing except by boats. The U. S. mail has to be transferred from the stage coach in a boat and ferried cross the creek into the village.

All of the crops in the lowlands are under water and it is feared they will be a total loss.

Turbermen are losing quantities of their logs up their breaking loose and going down with the swift current.

Fears are felt that further trouble may be caused but the hope is that the waters will speedily recede.

OUR PUBLIC BUILDING.

Senator Jarvis Appealed to to Procure Its Prompt Construction—His Favorable Reply.

New Berne, N. C., July 29th, 1894.

HON. THOMAS J. JARVIS,
Senate Chamber,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—Allow me to present for your consideration the matter of our Public Building. You are aware that by act of Congress approved March 2nd, 1889, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars was appropriated with which to purchase a site and erect thereon a building suitable for Post-office, Customs and Courts at New Berne, N. C.

The site was purchased over three years ago, and nearly five and a half years have elapsed since the passage of the act, and although during this period many buildings have been constructed that were authorized since this one for New Berne, nothing further has been done within our view toward the construction of the building. The eligible site located in the business center of the town, still remains unadorned, a veritable eyesore, rankly overgrown with grass and weeds a menace to public health and a reproach to official sloth.

Our people have been waiting long and patiently for a commencement of the work only to have their hopes deferred and to see the subject for a long time seemingly wholly forgotten. In regard to the matter we have had some correspondence with our representatives and the office of the supervising architect, the only outcome of which were a few small uncertain assurances that show no indication to materialize to anything substantial.

In view of the growth of our city, the yearly expansion of its business and a large attendant increase in the business of the Post-office here, a Public Building is conceded by all now to be an absolute necessity.

We are told that large bodies move slowly and great undertakings require time for consummation but there is nothing like a little push, and an occasional impetus will sometimes put the wheel in motion.

On behalf of our people and in the interest of this city and section I am constrained to ask you to exert to the force of your persuasive argument and influence in furtherance of the construction of the Public Building at New Berne.

We know full well we have a powerful Vulcan at the forge, and will rest satisfied if we shall be so fortunate as to enlist your sturdy co-operation in this matter that seems to require constant and heavy hammering.

Awaiting your early reply, I am, dear sir, yours very respectfully,

WM. ELLIS, Mayor.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
Washington, D. C., Aug 4th, 1894.

HON. WM. ELLIS, Mayor,
New Berne, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor of the 29th of July, I beg to say, that we are informed by the Architect of the Treasury Department that the cause of the delay in commencing work on the Government Building in New Bern has been attributable to the fact that the force in his office was insufficient to prepare the plan and specifications for the large number of buildings provided for by the several acts of Congress. He informs me that he thinks he will be able to commence work on your building by the first of December next.

I also made a special visit today to see the Secretary of the Treasury to urge that the work be commenced on the New Bern building at the very earliest possible day. From him I learned also that the delay had been caused by the insufficient force in the Architect's office, and that this want of force arose from an insufficient appropriation with which to employ the necessary draughtsman. He, however, promised to do what he could to expedite the matter. So I think our New Bern friends may rest assured that the work will be commenced within the next few months.

Very truly yours,

THOS. J. JARVIS.

EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND.

Freely Given By The State—The Address of Every Blind Child Wanted.

North Carolina State institution for the Blind, located at Raleigh is now making special effort, through its Principal, Prof. W. J. Young, to get brought into communication with every blind child in the State, or rather with the parents and guardian of each, that they all may be induced to enter the school the State has so generously provided and receive without cost, that education which will fit them for service in life and for extracting from it that enjoyment which culture gives.

The astonishing fact is noted that, according to the United States census report of 1890 there were then 731 blind children in North Carolina, while last year there were in the institution only 142, leaving over 600 growing up in ignorance.

By the completion of the Morganton Institution for the Deaf and their removal from the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind at Raleigh—the latter Institution is better prepared than ever before to sustain and educate the blind. The Institution is doing more efficient work than ever heretofore, and being anxious that every blind child in the State should receive the education freely offered, an appeal is made to every one knowing of a blind child to send the name, post-office, county, and nearest railroad station of every child of this class in North Carolina, and also the name of the parent or guardian of such a child.

There is a chance here for many a person to do good service to some poor unfortunate child at the cost of only a little work by himself. The communications can be addressed directly to the Institution itself at Raleigh, or to Mr. E. K. Bryan, New Berne, chairman of the Board of Education. Mr. Bryan will take pleasure in furnishing any information wanted or otherwise assisting towards getting any blind child entered into the Institution.

McRae's Trial.

John McRae, the colored man who made such a display of his fighting qualities at Bellair recently, was tried before S. R. Street, Esq., yesterday on two charges of carrying concealed weapons, and two for assault in battery with deadly weapons. W. J. McSorley and W. T. McCarthy were the prosecuting attorneys, and J. E. O'Hara, colored, appeared for the defendant. This was Mr. McSorley's first case.

McRae was required to give bond in the sum of $250 in one case, and if he succeeded in this the bond would be made light in the others. Of course he can give no bond, and Hotel de Lane has another boarder.

"NEWS ADRIFT."

"Picked-Up" by The Journal Which Always in "The Swim."

Corn is jumping up in price—five cents advance in one day. It now brings 60 cents wholesale.

The Free Press reports the burning of a barn of J. M. Mewborne of Lenoir county. Loss $125.

The Vigilant was defeated Thursday on a 48 mile race, the Brittania came out little ahead and British throats distended with hilarious shouts and all the steam yachts shrieked.

Lieut. L. H. Tyler has been ordered by the Secretary of the Navy to command the Naval militia of North Carolina during the annual drills on the monitor Nantucket, commencing August 13.

A runaway case was brought to light yesterday. A married man of Wilmington, ran off with a young girl—under fifteen years of age and came up to New Berne.

Jones county convention to nominate candidates for county officers and member of the legislature will be held at Trenton September 1st. The primaries will be held on Aug. 25 at 3 o'clock p. m. at the several voting places of the county.

Major Stanton passed through yesterday morning to inspect the government improvement work near Morehead City which has lately been going forward under Maj. Chadbourn. Mr. Chadbourn went down also.

Messrs. G. H. Waters & Son are thoroughly overhauling the omnibus which was formerly run by Mr. J. W. Stewart. It will be made same as new, and used in connection with the Chattawka hotel as soon as it opens.

The Messenger tells of the bold robbery of two adjoining residences; those of Mrs. Rosa Bivins and Mr. John Meier. Kitchens were robbed of all provisions and from the houses some silver ware a little money and a bran new gold watch and chain stolen. One trunk was carried out into the garden and broken open with an ax.

Mr. W. T. Cahoo and Mr. W. H. Oliver returned from the Democratic State Convention. We hear Mr. Oliver's speech before the convention in advocacy of silver highly spoken of, and the convention, as will be noticed, adopted a clause in the platform in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

Attempted Infanticide.

A letter informs us of a horrible affair at Jacksonville. On the morning of the 8th inst. a white single woman named Eliza Dudley gave birth to an illegitimate child and made three unsuccessful attempts to murder it by strangling it in a wash pan, her idea was to conceal its birth.

She asserts that a mechinist and sawyer whom she names and who now lives in Wilmington is the father. She claims he ravished her but she has sued him for bastardy.

The child died a few hours after it was born and the woman is now in a critical condition.

The First Water Motor Fan.

Messrs. Nunn & Mesorley have put up a fan over their soda fountain counter which is run by a water motor. The fan is a good thing for this hot weather, and will be much appreciated by their patrons.

They are the second to utilize the water works for mechanical purposes—THE JOURNAL having been the first with its press water motor. Mr. C. B. Foy, superintendent, is anxious to get the motors into general use in the city.

The Hottest Day This Year.

Plenty of our citizens declared Thursday to be the hottest day of the year, and the plenty of people who did so were every one mistaken. The maximum temperature yesterday, as shown by the government thermometer, was 92½, the minimum 68½, while on both the 17th of May and the 13th of June the thermometer went up to 94.

The next hottest days were the 20th and 29th of July. The temperature on those days was 92.

A Mattress Machine.

Mr. Thos. E. Gaskill who recently invented a machine for filling mattresses is now having one of them built, and will in a few days give it a good test and have it on exhibition. Heretofore nothing has been built except the model.

If the machine works as expected, it will enable two men working with it to fill a hundred, possibly a few more, mattresses per day.

By hand it is a fair days work for a man to fill ten or fifteen matresses per day. The machine will work any material used in filling and may cause quite a revolution in mattress making. A few days more will tell the story.

The Runaways.

Jos. Swan alias Jos. Cumber, the latter being his true name, the former being the one he is generally called by, it being his stepfather's, was arrested yesterday on the charge of abducting Lela Ward, both being of Wilmington. It being proven at once that the girl was over fourteen the case could not be made out abduction and was dismissed promptly by acting Mayor F. Ulrich.

This was the runaway case we told of yesterday. Mr. Frank Tisdale represented the defense.

The couple, when arrested were in a house on the upper part of Queen street. Miss Ward and her mother return home to-day.

Stole Two Watches.

Furney Sparrow, a white man about twenty-five years of age, stole a couple of watches from the store of Bender Bros., Tollgiksville, Tuesday, while those in the store were engaged with customers. It was found out that he had the watches but he told that he got them from a New Berne jeweller, which was proven to be false.

A trial was held and Sparrow's bond was fixed at $250. While he was presumably trying to make up the bond he broke from the officer and escaped, and he has not been heard from since.

A CHARLOTTE SHOOTING AFFRAY.

A Prominent Society Man, Jabez Myers Possibly Fatally Wounded by Fred Oliver.

The Charlotte News tells of a serious shooting affray in that city on the sixth inst. Fred Oliver shot and badly wounded Jabez Myers, Esq., Mr. M's recovery is doubtful, but the chances are in favor of it. Mr. Oliver is under $5,000 bond.

Both are men of social prominence and both spent much time at Morehead this year. It is supposed that Mr. Myers, who was shot was suffering from aberration of mind—in fact he had shown such signs of it that his friends were considering the advisability of locking him up and the proprietors of the hotel where he stopped were anxious for him to move as the guests were getting disturbed and fearful of some violence. His morning impulse was that two men, Mr. Oliver (the gentleman who did the shooting) and another man had mortally offended him, and he made constant and vigorous threats to have their hearts' blood.

From Mr. Myers' statement the ground of offence was an occurance at Morehead. He entertained there in lavish style, the crowning social event of the month being a favor German, an elaborate affair, given by him in favor of a St. Louis young lady, and it appears that all the trouble sprang from this German. He was paying attention to the young lady at the time, and he charges that Mr. Oliver broke up the match by telling her mother that Mr. Myers could not afford to give such an event as the German was and it was under this belief that Mr. Myers harbored the enmity.

When Mr. Oliver returned home he was warned by his friends of the situation and he armed himself. As he was driving at a trot along the street Mr. Myers who was on the porch of a friend's house sprang excitedly towards him, swearing and calling on him to stop. For an answer Mr. Oliver drew his pistol and fired. Myers staggered but resumed the pursuit, and Oliver fired again, when Myers slapped his hand to his shoulder and reeled off and Mr. Oliver went on to the authorities and surrendered.

The first bullet struck Mr. Myers squarely in the chin, shivered the bone, knocked four teeth out, took a downward course and lodged in his throat, near the collar bone. It was extracted by the physicians. The other bullet shattered the right arm so that two and one-half inches of the bone, near the shoulder, had to be removed and amputation was narrowly escaped.

Mr. Oliver is manager of the extensive oil and fertilizer factory in Charlotte and is identified with other leading industries of the city. Mr. Myers is a traveling salesman for a large Northern firm and makes Charlotte his headquarters and is a favorite in both social and business circles there.

Mr. Oliver denies the charge brought against him by Mr. Myers and says he was not even acquainted with the lady.

Mr. Myers was considered by some of the people at Morehead to be acting crazy like before he left there.

The latest from Mr. Myers is that he is much better. He is at the home of Mr. T. L. Alexander, near where he was shot. He is to be taken to the hospital at the earliest practical moment. He has no fever and all his symptoms are favorable but he has to keep in a sitting posture as the wound in his throat would cause him to choke should he lie down.

OYSTER FARMING.

Annual Meeting Eastern Carolina Pictorial Association.

The Wilmington Star reports the annual Meeting of the Eastern Carolina Piscatorial Association just held at Wilmington.

The reports showed the Association free from debt and with a balance of cash on hand the reports of all the officers were encouraging.

The Board of Directors was elected, as follows: W. A. Riach, J. F. Divine, R. D. Cronly, J. D. Bellamy, Jr., J. S. Westbrook, H. P. West and E. Porter.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors E. Porter was elected President, W. Riach Vice-President, and F. H. Stedman Secretary and Treasurer.

A number of oysters from the beds of the Association were exhibited at the meeting, all of which were found to be in fine growing condition, those two years old being large enough to market. The number of "spats" adhering to the oysters, as well as to shells, showed that the work of wanting was progressing favorably on the grounds of the Company.

The report of the President showed that the company now has 173,500 bushels of small oysters planted and that they were doing well showing that the grounds would not only grow to perfection for oysters planted, but would replenish the supply by propagation.

Such reports go to prove that oyster culture with proper restrictions and proper protection is the true solution of the vexed oyster question. The time will come in the no distant future, if indeed it has not already come, that the natural beds will not be adequate to the demands of the times. Encourage oyster culture but do not let the business become an monopoly or let the growers ruin the natural beds by the wholesale removal of oysters from them to their private grounds.

When Ponce-de-Leon sought to find
The fountain giving back lost youth,
It may be that he had in mind
That draught which came to make truth
Out of the fable ages old,
For drinking it the old grey voter
It is, indeed, a draught of gold,
Surpassing all by poets sung.

The draught meant is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, of course. It is a most potent rejuvenator of the weakened and debilitated system. It drives out all poison, all impurity, enriches the blood, and makes the old and worn out feel young and vigorous. Ponce-de-Leon didn't discover it, but Dr. Pierce did, and he rightly named it when he called it a "Golden Discovery."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure permanently constipation, indigestion and headaches. All dealers.

THAT TRYING DELAY.

Our Inadequate Post-office Facilities—We Should Not be Compelled to Wait Any Longer.

[illegible] moving officer [illegible] Mayor in behalf of [illegible] building, [illegible] Jarvis in behalf of it has been warmly commented [illegible] it was a manly letter and the citizens were glad to read it.

It was a wise move to get Senator Jarvis interested in the matter. He is the same man he was when Governor of North Carolina, a very efficient worker and he generally accomplishes what he undertakes. Therefore, if we cannot get the building commenced at once, as we desire, we feel more confident than heretofore that it will be commenced this year, if not before December.

We have not been too eager in this matter. Public building after public building has been erected, the appropriations for which were made well after ours was asked while we have been fed on promises which were made only to be broken.

The promises made were not understood as mere idle words as they were understood at the time, but we do doubt that he would have been very satisfied as he was led to believe, in commencing the building by placed in far over in December. He simply felt as his letter the excuse rendered him. It is one of the flimsiest that could be thought of. The idea that a draftsman could not be spared from the press of our building when they were finding time to draw the plans of towns in other localities, that were afterwards taken and which now stand completed.

Any one, resident or visitor, who has occasion to visit our post office knows the inadequate for a public building. The rooms are too small and the present post-office is not kept as cleanly as it should be for the business done there. It is an outrage that we should have been compelled to put up with it as long as we have. There ought not to be the delay even until December.

The county also is rendering assistance in working for the public building. The commissioners passed courteous but strong resolutions on the matter Friday which are to be forwarded to our Senators and Representatives in Congress and of which we will have more to say hereafter.

Firemen's Tournament All the Go.

The Firemen's Tournament is drawing nigh. It holds on the last three days in this month.

The Atlantics will probably enter four contests, the horse reel race, the hand reel race, and the quick steaming and long distance throwing.

The boys are perfectly satisfied that they will bring home the prize for quick steaming, and hope to do likewise in the hand reel contest and possibly the others. They should practice with the hand reel well between now and the time of the tournament. $40, is the prize for that, and with it goes the champion ship belt, which is valued at $75.

New Berne is believed to have the two quickest steaming engines in the world. This is due to modifications made in them by New Berne machinists of inventive talent. One engine goes up to the tournament one year and brings back the prize, and the other engine the next year. The prize is $50.

Now as the boys feel so sure on this prize let them show their mettle and see what they can do for the other there. Practice up and get in good trim.

John McRae Captured.

John McRae, the colored man, who about a week ago at his home a few miles from the city, unmercifully beat his wife and wounded her in the arm with some weapon and also shot a colored man in the hand and then ran away was arrested Thursday and is now in jail.

McRae it seems ventured back to the neighborhood to get possession of his clothes, in which effort he was assisted by his mother.

It being discovered that he had been around, Messrs. Dixon and Ben Dixon gave pursuit on foot and captured him about half way between Street's ferry and Vanceboro, and brought him down to Mr. A. M. Street who had one of the warrants for his arrest, and Mr. Street, accompanied by other brought him on to New Berne and lodged him in jail.

McRae will be tried on five warrants—two for assault and battery and one for carrying concealed weapons.

Those Snakes! Is Snake-Bitten Dogs.

A correspondent recently wrote in the Journal of the sting of snake-like parasites in and around the ears of dogs which have been bitten by snakes. Mr. F. S. [illegible] of a dog he owned once which was twice bitten by the snake, and killed about three years after he was bitten the first time and two years after the second one and two of the puppies were born with a snake attached to his ears.

We have heard numerous people tell us of similar experiences, the greater number of whom we have heard being those who were found on the ears of a dog which had been repeatedly bitten by the snakes as of a dog the same kind as that mentioned in the above letter. He [illegible] whether the dog had [illegible] or not, but says [illegible] to him that [illegible]

The only point finally implanted in the minds of those readers whose observations thereon [illegible] that the existence of the parasites [illegible] the snake bite, and some have reported the finding of one in dogs which had not been bitten [illegible] and medical works [illegible] teach that there is no connection between the two—that the parasite is a species of worm to which [illegible] usual it seems dogs [illegible] occasionally they are found in dogs and that they are liable to exist in an animal that has never been bitten as in one that has. The reason probably that none are reported as being found in dogs that have never been bitten is because of lack of investigation of those animals.