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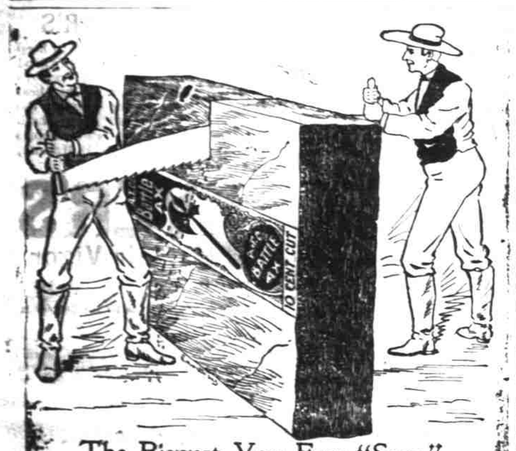

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### NEWS ADRIFT.

**In the City of Elms and Vicinity. Gathered in and Briefly Noted.**

Our "local" was on the lake last night for his first time, and the printers relevel guided him nicely.

The name of the post-master at Belgrade should have been given in yesterday's paper as John E. instead George E. Wilcox.

Mention is made in Washington news that U S Minister Pendleton has presented the Oriental New Berne ginger as proving the largest stock and illuminated that. We'd hope it may prove successful.

R's Don't Rind of Sn is what has been up to for civil service business. Two days shopping at Rev. Henderson Grove left Thursday for his home in Scotia.

Crickets are reported to be luring well down around Bayboro now. Quite likely they will soon be giving tokens of the good sport around New Berne also, as they have at times before.

Mr. D. H. Brinson of Broad creek, Pamlico county, lost his cook house and entire contents by fire which resulted from the place being struck by lightning during the recent thunder storm. It was struck at ten o'clock at night.

Mr. N. J. Ramos, a very clever gentleman, representing Blackwell's Durham smoking tobaccos in the city with a staff of men posting and advertising the Old Bull which is now known all over the world. Comic pictures are no small portion of his outfit.

The Observer states that Charlotte will have a strong delegation at the Sunday School Convention at Southern Pines, May 5th, and there is talk of a special train from Charlotte to Southern Pines on that day. We hope to see much interest manifested in the subject and an enthusiastic delegation leave from New Berne there.

The City water works continue to gain new patrons for drinking and all other domestic purposes. Not only is it a great convenience, but it is much more healthful to use a pure and whole some water such as our City very fortunately possesses.

Mr. A. E. Holton, chairman of the State Republican Executive committee, who has been in the city a few days, left Thursday morning. Delegates to the Craven county convention, held as he was here working in the interest of Reed, Dockery, Settle and himself, but that he got left on all.

Mr. Elmer Dunnant, relief conductor on the freight train of the W. N. & N. R. R. met with a very painful accident while the train was at the depot in the city. An iron rail fell and struck upon his big toe bruising it badly. Had it struck a little higher on the foot its result would have been quite serious.

Mr. E. B. Creelle of Lowlands, was in the City Friday and called around to settle his subscription. Mr. Creelle has been a subscriber about fifteen years and pays promptly. He says that all the debts he owes in the world is 32 cents. A splendid showing.

Craven county jail this week has held seventeen prisoners—an unusual number. Five of them were Unit ed States prisoners. One woman is among the number—Jane Hill. She is in for twelve months for fraudulently obtaining a pension. All the number are colored except one.

Capt. H. H. Dowdee being just up from Messrs. Dancy, burg and Parrish's Arlington farm, a short distance below New Berne, gives a very glowing description of the fine crop now up and H. speaks of it as a land of plenty and says he has seen soon the cabbages, potatoes and Irish potatoes excelled at this season of the year, and he has been farming for twenty years.

Those using water from one of the city pumps have noticed lately that it has not been as good as formerly. Now some one has been observed washing filthy vessels and working implements at it. A sharp watch should be kept for any one who should be caught doing so, for the good of the water in any part of the city is injurious, and the ordinance against such be strictly enforced.

Mr. Daniel Lane, of Bellair, being in the City on the 30th gave us the following statement concerning crops: "We will be busy for a few days about Bellair, shipping peas, turnips, &c. Cabbage will be gin to move too in a few days. Straw berries are nice, and with a few more showers will be plentiful." Peas will hardly be half of a good crop generally though a few patches are much above the average.

Mr. W. W. Koch left for Concord to attend the United Synod of the Lutheran church, which meets there to-day. He goes as a commissioner for the recently organized St. Luke's Evangelical church of New Berne until it is admitted to Synod which is expected to take place soon after it assembles. Then his functions change to those of a delegate. He also represents St. Matthew's church of Washington as a delegate, that being allowed as the two churches have the same pastor, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D.

**The E. L. and S. S. Conference.**

Rev. F. A. Bishop, Mr. T. A. Green and Mrs. A. B. Powell returned from Goldsboro where they have been attending the first session of the Epworth League and Sunday School Conference of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South.

The meeting was not as well attended as it was hoped it would be, but its sessions were profitable to those attending. Excellent addresses were made by Profs E. Mims and R. L. Flowers of Trinity College and Rev. F. D. Swindell, P. E., besides delivering discourses from other.

Prof Mims was elected Presiding Prof. Flowers, Secretary and Mr. Thos. A Green, Treasurer.

**Fine Crayon Portraits.**

Mr. J. J. Baxter's dry goods and clothing store presented very largely the appearance of a picture gallery. Mr. Bax ter had just received a fine lot of crayon portraits which he is soon to deliver to their owners. They are excellent likenesses and are to adorn his cash counter. Any one who trades with him to the amount of $5 dollars, whether the purchases are made at one or more times.

The portraits are excellent likenesses and in fine workmanship.

The parties who procured them are entitled to much credit for their enterprise in obtaining such works of art without expending anything for them.

**Correction.**

A sentence in Jacksonville correspondence recently published read, as it appeared in print: "We preached the funeral of Bro. G. J. Scott, &c." when it should have read: "We preached the funeral of Bro. Conrad Kimball at the home of Bro. G. J. Scott, &c."

In setting the correspondence a line accidentally got omitted in setting, which we much regret. Mr. Scott is still alive. Long may he continue so.

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### SENATOR PRITCHARD

**Interesting Himself in Our Water Ways and Public Building—Hopes for the Tower and Town Clock.**

The tower and town clock for the public building which has been petitioned for would add so much to this important structure that they surely ought to be added. We have hopes that they will. The following letter to Mayor Ellis speaks for itself:

Washington, D. C., April 28, 1896.

WILLIAM ELLIS, Esq., New Berne, N.C.

Dear Sir:—Yours received favor of recent date enclosing petition asking Congress to grant an additional appropriation for a clock tower and clock upon the new public building in your city has been received. I will introduce the petition as soon as it will give me pleasure to do so. With best wishes,

I am, sincerely yours,

J. C. PRITCHARD.

Senator Pritchard also writes to Mr. W. E. Clarke, saying, "I have secured a provision in the River and Harbor Bill providing for the survey of Neuse river to provide for in your letter to the lower Neuse below New Berne to the mouth of the river.

This provision is to deepen the river so that there will be no difficulty even at the lowest water for any boats to come to New Berne that are of a size that would need to do so. As the waters below the mouth of the river have already been provided for this deepening of the river may mean a great deal for New Berne.

### U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

**No Case Against Capt. Agent of the Barge McCabe—Trial of Dr. J. W. Sanders in Progress.**

Court convened at 10 a. m.

The jury in the case of John E. Wilcox returned a verdict of guilty.

George McDaniel, col., was brought into court and discharged, the Grand jury having found it was not a true bill against him, on the charge of opening a letter.

Capt. Robert Agent, of the steam barge Wm R McCabe was also discharged for the same cause—the jury failing to find a true bill against him on the charge of delaying the United States mail by willfully damaging the draw bridge of the A. & N. C. R. R. in Trent river at New Berne.

The case of the United States vs. J. W. Sanders, post master at Dixon, Carteret county, was called. He was charged with defrauding the Government by making false reports of the amount of mail going from that post-office.

The following jury was drawn and empanelled: A. S. Aldridge, S. S. Howard Green Clark, George Langford, John Fonvielle, Lawrence Rowe, John Wilson, Ferand Ward, Geo B McCotter, George Creelle E B Heath, S. H. Rowe, Jr.

Twenty-seven witnesses were sworn for the United States in this trial.

The case was still in progress when court was turned. It is being fought very stubbornly on both sides.

The Grand jury came into court, pending the trial of the Sanders case and returned a true bill in the cases of the United States vs. Owen Faison, and U. S. vs. D. W. Patterson.

**Dr. Sanders Acquitted E. W. Carpenter's Case Not Pressed.**

The evidence having all been taken Thursday morning was consumed by argument of counsel in the Dr. Sanders case—the bond the district charge against him of dealing in stamps contrary to provisions made for postmasters, and making false returns of amount of cancellation done at his office. The jury were out about two hours and then returned a verdict of not guilty.

The case was fought hard on both sides and able speeches made by all the attorneys. The United States attorney and his assistant, Messrs Aycock and Weil, were the prosecuting ones. Messrs. L. J. Moore and W. W. Clark represented Dr. Sanders.

The pension case against E. W. Carpenter was called and not pressed. He was represented by Messrs. W. W. Clark, O. H. Guion and L. J. Moore.

C. H. Gaskin submitted.

**A Number of Cases Tried—Those Convicted Sentenced—Grand Jury Discharged.**

The following cases were disposed of:

U. S. vs. Fred Douglass, col.; fraud in the pension business. Not pressed with cost.

U. S. vs. W. R. Bond, using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Not guilty.

E. F. Watkins and Albert Watkins, Incendiarizing. Not guilty.

John R. Horn. Illicit distilling. Not guilty.

Benj. Cuthrel. Illicit distilling. Defendant submits. Judgment suspended.

Nelson Williford. Illicit distilling. Defendant submits.

John Craft. Illicit distilling. Defendant submits.

Owen Faison. Retailing without license. Judgment suspended and defendant discharged.

The following sentences were pronounced:

John R. Watkins thirty days imprisonment in Onslow county jail, $100 fine and costs.

In the cases of Craft and Williford the defendants gave bond for appearance at the first term of Federal court for sentence then to be pronounced upon them.

Monroe Bryan, retaining without license. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

Judgment was suspended in C. H. Gaskins case upon payment of cost.

The Grand Jury's labors being ended they were discharged for the term.

**Photographs of Interest.**

We were shown yesterday an excellent photograph of Miss Leah Jones' entire school, taken in front of the building in which the school is held. The picture was taken by Mr. N. Brock. It shows well.

Mr. Edward Gerock recently took photographs of the New Berne Public building from two positions for the Government and is now forwarded them to Washington.

**Married.**

On Wednesday evening, April 22, at 6 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. S. M. Hanrahan, at Pleasant Hill, Pitt county, Mr. I. T. Worthington to Miss Mary L. Mosteller, Rev. A. Iver Greaves officiating. Everything contributed to make it a most pleasant occasion. The guests were chiefly near relatives of the bride. At the appointed hour, 6 o'clock, the room, which was beautifully decorated, was full, and after the ceremony refreshments were served. Meanwhile a little surprise greeted the bride and bridegroom—the colored band of Grifton had marched up and gave a serenade. In a short time Mr. and Mrs. Worthington will visit the northern cities. They have the best wishes of many friends —Durham Globe.

**Fine Hook and Line Drum Fishing.**

Capt Mark Mason and crew caught 51 drum with hook and line one day this week. Two of them were weighed and they weighed 36 pounds each. Capt. Mark says they would average at least 25 pounds.

This is the largest catch of drum with hook and line that has been known around here for many years—Beaufort Herald.

### BICYCLISTS AND ROADS.

**How Improvements of the Latter Follows the Introduction of the Latter.**

"Our bicyclists have commenced to roam in the country. We firmly believe that the bicycle will eventually compel good roads.

"The farmers have commenced to ride bicycles and whereas before the burden of bad roads fell upon the horse, it now falls upon the bicycle riding farmer. It has opened his eyes to their condition and he has commenced to think. When a farmer thinks he calculates. "If these roads were smooth" he says "one horse could pull the load that now requires two." "Had one horse would be fat and slick instead of lean and weak." "I could go to town in a few minutes instead of hours as it requires now." "My property would double or treble in value," and so on and so on.

"Wherever you find good roads you find good stock, and wherever you find bad roads like ours you find small, lean, weak stock. Steady pulling over heavy, bad roads will render unfit any horse in one year.

"Let us do something about our roads. Good roads are essential to prosperity and in the near future they will be an absolute necessity."

The above is taken from the Fayetteville Observer. It is true that wherever bicycling develops to any considerable extent road improvement seems to keep pace with the adoption of the wheel. It is quite likely that the reason of this is largely, as the Observer says, because the work, when bicycling falls upon the man him-self instead of upon his dumb animal, and he is not slow to realize and appreciate the difference.

If bicycling becomes as popular in the country as it is now in the cities both places will in all likelihood, pull together for better roads until in some way or other they come to be a reality.

### ODD FELLOWS FESTIVAL.

**Stanly Hall Well Decorated—Delightful Evening—The Range contest The Successful Lady Was Miss Pearl Powell.**

The ladies, with helpers, made themselves busy through the day Friday getting Stanly Hall in good and attractive shape for the O.D.F. fellows festival to be held last night.

Evergreen decorations adorned the walls and pillars, and well made bouquets of beautiful flowers graced each of the score of tables with which the commodious hall was filled.

The first part of the evening the attendance was slim, probably many held back until the later hour on account of the interest in the range voting contest, at any rate, ere long goodly numbers began to arrive and the attendance was quite large and handsome appearance.

The special feature of the evening was the voting of the sub-lantiel, serviceable, elegant Buck's steel range to some lady. The sale of tickets was continued through the evening and the voting was held towards the close of the 8 o'clock hour.

The range was placed at the most conspicuous place in the building, the centre of the platform, and was critically examined and admired by many of the visitors both ladies and gentlemen. It was from the Slover Hardware Co's. store.

The two leading contestants were Miss Pearl Powell and Mrs. H. C. Lumsden. The former received 144 votes, and is now the owner of the Range. Mrs. Lumsden was only nine votes behind—receiving 135.

### SOUTHERN SHOW NORTH.

**Material Being Collected in New Berne For it—Some Old Time cotton Machinery.**

Mr. E. F. Small, President of the Southern Attraction Co., who has been here a week or two getting up material for the show which they will exhibit at Coney Island this summer through the season, has brought to the front some antiquated cotton machinery. There are three pieces worthy of note which he found about Vanceboro and purchased from the owners. One piece is a cotton gin which looks as if it might be one of the first pattern ever made. It is a small affair with hand wood ribs instead of metal. It is made to run by hand by turning a crank.

The other two pieces are an old loom and old spinning wheel which are supposed to be about a hundred years old.

Mr. Small is now of Atlanta. He was formerly of Washington, N. C., and is a relative of Mr. J. H. Small of that place. He informs us that those in his company are mainly North Carolinians. Their aim is to give at Coney Island a representation of old times in the South with as much merrime it mixed in as possible. The immense exhibition hall is to be dressed in moss and other Southern growth.

Other acts such as we have just spoken of will be on exhibition and genuine negro performances will be given. "Cake walks" will be a special feature, professionals at that business having been engaged.

Mr. Small says he expects to take about thirty New Berne negroes with him, and to have about as many more from elsewhere, all of whom are to gather at New Berne on 1st of June here about the middle of this month.

**Free Will Baptist Picnic.**

The Free Will Baptist church will have its Sabbath school picnic at Pollocksville May 14th. They will go by the steamer Pendle May.

They propose to sell tickets at 50 cents each for adults, and 25 cents for children. Those who have the tickets for sale are Miss Annie Bonner, Miss Mollie Banks, Mr. J. G. Brinson, Mrs. Brice Anderson, Mr. B. D. Hamilton, and Miss Eva Smith.

No tickets will be sold after the 12th.


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**A Good Stout War Claim.**

In April, 1865, four days before the surrender, the cotton factory at Laurel Falls, in Eagle Mills township this county, was burned by Stoneman's men, who then infested this region. The property was owned by Mr. John W. Gray, now of Statesville, and Mr. Gray has presented Uncle Sam a bill for $173,000, the estimated value of the property burned by his soldiers.

Congressman Shuford has introduced a bill in the House to pay Mr. Gray's claim and the latter's friends here hope he will get the money—Statesville Landmark.


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### HOUSE—McILWEAN.

**A Beautiful Wedding in Beech Grove Church at Bellair—Rev. W. G. Johnston of New Berne, Officiating.**

For some days most of the young folks, and some of the older ones have centered their thoughts and much of their time on the approaching wedding, and at eight o'clock, p. m., Wednesday, April 29, Mr. Chas. W. McIlwean led Miss Mary House to the hymenial altar in Beech Grove church and they were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. W. G. Johnston, pastor of the Presbyterian church of New Berne, N. C.

Quite a crowd was in attendance to witness the ceremony, and well Beech Grove church was filled.

The church was handsomely decorated and the couple stood in the alcove, from the ceiling of which was suspended a floral bell with crossed bars of floral work. Much taste was displayed in the entire floral offering.

The bridal party was Miss Mollie May and Mr. E. M. Smith, Miss Ella Lane and Mr. Herbert House, Miss Essie Smith and Mr. J. T. House, Miss Ellen Dixon and Mr. Joe Bacon, Miss Nepp May and Mr. S. L. Kilpatrick.

Miss Jane Lane presided at the organ and rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march with very pleasant effect and the bridal party marched in with the precision of old soldiers.

After the close of the ceremony the bridal party and many of the neighbors repaired to Mrs. McIlwean's, one mile from the church, where a reception awaited them. At the close of the reception the bride and groom returned to his home near the church, where they will reside.

For many years there was no marriage in Beech Grove church but last fall the first one took place, and now just before the lovely month of May, we have had another. It used to be the question, "Is nobody going to get married in Beech Grove church?" Now the question has changed, and the inquiry comes: What Next?

We would be glad to welcome to our community many more such as have come, and we extend a hearty welcome to the new bride and comfortable Carolinian burning and bringing such a prize to Bellair.

May the blessing of our Father and the comforting influences of his spirit abide in this newly made home, and with his benediction abiding all is peace and love. L.

An intimate friend of the contracting parties furnishes us the following in reference to the marriage:

EDITOR JOURNAL:—It was the privilege of the writer to witness at Beech Grove church on the night of the 29th inst., one of the prettiest marriages he has ever attended. The occasion was the marriage of Miss M. May House, daughter of the late Dr. House to Mr. Louis W. McIlwean, both residents of that thrifty, highly-cultured and delightful neighborhood known as Bellair, which in the opinion of the writer is the gem spot of North Carolina.

The event has been looked forward to for some time and on account of the popularity of the young couple, a tremendous crowd assembled to witness the impressive ceremony. Long before the appointed hour, the beautiful little church was filled to overflowing and all available space near by was utilized by the eager and earnest friends of the contracting parties.

Promptly at 8 o'clock, the appointed hour, the bridal party arrived, preceded by the preliminary arrangements, entered the church in the following order, while the organ under the skillful manipulation of Miss Janie Lane, was pouring forth appropriate and soul stirring music.

Misses Ella Lane, Lissa Smith, Ellen Dixon and Penelope May passing up one isle and Messrs. H. H. House, J. T. House, J. J. Dixon and S. L. Kilpatrick, the other crossing at the altar. Then came the point of honor, Miss Mellsa May, cousin of the bride, followed by the bride leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Edgar House, who's duty it was to give her away. Lastly came the groom with his best man, Mr. E. M. Smith, who by the way seems more successful in marrying off other folks than in getting there himself. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. G. Johnston of New Berne, in an impressive manner.

It was a beautiful scene—the little church was brilliantly lighted and the floral decorations so tastefully and artistically arranged as to constitute a veritable bower of roses, whose fragrance seemed to saturate the atmosphere and to this the beauty of the girls in their gowns of snowy whiteness and the dignity of the faultlessly dressed men and you have a miniature picture of fairy land.

The music for the occasion was that march which is so universally rendered on such occasions—the celebrated wedding march of Mendelsohn. No music is ever so completely appropriate to these festivities as that thrilling production. To substitute any other would be to take away half of the enthusiasm. It is almost as essential as the bride herself, or a young lady remarked. She wouldn't feel that the ceremony had been properly performed if Mendelsohn's wedding march had been omitted from the program.

From the church, relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties repaired to the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. L. M. McIlwain, where congratulations were offered and refreshments partaken of and a jolly good time had by all until a late hour.

The presents were both useful and elegant. Ones specially attracted the attention, an oil painting, done in expert style, by Miss Janie Lane, the gifted daughter of Mr. Daniel Lane and a present by her to the bride.

The bride is a magnificent type of womanhood with all these graces of person and traits of character which unite too seldom found blended in one personality. The groom is one of the best young men of our acquaintance and is among the wealthiest and most worthy of that well to do neighborhood. The unstinted congratulations and well wishes of the entire community rest with this newly mated couple and a long, happy and prosperous life is the cast of the horoscope for them.

Marriage is always laudable, even when the groom comes from a distant state and steals away from some heart-stricken sweet girl one of the neighborhood pretty ones, breaking the home circle and adding gloom to friends; there is ever then no objection to the rite, but when the parties to the contract have been raised, as it were together attended the same school as playmates, were thrown together constantly and growing up, they became cousins of attachment for one another which had its date way back in their boyhood days; when as sweet hearts they had the same amount of spats and reconciliation.

When marriage is the result of a lifelong attachment among friends whose first love has remained their only love, as is the case in this instance there is something peculiarly fascinating about it. The young couple begin life under very flattering circumstances and I we express the hope that their life may be as full of cheer as was the crowd who gathered to lend their assistance in launching their matrimonial ship at sea.

ONE OF 'EM.


**If the Baby is Cutting Teeth**

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty five cents a bottle.


### REPUBLICAN CO. CONVENTION.

**Delegates and Alternates Elected to State, Congressional and Senatorial Conventions.**

The Craven County Republican Convention was held in the New Berne Theatre Thursday afternoon to elect delegates to the State Convention which meets in Raleigh on the 14th of May, to the Congressional Convention which meets in Warsaw May 12 and to the Senatorial Convention, the time and date of which is yet to be fixed.

The following were the delegates and alternates elected to each convention. In each instance the first one named is white and the second colored except the alternates to the Congressional Convention. Both of those are colored.

STATE CONVENTION.

Delegates—John Biddle and W. W. Lawrence.

Alternates—Jos. L. Hales and Henry E. Dawson.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

Delegates—Robert Hancock and A. A. Bryan.

Alternates—Wm. Pepper, and H. W. Thompson.

SENATORIAL CONVENTION.

Delegates—R. C. Kinsie and Fred Douglass.

Alternates—S. W. Hancock and J. C. Bryan.

The delegates were not instructed, neither were any candidates endorsed, but those elected are known as McKinley, Russell and Pritchard men.

A. A. Bryan was the permanent chairman of the convention and W. J. Rountree, secretary. Both are colored.

J. L. Hunt presided at the temporary organization by virtue of his authority as chairman of the county executive committee and Frederick Douglass acted as temporary secretary.

The work of effecting the permanent organization was attended with stormy scenes, especially when it came to the decision of a contest for delegate from the fourth ward between I. H. Smith and M. P. Holly, both colored. The latter was the one that "got there."

During this time there were three attempts at fighting in which Smith was the most conspicuous figure. At the offset of the wild time he grabbed Chairman Hahn's chair and broke it into kindling wood by striking it with swinging blows upon the floor. Chairs almost, reigned for about three quarters of an hour. At one time motions were made to lay everything on the table and put Smith out.

After the permanent organization was effected matters became more quiet, though they were noisy enough throughout.

In Smith's ward 175 or more votes were cast at the meeting which elected the delegates, although only 127 names were on the secretary's books. There were times also in the meeting system as when more votes were cast than there were delegates.

### OYSTER LAW VIOLATIONS

**In Reference to Oysters Taken Out of the State—Strict Enforcements of the Law Upon Home Oystermen.**

EDITOR JOURNAL:—If our memory serves us correctly, we read a letter in the WEEKLY JOURNAL published over the name of our chief shell fish commissioner some time in the fall or early part of the winter last past, in which was stated that the law in reference to taking oysters from the public grounds of the State would be rigidly enforced. After stating some of the facts which have been related to us in reference to this matter we desire to ask a few questions which we trust will be answered through the columns of THE JOURNAL for the information of law abiding citizens of the State. Some of whom have paid an exorbitant tax for a license to dredge oysters from certain territory in Pamlico sound, upon which grounds there was no marketable oysters (Is this obtaining money under false pretense?)

Notwithstanding the injustice of this section of the law we have not heard of any violation by the dredgers although there are an abundance of fine oysters on forbidden grounds, though it is no secret that thousands upon thousands of bushels of oysters have been taken from the public grounds of the State with tongs and carried out of the State without culling upon the grounds from which they were taken. Many if not all of these oysters so taken and carried out of the State were measured in tubs larger than those prescribed by law. The inspector was cognizant of those violations—whether he authorized it or not we cannot say. Has the chief commissioner taken any steps towards chastising these wholesale destroyers of our natural rocks? Is the Governor aware of the extent to which the law has been violated?

Citizens of the State are prohibited from taking oysters from public ground without rubbing for the purpose of planting before the first day of May, after which date the weather is so warm that many of the plants die.

A tax of two cents per bushel has been levied and collected for all the oysters taken from private gardens in the sounds. Is this the law, if it is it has been vigidly enforced. CITIZEN.

### Appropriation For Raleigh Colony Memorial.

Representative Skinner recently introduced a joint resolution which we noted at that time to provide for the commemoration of the landing of Sir Walter Raleigh's colony at Roanoke Island, July 4, 1584. It appropriated for the purpose $10,000 and provided for proper ceremonies in laying the corner-stone of a monument on the 4th of July, 1896.

We have heard nothing of the resolution since. The patriotism of both branches of Congress ought to be sufficient to carry the measure through with despatch.

### Cumnock Coal Company in the Hands of a Receiver.

The Cumnock Coal Company, formerly Langdon, Hen-zey Company, at Cumnock, Chatham county, has gone into a receiver's hands. Judge Simon, of the United States district court, appointed Social A. Hen-zey receiver. The company has been embarrassed ever since the explosion last December, in which 40 persons were killed.

It is thought that the company was forced to take this position in view of the large number of suits which are pending in Chatham county against the company for damages.—News and Observer.

### Rev. L. C. Vass, D. D. and Mrs. Vass.

Mrs. L. C. Vass arrived to spend a few weeks in the city visiting relatives.

Dr. Vass attended the Western Pan Presbyterian Council in Philadelphia. He will also attend the meeting of the Southern General Assembly in Memphis, and afterwards, accompanied by Mrs. Vass he will visit Glasgow, Scotland, as a commissioner to the Presbyterian Council, and in July he will go to London as a delegate to the International Evangelical Alliance.

Dr. Vass' ability, scholarly attainments and devotion to gospel work, have caused him frequently to be chosen as a member of the most important representative bodies that the Presbyterian church has. It is an honor verthily bestowed, for he has the cause of Christ and the advancement of His kingdom thoroughly at heart and is well fitted to be a leader in His work.

### ROANOKE COLONY MEMORIAL.

**The Suggestion That Tobacco Users Contribute as Such in Small Sums to This Means of Honoring Raleigh, the Founder of America's First Colony and the Introducer of Tobacco—Cigar Money for Raleigh Memorial.**

Not long since we called attention to a circular sent out by Mal. Graham Daves of this city, who is stated the object of the Association, and made an especial appeal calling upon all users of tobacco for cash contributions, on the ground that those who enjoy tobacco should be willing to help in doing honor to the noted pioneer tobacco growing this country because it was he who first introduced the use of tobacco into Great Britain, and it is to him and indeed might the Native American users of tobacco are indebted for much comfort and enjoyment in their daily use of the weed, and a great part of the world of to-day is likewise indebted for a vegetable product valuable as an article of commerce.

We see the Chicago Tribune gave a long notice to this appeal and after only afterwards the following commendation from its editor on that page appeared in the Tribune:

Editor of The Tribune: Your comment indicates in The Sunday Tribune of the appeal of the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association for contributions, large or small, "the value of at least two or three cigars," to aid them in placing a monument to mark the spot—Roanoke Island, N. C.—where colonists sent out by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1587, first settled, and from where Lane was later introduced to the civilized world, ought to bring good results from the tobacco loving public of Chicago. I sent Mr. Graham Daves of New Berne, N. C., the President of the Association, $5 towards the fund. I think it would be a good thing if all the cigar stores in Chicago would aid in the collection. They could put a box on their counters—any sort of a box—for the collection of nickels and dimes, to be remitted to Mr. Daves, to aid the monument fund. I feel sure that Chicago smokers will freely respond.

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If the movement were to spread among tobacco users to contribute to this monument it would not take long to raise a large sum, even from very small contributions. Cigar and tobacco stores could do as the Chicago gentleman suggests, each put up a little box for the contributions, and if conspicuously placed more small change might go into them than would be at first supposed. Why not try the plan? Wouldn't New Berne, the home of the President of the Association, and our capital city, named for Sir Walter Raleigh, be good places in which to give the plan a start. We submit the idea to our tobacconists for such action as they see fit.

**Adroitly Attempted Incendiarism.**

The timely discovery of a mean attempt at incendiarism Thursday night prevented a conflagration which otherwise might have destroyed several buildings.

The house upon which the attempt was made was a dwelling on Eden street, boarding by Mr. W. F. Hill. It has been vacant a few days and Mrs. Hellen Huff who lives next door knowing that, and seeing a light shining from the inside told her husband thereof and an investigation was made.

The result was the finding of a regular fire trap set in a back L. The floor and walls had been saturated in coal oil mixed with kerosene, and a lighted candle four or five inches long set on the floor where the kerosene had been poured. Moreover, paper had been scattered around the candle. It was on the principle of a slow match, giving the culprit an opportunity to make his escape before the conflagration should begin.

Whoever set the fire entered by a window. His tracks could be seen there and also where he had broken a plank loose in climbing over a side fence.

A watch was set hoping for his return but no results followed.

Mr. Hill had no insurance on the house.

**Swindled the Oystermen.**

The Beaufort Herald gives the following piece of rascality:

The oystermen of Harker Island have lost about $2,000 on their oysters this season by one Lewis, who came from Virginia here to purchase oysters. He paid for his oysters in due bills and now the country around Harbor Island is said to be full of due bills while Mr. Lewis and his boats are gone, taking their departure in the night time.

**Dr. Bagby's Tufting Machine.**

Dr. G. K. Bagby, who has been off to Richmond arranging for the manufacture of his mattress tufting machines, returned home on the steamer Neuse. He has made an improvement upon the first machine which makes those to be manufactured adapted to the various styles of mattresses.

Dr. Bagby has the assurance of his patent attorneys that his patent is a sweeping one, that in no way can any one else have a system of needless penetrating a mattress or hold a mattress on a frame for the purpose.

**IMMENSE INCREASE**

**In Cotton Acreage and Sales of Commercial Fertilizers in North Carolina.**

The State Agricultural Department has issued a bulletin stating that the sales of commercial fertilizers in North Carolina this season, nearly all for use on cotton are 40 per cent greater than last year at this date and thirty per cent greater than ever before; that the total sales are over two and a half mills in dollars and that it will require one-third of last year's cotton crop to pay for this year's fertilizers.

The department deplores this immense increase in cotton acreage and unprecedented outlay for fertilizers.

The Charlotte Observer has the following to say about Mecklenburg gold: "Mr. F. M. Hinson, on his way to town yesterday, saw an old negro man digging on the side of the road on Mr. A. J. Wilson's place, in Clear Creek township. Mr. Hinson asked the old man what he was doing. He answered 'Two hunting for gold,' and to Mr. Hinson's surprise the old negro handed him a piece of ore containing several pennyweights of gold he had got from what he was digging. Uncle Pat Monges, of Clear Creek, went to the Observer to telegraph the Treasury Department at Washington, to hold up issuing gold bonds for awhile, as he and his Clear Creek neighbors will soon be able to furnish our Uncle gold to make up any deficiency.


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