

SHORT PASSING EVENTS.

There were 23 bales of cotton sold on the local market yesterday at 19 to 24 cents.

The annual clearing sale of dry goods begins at Simmons and Hollowell Co's today.

The J E Benton stock of men's furnishings goods has been purchased by J G Dunn & Co.

Rev Gardner Bryan, a traveling Minister of the Baptist denomination has located here. His family arrived last night.

The cold weather makes hot business for wood dealers. Over one car load was sold by one man and the saw mills are selling great quantities of waste stuff.

John Weeks one of the colored helpers at the Atlantic Fire Engine house was taken to his home up town yesterday suffering with a bad attack of pneumonia.

In the report of the National Bank election which appeared in the Journal yesterday the name of M C Crowson was inadvertently published as collector, it should have been book-keeper.

Officer Parker who suffered a badly sprained ankle while arresting a man last Saturday night is able to be around with the aid of crutches. The injury is doing as well as can be expected, but he will not have the use of the foot for several weeks.

A provisional purchase of a horse for the New Bern fire department has been made by the company of J M Arnold. The horse is said to be a very good animal for the purpose. The purchase depends upon the action of the Board of Aldermen.

Postmaster Hancock has received a mail wagon for use in transporting the mail from the office to the depot and return. It was made in Washington and is uniform with the wagons used for the same purpose in other cities and is a handsome vehicle.

The Journal office has received the North Carolina Methodist hand book for 1904. It contains much valuable information on the progress of the church in this State and it should be in the hands of every Methodist who is interested in the welfare of his church.

The July option of cotton at New Charles F Dunn, the colored banker, of Kingston, who recently failed for a large amount was discharged from bankruptcy yesterday by referee S W Smallwood.

The egg market has gone to smash and the hen is no longer the whole thing. In Norfolk the price of eggs dropped from 40 to 33 cents per dozen in a day and they will continue to decrease in price as the supply increases.

In the local market the price which was formerly 23 cents has dropped to 18 cents.

Perhaps as large a quantity of fresh pork as was ever received in this city in one day was the quantity which was brought here yesterday. The markets were supplied with hog meat enough to furnish a good sized army with rations for many days. One meat dealer bought 6,000 pounds of pork, others had from 10 to 20 or 25 hogs in their stock. Pork is cheap now, selling as low as five cents a pound.

Rapid progress is being made on the new Virginia-Chemical warehouse. The frames for the front and rear extensions are almost enclosed and the new dock is about completed. Work will begin soon at tearing down the old warehouse and replacing it with an entirely new building uniform with the additions already made. A hoisting engine has been put in position there.

Mr John Stanley, yard conductor of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad in this city, was severely wounded on the head this morning while inspecting the condition of the cars in the wood yard. He was walking over the wood when a large piece rolled from under him and he fell, striking his head against the car door, cutting an ugly gash across his forehead. Mr Stanley after striking his head against the car door, fell to the track, which is in a cut some four feet deep, where he became unconscious. He soon came to himself, but did not desert his post of duty until his morning's labor was completed, after which he sought medical aid, and is resting easy at this writing. Goldsboro Argus Jan. 18th.

THE Journal is in need of a few weeks of the issue of Dec 18. Any of our subscribers having this number will confer a great favor by sending one to this office.

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A WISE STEP.

Investigation as to the Safety of the Opera House To Be Made.

At the regular communication of St John's Lodge Wednesday night a resolution was adopted directing the inspection of the Opera House in regard to the safety of the building in the case of fire or panic. With this end in view, a committee was appointed to thoroughly investigate the exits, the windows and all places of egress and to make a report of the same. If the report of the committee is satisfactory, it is probable that a few more entertainments will be given in the house before the beginning of the new building. If it is not, it will be closed to the public for good.

The gallery will be closed and no one will be allowed there during any theatre or concert. This order is imperative and even if the opera house is found in good condition the gallery will remain closed. It is unsafe and cannot be repaired so as to be perfectly safe. It is a death trap and if anything should ever happen with a crowd in the place a terrible accident could not possibly be avoided.

Moreover more caution is to be used in selling seats. No one will be allowed to have chairs in the aisle. No one will be allowed to stand in the space between the doors and the seats. All inside the opera house must have seats.

While there has only been one exit hitherto by the closing of the gallery another exit can be made through the gallery lobby from the rear of the auditorium. It is thought that a row of seats will be removed that blocks this passage and then there will be two good exits.

All these precautions are wisely taken and are very important especially the one in regard to the gallery. The lodge is to be commended for its prudence and forethought.

Man's Essay on Pope.

From Armstrong's "Teaching of Scientific Method" we extract the following: "If the proper study of man (sic) be man—as the highest dignitary of our church some time ago asserted," etc. This is not simply due to a natural confusion between A. Pope and the pope. It comes of a poet's having two Christian names, including one for his surname, so that the student of the "Dictionary of Familiar Quotations" is apt to be betrayed by the description of him as Pope, Alexander.—Punch.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

England's "Underpaid" Clerks. English government clerks do not serve an unappreciative nation. A chief clerk in the estate duty office at Somerset House receives \$4,000 a year for his work during the seven hours of each lawful day (except Saturday) from 10 o'clock till 5. He has lately enjoyed in addition the valuable privilege of working overtime at double rates, and the opportunity has been turned to most profitable account. One chief clerk in six months earned \$1,500 extra. For this addition to his emoluments he remained on duty till 8 o'clock instead of going home at 5. Two principal clerks, with salaries of \$3,500, received \$725 each extra, while two assistant principal clerks, with salaries of \$2,800, had \$625 each.

Athletic Senator Aldrich. There is not a more athletic figure in all the senate than that of Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island. He is always trained down to fighting weight, his step is as quick and elastic as a boy's, his bearing that of a muscular man. So easily active and unconsciously strong is the Rhode Islander that there is a fascination in watching him on the senate floor. The secret is said to be in his devotion to the ancient game of golf. Near his residence in Providence he possesses extensive acres on which are his own private links. Many a morning during the long summer and autumn months finds him bright and early whacking the elastic ball and chasing it up hill and down dale.

Doctors as Politicians. The doctors are becoming adepts as politicians. As is well known, the president must appoint an Ishmanian canal commission to take charge of affairs in the building of the new canal across Panama. To be appointed on this commission furnishes a remunerative and honorable position.

The American Medical Association was not slow to seize this opportunity. They wielded every power they had in their possession by appointing a committee to visit President Roosevelt in person and try to extract from him a promise that some member of the American Medical Association would be appointed on the commission.

This is politics with a vengeance. It has often been said that doctors are poor financiers, but we believe that it cannot be truthfully said that they are poor politicians. They are wide awake when it comes to securing places at the public crib.—Medical Times.

Two of His Strong Points. The Young Man—I don't take any credit to myself for being able to spell better than other people can. Spelling is a gift.

Miss Snapplep—You acquired your modesty, I presume, by diligent application.—Chicago Tribune.

Certificate of Filing of Consent by Stockholders to Dissolution.

State of North Carolina, Department of State.

To all whom these Presents may come—Greeting:

Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof deposited in my office, that the Brick & Tile Manufacturing Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated at No. 48 Craven street, in the City of New Bern, County of Craven, State of North Carolina (T. G. Hyman, Secretary being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served, has complied with the requirements of an act of the Legislature of North Carolina (Session 1901), entitled "An act to revise the Corporation Law of North Carolina," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate that such consent has been filed.

Now, Therefore, I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the sixth day of January 1904, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by more than two thirds in interest of the stockholders thereof, which said certificate and the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Raleigh, this sixth day of January A. D. one thousand nine hundred and four.

J. W. BIDDLE, Sheriff. J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.

January 9th, 1904.

THE CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

A Comprehensive, Useful and Inexpensive Institution.

The New Bern Circulating Library is an institution which is as greatly patronized as perhaps any other department of social life in the city.

It has increased in popularity and usefulness from the start which was made two years ago and is now a feature that the city could not afford to lose.

The books on the shelves comprise the best modern works, the standard authors' books, the most accurate and interesting history, the ablest essays, and the leading poetical works, in short, all that a first class library requires. Books of reference on any subject will be found there; cyclopedias, atlases and dictionaries of the most approved authors and editors.

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The library is renewed every month with the leading works of fiction of the day. The library is replenished from time to time with books on modern moral topics, new discoveries, physics, art and science.

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HAND CUT OFF.

Elbridge Heath a Colored Employee at Sullivan's Saw Mill Terribly Injured.

Elbridge Heath, colored, met with a serious accident in S E Sullivan's saw mill in James City yesterday afternoon.

He was operating the planer and his left hand was caught in the cogs of the machine breaking the bones of the thumb, first and second fingers in a terrible manner.

He was taken to Dr Rhem's office and an effort was made to save a part of the hand but it was found necessary to amputate the hand at the wrist.

The man was taken to his home in James City and it is believed that he will recover.

National Bank Election.

The election of Bank officers and officials of The National Bank of New Bern was held Tuesday January 18th and was as follows:

- J A Bryan, Pres't. J H Hackburn, V. Pres. G H Roberts, Cashier. J R B Carraway, Teller. Walter Duffy, Book-keeper. M C Crowson, Collector. Henry E Howell, Collector. David S Willis, Stenographer. Directors—J A Bryan, O S Bryan, G E Roberts, L Harvey, John Dunn, E K Bishop, J H Hackburn.

DIED.

Mr Clifford J DeBruhl died at his home near Pollockville, Wednesday Jan 8th, aged 27 years. His death was the result of pneumonia. He was widely known in Jones county and a very highly esteemed young man; a constant Christian and an active member of the Methodist church. He is survived by a wife, two sons, an aged mother, a brother and sister.

The funeral services were held Thursday evening at the Methodist church in Pollockville, in the presence of a large number of friends.

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LAND OF THE SKY.

Plans of the Black Mountain Hotel Club. An Eastern Enterprise.

The well known house of Humphrey-Gibson Company of Goldsboro, is organizing an enterprise that will be of especial interest to the people of this city, so many of whom have spent pleasant days at Black Mountain, in Beaufort county, 15 miles this side of Asheville.

The plan upon which this company is organized has some new and attractive features. The Company or Club, will own, control and operate the property as a mountain resort hotel, probably all the year-round. The stockholders, however, will have a special rate for themselves and their immediate families, which will amount to a ten per cent discount. As the stockholders will be almost entirely people from the towns of Eastern Carolina who will be more or less known to each other, this place will become primarily a mountain health resort for the east.

Very many people of New Bern are already acquainted with Black Mountain and its delightful climate, and probably all have heard of the place. The property of the Black Mountain Hotel Club consists of 70 acres of improved land, with orchards and vineyards. The present hotel building will be enlarged and improved. The property is situated one mile from Black Mountain station, known as the Stevens place; and commands an unsurpassed view of the mountain ranges, the Craggies, the Blacks and the Blue Ridge. The hotel piazzas will overlook fruit orchards of 3,000 trees, the property of the company, bordering the banks of the Swannanoa river.

It is proposed to make a specialty of amusements and recreations, such as bowling alleys, tennis courts, golf links, talyho and an orchestra.

A portion of the property will later be divided into cottage lots, which will either be sold or divided among the stockholders. The authorized capital will be \$25,000.

High Class Entertainment.

The Concert Company of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, New York City gave a high class entertainment at the opera house last night. The personnel of the company was Mrs Booth, Contralto, Miss Bennett, Violinist, Miss Jarvis, Soprano, Miss Keeler, Reader.

The program was artistic and showed to good advantage the individual merits of those who took part, each performer receiving generous applause there being an encore to each number on the program, these encores being of as high a class as were the regular program numbers.

The Ithaca Concert Company does not render what could be called a popular program, but the entertainment they give is one which commands the attention and applause of those who enjoy an evening's entertainment of a high class of vocal and instrumental selections, and readings of the same character.

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