

BERNE LOCALS

The tide was quite high yesterday. The schooner Try Bladen has returned from Elizabeth City.

J. H. Hackburn has a very attractive display of fireworks in his window.

The schooner Eleanor brought a cargo of cotton from Baird's creek yesterday.

The tug W. S. Cahill, which arrived here yesterday to tow the barge Rose out from Blair's lumber mills, is at the ship yard undergoing repairs.

A party of sportsmen from the North arrived at Yreons on the W. N. & N. R. Railway yesterday in a special car, and will spend some days in that vicinity shooting game.

While the train was being shifted near the New Berne ice house yesterday morning, a wagon belonging to Geo. W. Ives was run into by the train and almost entirely demolished. No one was hurt.

One of the "Circles" is to have a candy pull today at 3 o'clock and 8 o'clock, at Mrs. Willenbrink's, 33 Pollock street. At 3 o'clock a doll will be given free to the child that guesses its name. A social will be given after the candy pull at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

A Book Worth Having.

Demorest's Magazine for January is only another proof that this excellent magazine is growing better with each issue, and valuable as it has been, it even excels itself in this number.

Alice Barber Stephens contributes a full page colored picture, "Christmas Shopping," which has all the grace and attractiveness that this artist's work usually has, and is reproduced in soft, beautiful colors which make it a most attractive frontispiece. Four other handsome full-page pictures and two pages of notable portraits are followed by the leading article of the number, "The National Horse Show," which is full of lively interest and is illustrated with the most spirited and artistic drawings by Max Klepper, Clinedinst, and others. Two interesting articles on the queer and always interesting Chinese are furnished: "Chinatown in New York," describing the curious habits of the Chinamen who flock to that city, and beautifully illustrated with pictures of the men and their houses; and "Chinese Superstitions," by Henry Liddell, M. D., which is full of new and curious bits of information.

The rigors of a Winter in the Yellowstone Park are vividly described and finely illustrated. Under the title "Is Chivalry Dead?" several prominent women discuss the manners of men and women in business and show that at least they are not all of the same opinion.

The fiction of the number is of the very best. One of Gilbert Parker's finest stories is given. Margaret Sutton Briscoe concludes her sparkling little play, "A Dinner Engagement," and J. T. Newcomb contributes "The Caring of the College Graduate." All the departments are up to the usual high standard, brimming over with useful, practical suggestions and information concerning many topics of current interest in science, letters, art, sanitation, and the household. The fashion department is larger than usual this month, is beautifully illustrated, and full of suggestion and helpfulness.

PERSONAL.

Mr. E. C. Tracy, of New York, is in the city.

Mr. Bryan Ives, of Riverdale, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. H. B. Daffy went to Raleigh yesterday on business.

Mrs. Davis returned from Beaufort yesterday morning.

Miss Pearl Powell returned from Kinston yesterday afternoon.

Sheriff Joseph L. Hahn returned from Raleigh yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Maggie and M. J. Griffin returned from Kinston yesterday afternoon.

Messrs. H. J. Willis, J. E. Reel and S. J. Harris are in the city from Baird's creek.

Rev. Mr. Bayless, who has been visiting in the city for several weeks past, left for Raleigh yesterday morning, where he will have business with the Episcopal Bishop.

COVE ITEMS.

An "Old Maids" Party for the benefit of the Baptist Church, will be held in Cove Wednesday night, December 23rd. Everybody is cordially invited. The managers will strive to make it pleasant with enjoyable music by Cove Cornet Band. The ladies are requested to bring foodstuffs and the gentlemen who purchase the "Old Maids" will take supper with them.

Holiday Gifts.

This week's arrivals will complete our already large Holiday stock. We are carrying a very pretty line of Toys, including sets, albums, Nook and glove boxes, etc.

The Chinkapin Club.

If ever there were peculiar clubs, the Chinkapin club of Alligator Rest, must be put first upon the list. It was not large in numbers, but what it lacked in that particular it made up in other ways. It had no substantial, well lighted club house, for its membership were not so exclusive as that, and then Alligator Rest could not boast of any building that might rightfully be put in the "substantial class," one story buildings being considered the correct residence in the Rest. The club usually met at the "store" and a huge open fire, with its blazing logs with perhaps something on the side, was sufficient to open up the club meetings, which were strictly "informal."

Without a too long preliminary it may be well to state that the membership of the club was not limited, yet out of it all there were three members who stood foremost, and no discussion or story telling ever took place in which they did not lead. Major Kalpire, Col. Dalph and Captain Bukatan were these members. They had seen a great deal of the world, and in their declining years they had drifted back to Eastern North Carolina, and the Rest became their home. While they had experienced much, and had had adventures without number, yet upon their meeting at the Rest, they all declared that while they had seen and heard wonders in the outside world, yet the Old North State, and the Eastern part of it especially, possessed more genuine interest to the hunter, to the naturalist, to the curiosity hunter than anywhere they had been.

While telling their stories at the gatherings of the Chinkapin Club, they often referred to the good old times of their early days, and as if often the case their stories probably have grown with time, but of this the chronicler of the club is not to blame. What was told must stand for itself, and if the reader shall have any doubts of the stories which follow in this and further papers, kindly say nothing, but read them.

As the club members were sitting around, and several 'gator stories had been spoken of which had appeared in the newspapers, Capt. Bukatan, after listening to these, finally remarked: "These alligator stories you read about may read big, and may be true, but several years ago in French's Creek, there was a 'gator that was one. People who saw him say he was 33 feet long, and several attempts were made to kill or capture him. Some circus people heard of him and offered \$500 for the 'gator, but no one could get him. In the same neighborhood there was a sort of foolish negro, a harmless fellow.

One day in the Spring, Tom, as the fellow was called, took his old, smooth bore musket and went in search of the 'gator. Reaching the creek Tom found his alligator lying on the bank, pretending to be asleep and with his mouth open. This was done to deceive the insects which would settle in his mouth in swarms and be caught. At this time the 'gator seems to have been really asleep, and Tom crawling up pounced on the contents of his powder horn, perhaps 3 lbs., in the 'gator's mouth and then stock musket caps on the teeth of the 'gator. Stepping back, he fired off his musket. Alarmed, the 'gator closed his mouth with a snap, the caps exploded the powder, the 'gator's head being blown half a mile, and Tom's arms and legs were so flung with the 'gator's teeth that he lost his left arm and right leg, but lived to tell me his story, and swore it was true."

Grand Jury's Report.

To His Honor W. S. O. B. Robinson, Judge presiding, Craven County Superior Court, Fall term, 1896.

The Grand Jury as required by law herewith submit their report as to the County Poor House, Jail and Court House.

We find the Poor House, under the splendid management of Mrs. Williams in good condition, clean and well kept. The house is well heated and comfortable. The inmates say they receive good treatment, have plenty of good wholesome food and warm bedding and clean covering.

We find the Jail clean, heated by one stove which is not sufficient inasmuch as many as half the window lights are out, these window glass lights should be replaced at once to secure good protection from wind and weather. The unfortunate sleep in a canvas cot covered with one blanket which we think is not sufficient for comfort in wintry weather. We recommend an increase in warm bedding and an additional stove.

We would also recommend that the two crazy women now confined in jail be sent to the insane asylum.

We find the Court House in good order, this building, recently constructed, since its completion has been the special care of the Board of County Commissioners, notably the chairman of the same, who has kept it in the hands of Janitor Quiddy, who is ever constant and faithful in the performance of his duties.

Having made inspection of the sheriff's, clerk's, and register's offices we find them orderly and properly kept.

Respectfully submitted by the Grand Jury.

O. H. PERRY, Foreman.

County Commissioners.

Ordered that voucher No. 1258, dated November 2nd, to Fanny Dow for \$6.00, be cancelled and a voucher for \$3.90 be issued to Alonzo Fulcher for her support during the month of November.

On motion of commissioner Moseley it was ordered that a voucher be issued to Betsy Spencer for her support for \$2.50 a month until further notice.

Ordered that bids for county printing be added to those already ordered.

Report of W. M. Watson, Clerk Superior Court, was referred to Commissioners Smallwood and Williams to report upon same at next meeting.

Ordered that complaint of W. H. Cobb be called to the attention of the chairman by the fence committee of township, No. 3, and that he be requested to have said fence put in proper order.

A number of claims were presented to the board and allowed.

Bill of J. E. Latham was referred for examination, also bill of W. B. Lane, Sheriff. Bill of Josephine Henderson was referred back for correction.

On motion the question of petitioning legislature to abolish criminal proceedings in the Superior Courts of Craven county as now established, be referred to the chairman of this board to examine into the matter and report as to its advisability at the next meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Williams it was ordered that the county attorney inquire into the question of the Sheriff's summoning tales jurors before the regular panel is exhausted and report same to board.

The question of admitting James Barnes and daughter to the Poor house was referred to commissioner Smallwood with power to act.

On motion Commissioner Smallwood was requested to return to infant which is now at the Poor house to its mother who is a resident of Beaufort county.

Sarah Rhem on motion of Commissioner Williams was allowed \$1.50 a month until further notice.

After some discussion in regard to what allowance should be made election officers, it was moved by Commissioner Moseley that election officers be allowed \$1.25 a day, 5 cents per each new name registered, and 1 cent for each transfer. Ayes, Hill, Williams, Moseley, Ayes under protest, Bryan and Smallwood, Aye.

The board passed its afternoon session auditing election bills, adjourning to meet Saturday at 11 o'clock.

The board met Friday, at 11 a. m. pursuant to adjournment. Present, Hill, Bryan, Williams, Smallwood and Moseley.

On motion the bill of N. Tisdale for election services of 1895 was referred for examination until the next meeting.

The claim of Peter Fisher for election expenses held by the county, was attached by Sheriff Lane for Fisher's unpaid taxes.

SATURDAY, Dec. 12th.

The board met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner J. A. Bryan, it is ordered that the salary of the county attorney of the board, be the same as that of the attorney of the preceding board, to wit: \$300 per annum.

It was further moved that this sum shall be in full compensation for all services under the board during the year for which it is paid, provided, however, that whenever the business of the county shall require him to go beyond the limits of the county, that he shall be paid his actual expenses, upon submitting in writing a statement thereof.

A large number of bills were presented and allowed.

The board adjourned until its next regular meeting.

A Female Physician.

At the meeting of the Directors of the Eastern Hospital, Goldsboro, which was held last Thursday, Dr. Clara Jones wife of W. J. Jones, was appointed the regular assistant physician to the Hospital.

Mrs. Jones is a sister of Mr. Freeman Erenal of Craven county.

New Berne's Ministers.

The return of Rev. F. A. Bishop to the Centenary church of this city, by the Conference, is received with great satisfaction by the Methodist of New Berne. Mr. Bishop has labored well and efficiently here, and the church under his further ministrations will continue to advance in its up building.

The change of Father Betts to Rocky Mt. Circuit will be welcomed by the people of that Circuit, while New Berne will feel the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Betts, who have friends here on all sides, and Father Betts' sincere and hearty greetings as he passed along in his daily walks will be missed.

The Conference Closed.

The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, closed its sessions yesterday, at Kinston. The following are the appointments for the New Berne District.

W. S. Rone, Presiding Elder; New Berne—Centenary, F. A. Bishop; Goldsboro—St. Paul, R. B. St. John, N. M. Jerney; Goldsboro—St. John, J. E. Bristow; Goldsboro Circuit, A. L. Ormond; Mount Olive Circuit, M. M. McFarland; LaGrange Circuit, G. T. Simmons; Snow Hill Circuit, L. J. Holden; Kinston Station, J. A. Lee; Grifton Circuit, F. S. Beeton; Jones Circuit, J. M. Benson; Craven Circuit, D. C. Geddie; Vanceboro Circuit, supplied by F. E. Dixon; Pamlico Circuit, H. E. Tripp; Carteret Circuit, J. T. Abernethy; Morehead City Station, L. S. Massey; Beaufort Station, D. H. Tuttle; Straits Circuit, J. M. Caraway.

In their last issues last week the Richmond Times, Kentucky Stock Farm and Turf, Field and Farm made in very complimentary terms to our coming Fair, and the interest which is being taken in the races by the horsemen of Virginia and Kentucky.

In a letter received Saturday by the Secretary from a prominent horseman of Richmond we quote the following extract,—"You will get about all of the stables of runners and trotters here to enter your races and some from other points that I know of."

The race program this year is an exceptionally attractive one, and the purses aggregating \$4000.00 are the largest ever offered by a Fair in North Carolina.

Watch Your Dogs! Chas Sutton, of Vanceboro, was called at the JOURNAL office, last night, and reports an epidemic of mad dogs in his neighborhood. All stray dogs are being killed, and valued dogs are closely shut up. Mr. McLawhorn had an ox which acted wildly, supposed to be bitten by some mad dog, and it fled from the effects.

The people are very much alarmed, and keeping watch over every dog. Mr. Sutton also reports dog cholera to be raging.

Old Fort Raleigh. Patriotic North Carolinians are interested in the good work accomplished at Roanoke Island, one of the famous spots in North Carolina history. The monument erected and the other work done have recalled chiefly from the unselfish labors of the late able and scholarly Professor Edward Graham Davis, first President of the Roanoke Island Memorial Association, and a thoroughly patriotic and well informed surviving brother, Myron Graham Davis, of New Berne, now the active, efficient President. Their noble work as much interested gathered around old Fort Raleigh 76 North Carolinians as centres at Massachusetts Pilgrims.—Wilmington Messenger.

Notice to Mariners. The following are the chart corrections as reported by the United States Government for November, 1896:

Currick Sound—Disappearance of Government Wharf.—The Government wharf in Currick Sound, east of the north entrance to Cedar Bay, has disappeared and has been erased from the charts.

Cape Hatteras—Outer Shoal—Beacon Destroyed.—The beacon on the eastern part of Outer Shoal, of Cape Hatteras, has been destroyed and erased from the charts. Vessels are warned not to cross the shoal over the site of the beacon, as part of it may still exist under water.

Beaufort Entrance—Change in Hydrography.—A late survey by the U. S. Engineers shows that but 13 feet can be carried across the bar into Beaufort, and the charts have been corrected accordingly.

Frying-Pan Shoals—Change in Light Vessel.—On or about November 8, 1896, Light Vessel No. 53, now moored about 2 1/2 miles to the southwest and eastward of the outer 18-foot spot of Frying Pan Shoals, making off from Cape Fear, North Carolina, was withdrawn from and permanently replaced on this station by Light Vessel No. 1.

Light Vessel No. 1 shows, the same as Light Vessel No. 53, two fixed white reflector lights, but each at a height of 41 feet above the sea, and the lights are visible 12 miles in clear weather, the observer's eye 15 feet above the sea. She has two masts, schooner-rigged, mastsheads black, with a black hoop iron cage-work day mark at each. The hull is yellow, with the words "Frying-Pan Shoals" in large black letters on each side, and "No. 1" in black on each quarter. A black smoke-stack and the fog signal are between the masts.

During thick or foggy weather the fog signal will be the same as on the present light vessel, viz: a 12-inch steam whistle sounding blasts of 3 seconds duration, separated by alternate silent intervals of 10 and 40 seconds.

Christmas Cycle Races.

Christmas day is expected to be a big day for bicycle sport. The New Berne Cycle Club is preparing for a big day on that date. The track at the Oaks, the "Holiday Retreat," is being put in order for this occasion, so that the "cracks" taking part in the different contests will have a chance to get in trim.

This club last year in their Thanksgiving races, which were the first ever held in New Berne, made things interesting for the hundreds of spectators that gathered at the Oaks to see the riders of the silent steed strive for the honors. The club gave good, valuable prizes, and consequently good racing was seen. This year they intend to give still better prizes, and good racing may be expected. The JOURNAL hopes to see the races on Christmas a grand success, and no doubt crowds will be seen driving for the Oaks on that day.

At a meeting of the New Berne Cycle Club the following officers were elected for the season: T. D. Carraway, president; Autho Land, vice-president; W. P. Rue, secretary; Frank Schelky, treasurer; W. F. Hill, captain.

Boys Need Attention. Schooner S. Warren Hall, Capt. E. W. Hill, from New York, arrived at this port Saturday night with a cargo of niter-soda and nitrate of potash, consigned to E. H. & J. A. Meadows.

Capt. Hill reports the boys out of place on Ocracoke bar, and says if a stranger to these waters was compelled to approach this bar he would be in danger of losing his vessel in the breakers if he followed the course indicated by the boys. When the JOURNAL asked Captain Hill if the proper authorities had been notified in regards to these boys, he said: "Yes, I am informed by the pilots that they have. They have not only been informed about the wrong situation of the boys at this place, but at other places in four sounds and rivers. The waters of North Carolina are badly neglected by the Government, especially around Hatteras and Ocracoke inlets, and in the sounds close by. This neglect makes navigation dangerous, and very often puts those best acquainted with the waters in doubt as to the right course."

Capt. Hill also reports the dredger at Ocracoke as being quite satisfactory. He says he crossed the slough eight feet of water without a slightest trouble.

A Populist Scoop. The recent election in Brunswick county is a political study in itself, and the account of it is really entertaining. The following from the Southport Leader in regard to it, is a good reading—for Democrats and Republicans. The Leader says: "At the late election the fusion ticket in Brunswick county was elected by large majorities. There was a deal made between the Republicans and Populists Daniel L. Russell told the Republicans what they should do, and the deal it. The deal turned out to be good politics, at least all those who are inside had easy traveling, and the misguided mortals who tried to run independent had rough sledding were left by the roadside. Just where Republicans got any great benefit Russell knows where the benefit comes in, if any one does.

There were about 2,000 votes cast in the county. Of this vote the Populists can cast only about 400. This is a pretty small proportion. Their proportion of offices scooped in was not proportionate, however. Here is what they got. Two county commissioners, register of deeds, clerk of the county court, county treasurer, sheriff, representative at Raleigh, Senator, other petty offices."

Was Nearly Lost. The yacht Sybilla, of the Philia Japhia Yacht club, which was in this port two weeks ago, and left for a hunting cruise in Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds on the 29th ult., encountered the big blow which occurred a few days later, and during that storm became partially disabled, arriving at Norfolk with no great damage, although at one time the yacht was considered in great danger. Repairs were made at Norfolk, and the Sybilla left for Philadelphia. The report says that the party held on to their gear, the yachts and brant through it all. The Sybilla's friends here will be glad to know it was no worse than it was.

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Fire at Islers Farm.

Yesterday morning, while Leah Cresper a tenant on Mr. Islers farm in Jones county, was in New Berne buying supplies, she received news to the effect that her home was on fire. When she arrived home she found that every thing had burned to the ground and that everything she possessed had gone up with the flames.

Leah declares that there were but a very few coals of fire left on the hearth and that there was no accidental way in which a fire could have been set on fire.

Work On Nense River. By an act of the last Congress a survey was ordered of the Nense river at and below New Berne to find eight feet of water at dead low water. The survey has been made.

Eight feet at dead low water means eleven feet at an ordinary time and twelve feet when there is a good tide.

The U. S. steamer General Thom is now rebuilt, and the work done has been accepted. The steamer will be able to make ten miles an hour, and will be put into active service this week.

An Attractive Feature. New Berne possesses many attractions for the visitor, but nothing catches the attention and causes greater admiration of every visitor to this city than our splendid roadways, and the admirable condition in which they are always to be found. The miles of well kept drive ways throughout New Berne are sources of great pleasure to our own people, who perhaps have become so familiar with their good roads that they do not realize what it would be if they had to return to the conditions of a few years ago. It costs money to build and keep up these roadways but they give this city a reputation that is wide spread and justly so.

Holiday Rates. For the holidays tickets will be sold over the W. N. & N. R. R. at 1 cent per mile for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale December 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th inclusive, and December 29th, 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1897, with final limit to return January 3rd, 1897.

JASPER ITEMS. Rev. Mr. Johnson filed his regular appointment at Bethany, Sunday evening.

Providence permitting, Elder K. C. Daugherty will preach at St. Paul next Saturday Saturday night and Sunday, it being quarterly meeting. We hope a large crowd will be present. He is an able speaker.

Mrs. Wm. Dawson spent Sunday with Mrs. Alex. Herring, and Miss Lucy Wetherington with Miss Maggie Herring.

Mr. Alex. Herring shot and killed a mink last Monday, the 14th, the measured twenty-six inches from tip to tip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Moore spent a few hours Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Herring.

The Sunday School at St. Paul are going to have an Xmas tree on Christmas eve night. We hope it will be enjoyed by all, and the hearts of the children made to rejoice.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wetherington, went last Friday in New Berne.

Mr. Frank Wetherington, of Tuscarora, spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. J. E. Wetherington.

Mr. Wm. Dawson and children left last Friday to spend a while in senior county, visiting friends and relatives. We wish them a pleasant visit.

Mr. Alex. Herring and Mr. E. A. Hill spent Sunday at Perfection with friends.

SWANBORO ITEMS. Good news is scarce this week. Some visitors, Messrs. R. Betder and J. R. Bryant, of Ward's Mills; Mrs. A. Simmons, of White Oak; Dr. J. W. Sanders, of Carteret county, and Mrs. Laura Reed, of Bear Creek, were all in town last Sunday; also, Mrs. P. Russell, of Carteret county, and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Jones, of Wilmington, are visiting here now.

There are several weddings on hand for Xmas, so we hear.

Rev. Ben Ward preached for us last Sunday and at night.

The Xmas holidays will be represented by a tree in the church at night on Christmas Eve, and on Monday night after Christmas the entertainment or concert by the Sunday schools will come off in the church.

Mr. Dave J. Sanders killed a fine buck last Thursday near his place on Beat creek. He, in company with Bob Freshwater, was hunting. They shot him four times, and then caught him in the river. Messrs. Ralph and Julian Bender did a little better. They killed two fine large ones about the same time.

There are no fish, and clams are only 35 cents per bushel. No work for a man with no trade. A farmer can't pay over 40 cents per day for farm hands, and they can't live well on that. Mechanics are a little better off when they can strike a job.

John D. Hawkins is the champion cat and possum raiser so far as we have heard. Combined he has 23 cats and 2 possums—all toms—and they eat and sleep together like children, only more so, for they don't seem to fight and scratch one some children do. John says he is going regularly into the cat and possum business. He wants to get about one hundred cats and twenty-five possums to raise a kind of hybrid breed for certain purposes. He says there is money in cats and possums together.

A letter from our son in Florida tells of a big money and there a few weeks ago. During the late war a ship load of gold was lost on that coast, and was found by an expert, after five years hunting. It belongs to the United States Government, and amounts to \$18,000,000.

JOURNALISTIC CONSISTENCY. A Raleigh contemporary in its last Sunday's issue exhibits its usual consistency on its editorial and front pages.

In its Editorial, "An Earnest Rebuke" it fairly frolics at the month over the indecent and vulgar theatrical Exhibitions now going about North Carolina, and very justly condemns them, but North Carolinians are just now using sarcasm to a lot of theatrical shows that deserve the condemnation of every one.

But while this excellent contemporary reukes editorially, it exhibits its consistency on its front page an original cartoon, that is the acme of vulgarity, one that no self-respecting newspaper would print.

Whatever Governor Scott Ross may be politically, he will be, in his own mind, within a few weeks the treasurer of the Old North State, and in this capacity will be the official representative of all North Carolinians, and as such demands the respect and courtesy due his official position.

The people of this State can show their disapproval of these theatrical shows by keeping away from them—the surest way to drive them from our borders; but for a newspaper, claiming to be the leader of this State, to exhibit such a vulgar and indecent cartoon of a governor-elect, there is no excuse—the exhibition shows a looseness of journalistic principle, a pandering to a low order of sentiment in this commonwealth, that deserves rebuking, and every right-minded citizen will justly condemn it.

The News-Observer ought to try to be consistent in what it advocates, away not preach one thing and practice another in the same issue of its paper.

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