

SHORT PASSING EVENTS.

Light snow is the forecast for today. Mr P M Draney is recovering from a severe attack of erysipals. No moon last night. No electric lights on streets, but rain and wind plenty.

Messrs Burrus and Gray sold cotton yesterday at prices ranging from 15.50 to 16.25 cents. Mr B L Brock of Trenton, has taken a position as assistant to book keeper in the Citizens bank.

Mr J A Jones has received two car loads of horses and mules from Kansas City. There were 59 in the lot and they arrived here in fine condition.

The weather yesterday was very much of the Chicago variety. A raw north-east wind laden with dampness blew during the morning which caused a general feeling of discontent as much as weather can.

It is reported that there are several cases of small pox in Goldboro and that two of the post office force there are afflicted with the disease.

The New Bern Cotton Oil and Fertilizer Mills paid \$5.40 per hundred pound for cotton seed yesterday. That was the highest price that has been paid for that commodity for many years.

The young people of the Christian Church will give a Box Social at the residence of Mr D H Gaskins, 91 Pollock St., Friday night. Refreshments will be sold and the proceeds used for putting lights in the church.

The Journal is informed by the Postmaster that he has extended the free delivery system of the Third Division north of the city as far out as the National Cemetery which will give free delivery to all the residents living on National avenue.

The negro thief who stole Mr Ben Nelson's wheel from in front of the Journal office some time ago has been located near Ward's Mill. His name is Mack Everington and has a record as a bicycle thief. Sheriff Biddle will send a man to Onslow county to get the man and the wheel today.

There was a little discussion a short time ago as to the proper name of the street running parallel to Broad street on the north. One person declared that the street was called Neuse street after the river; the other maintained that it was New street, having been named that when the way was made. The Journal is informed by City Clerk Tolson that the street is named New and not Neuse. The latter name, however, is the prettier and more appropriate.

A few days ago a white painter named Alderman was engaged on a job for John Oglesby, living at the north side of Neuse bridge. During the night he stole a lady's watch and chain and a razor. He disposed of the watch and chain at a store here and has left for unknown parts. The watch and chain was restored to the rightful owner.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of Miss Imogene Hart, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hughes Bell of Washington, D. C. to Mr Wallace Eugene Etheridge which will take place Wednesday Feb 10th at the bride's parents. The prospective bride is well known in this city having been a resident and a frequent visitor. She is the niece of Messrs. George Henderson and L H Outler.

Big Amount For Cotton. Mr E B Elliott, representing J E Latham & Co paid the largest amount for two bales of cotton last Tuesday that has been paid in this section for thirty years. He paid to Mr K R Hay, of Maysville, \$108.02 and to Collins and Gillett, of the same place, \$94.47; making a total of \$202.49 or an average of over \$100 a bale.

ANNOUNCEMENT! Having purchased the plant of the Brick & Tile Mfg. Co., we have made arrangements with the Hyman Supply Co. to represent us in New Bern and vicinity. We respectfully solicit your patronage.

CAROLINA BRICK CO., Kingston, N. C. The Brick & Tile Mfg. Co., the past few weeks, have been out of brick, but we have a fair stock on hand and can fill orders promptly.

NEW BERN PRODUCE MARKET. WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT. Eggs, per doz. 20c. Chickens, old per pair. 65. young, per pr. 80 & 50. Pork, per lb. 6 1/2. Live Hogs 5 1/2 & 6. Beef, 5 & 6 1/2. Hides, green, per lb. 8c. dry, 8 & 9. Hides, 20 to 25. Corn, per bush. 60c. Oats, 45c. Peanuts, 55. Potatoes, Yams, 75. Bahamas, 50.

Local Grain Market. Corn, per bu. 55. Oats per bu. 45. Meal, per bu. 55. Hominy, per bu. 55. Corn bran, per 100 lbs. 50. Wheat bran, per 100 lbs. 1.25. Feed, 100 lbs. 1.20. Cotton seed meal, 100 lbs. 1.50. Cotton seed hulls, 100 lbs. 45. Ship stuff, 1.40. No. 1 Timothy, per ton. 30.00.

A LAKE MICHIGAN BOAT.

The Clifford, a Staunch Gasoline Launch Ties up at New Bern For a Few Days.

The Clifford, a neat and attractive gasoline launch tied up at the Middle street dock Wednesday afternoon. She is from South Haven, Mich., and is bound for Miami, Fla. She is making short tours up rivers adjacent to the coast. The boat was transported from Chicago to Norfolk on cars and from there the journey was made on the water. J C Prew is the captain and Albert Plato, the engineer. These two gentlemen are the only persons on board the boat.

The Clifford was built three years ago and has been used extensively on the waters of Lake Michigan. She is of the houseboat fashion and conveniently and handsomely fitted for pleasure cruises.

The boat has a capacity of seven tons and the registry number is 157,687. Her speed with the engine alone is about seven miles an hour when a sail is used, the speed may be increased to 10 miles per hour. She was on the ocean for a short distance and demonstrated well the strength of the construction.

While coming down from Norfolk the boat was blockaded by ice for a week while in Black River near a point known as Conyong. It is many years since the ice in Black River has been so thick as to obstruct navigation and this fact goes far to prove how severe a winter this has been.

Yesterday the gentlemen made a trip to Trenton in their boat. They expect to return tonight.

CASCTRIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co. Trenton Items. January 28th.

Mr F H Foy was here this week from Pollockville. Mr O H Guion was up several days last week from New Bern. Dr H R Parker left this week for La-Grange to practice dental work.

Miss Cattle and Inez Koonce returned Monday from Greensboro where they were attending the State Normal. Miss Alice King of near Trenton left last week to visit her sister Mrs C F Smith at Washington, D C.

Miss Mollie Taylor returned this week after a visit with her relatives at Dover. Messrs Price Furpilas and T M Garrett of the B F Smith Fire Proof Construction Co of Washington, D C. have fulfilled their contract of building the county vault. They left this week for Bayboro.

Mr Lewis Dillahun of Cleveland, O., is on a visit with his relatives near Trenton. Senator Thos D Warren went to Kingston this week on business. Prof J W Portis, Misses Mamie Leonard, Nellie and Lucy Portis, left this week for their home at Brice's Creek. We regret very much to lose them from our band as they held such important parts in same.

Mr W J Richardson made a business trip to New Bern this week. Some of our boys seem to be taking much interest in telegraph instruments and lines have been constructed at several places. They have styled themselves, "The Eastern Union."

Quarterly meeting was held at the Methodist church last Saturday and Sunday with Rev Dr F D Swindell presiding. The value of town property was shown when the vacant Parker lot, facing Jones Street 45 ft and extending back about 80 ft was sold at auction at the court house door last Saturday, having brought \$541. Heritage Haywood & Co the buyers will erect their new livery on it. They have just had to arrive a fine lot of horses and mules now occupying the stables back of Dixon Bros' store.

The stock of F P Koonce & Co., is yet being taken, but it is thought that they will finish today. It is hoped that some energetic person will buy the stock and not be retailed at cost as some have done heretofore. Those taking the inventory claim they do not find any unsalable goods, but the trouble being that it was over stocked on certain goods. This is a good opening for some one who wishes to enter the mercantile business.

Some interest was taken yesterday when a couple from the upper end of the county came to procure license and to be married. The names of the contracting parties were Mr Z V Metts and Miss Anna Wood. After procuring the license, it is reported of a young Magistrate not long in office to have refused to marry them, thinking the crowd gathered was up to having a little fun at his expense. Afterwards Rev Mr Geddie, the Methodist minister was called on and he at once proceeded with the ceremony, and the two were soon made one less, and then made their departure.

Mr D J Dixon and Miss Mary, daughter of Mrs S E Koonce, were married yesterday (Wednesday) evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother. Rev D G Geddie performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends and relatives of the bridal couple. Mr Dixon is a deserving young man, is a partner of the firm of Dixon Bros., General Merchandise, and the bride is a popular young lady of Trenton. We congratulate them and wish their matrimonial tour through life will ever be a peaceful sail of joy and happiness.

NO NAME. WARNING. All persons are forbidden from cutting or removing timber from railroad the size to larger size than may be on the land of W. F. Bell, the third, in Carteret county. JOHN B. ELLIS. Dubois, Pa.

SERIOUS NAVIGATION CONDITION

Commerce and Business Interests in Danger. Action Demanded.

The Journal has noted the low water conditions which have prevailed at points in the Neuse river and in Croatan Sound, which have greatly interfered with the shipping interests of this port. These conditions appear to be growing worse, and it is necessary that the merchants and business men of New Bern take some positive action at once, if they do not want to see a material falling off in their trade.

One instance of this low water condition is seen in the case of the barge Wm Donaldson, Capt John T Clark, and this case illustrates the cases of all others coming here.

The Wm Donaldson left Norfolk for this port with a cargo of fertilizers, and it took her eight full days, when the time should be three and one half days. The barge was loaded to a depth of eight, instead of nine feet, as it was feared that the low water in the sounds and Neuse river would interfere with her trip, and her cargo was reduced from 640 to 571 tons.

The barge's progress was first interrupted off Croatan light, then followed other shoal places in Croatan Sound and in Neuse river.

On the return trip north the Donaldson will load lumber here, but the same trouble, about taking a full cargo will interfere with Capt Clark taking what his boat is capable of carrying, and what under regular conditions, that is with the sound and river channels in navigable condition, properly dredged to depth for boats in the regular trade, which the commerce of this section demand should be kept.

Capt Clark loses both coming and going in freights, for with fertilizers one dollar a ton, it can be easily figured what he must lose coming here, and on his return trip, he must carry sixty to seventy thousand less feet of lumber, because of the bad channel conditions, and the freight loss for the round trip is a considerable item, besides the loss in time, and the consequent interruptions which are certain to arise in securing tugs to tow, when so many delays are sure to ensue.

If this interrupted and delayed passage to the vessels, barges and steam boats is to become a regular and continued thing, it means loss to not only those who run these boats, but a serious loss to the merchants here, and some immediate action should be taken before vessels men seek other points for their freight.

There is a dredger at work below, but at a point which is of no vital importance when compared to what ought to be done in dredging and keeping open the main river and sound channels between this port and Elizabeth City.

It can hardly be doubted but that the government's attention can be called to these low water places and they can be worked out and navigation to this port can resume its course without the present serious and costly delays.

Cotton Root Bark Wanted. Editor Journal: Permit me through your paper to inform the cotton growers of the State that there is at present an urgent demand for cotton root bark at about 8 cents per pound. The bark is prepared for the market by simply stripping it from the root with a sharp knife and drying in the shade. The stalks should be pulled from the ground and all sand and earth washed from the roots before peeling. Nothing but root bark is wanted.

The following firms buy root bark in quantities of from 100 lbs. to one ton or more: Sharp & Dhorne, Baltimore, Md. Muth Bros & Co, Baltimore, Md. Higgins & Waters, Baltimore, Md. Parke, Davis & Co, Detroit, Mich. Frederick Stearns & Co, Detroit, Mich.

W H Schiffin & Co, New York, N Y. Gerald McCarthy, Biologist, N. C. Dept. Agriculture.

AN EVENING AT HOME. Miss Moece Charmingly Entertains Wednesday Night.

Last Wednesday evening the home of Miss May Moore on Pollock street was the scene of an enjoyable party given in compliment to her many friends. It was one of the prettiest and most elaborate affairs of the season.

The first part of the evening was passed in playing the game of Hearts. There were eight tables; the score cards were unusually attractive and unique, being different designs, which were hand painted.

In connection with the winning of the first prize which was a pair of silver scissors, the young lady had the privilege of naming the most popular gentleman, the two leading gentlemen for this honor were Messrs E B Heskburn and T W Waters.

Miss Robie Daniels won the first prize and chose Mr Heskburn. The gentleman greatly enjoyed the rivalry of the contest. The gentleman's prize which was a gold stick pin was presented to Mr Jesse Claypoole. Among the pleasures of the evening was a musical narrative. Miss Elizabeth Burrus presided at the piano and played the names of the popular songs to fill the blanks and the story was read. Miss Burrus and Mr J E Benton added to the enjoyment of the occasion with songs. The game was followed by delicious refreshments served in three courses. There were about fifty guests present and upon their arrival they were ushered in by Miss May and Master Edwin Latham who were prettily attired in old colonial costumes.

ARAPAHOE.

January 28th. The weather for the last few days has been more favorable so that our people are getting thawed out a little, in so much that some are getting out to their farm work and others moving away and some coming in.

Since last writing, there have moved two families into our little town and one family has moved out. Mr Harrison has moved to the house in Arapahoe formerly owned by Mr J W Rawls but recently purchased by Mr W W Dixon of Arapahoe. Mr Harrison is the contractor in the Bides & Rawls log business at Goose Creek.

Mr John Harty, who moved from here about a year ago has moved back and will work at the blacksmith trade. Mr Levi Waters has moved to Edward's Mill, Besant Co.

Mr O F Brinson, who a few weeks ago became a blind, died last Sunday night from a stroke of paralysis. His health failed rapidly after the misfortune of blindness overtook him. He leaves a widow and eight children in dependent circumstances. The masonic lodge of which he was a member conducted the funeral services. Burial was made in the family grave yard at Bards Creek.

Mr N I Daw of Arapahoe has a very sick child whom the doctors have been attending for some time but they are undecided as to what the trouble is. Mr Thomas Brogden of New Bern, was in Arapahoe last Friday representing C S Hollister of New Bern. Mr Simcoe was in Arapahoe Saturday representing M Levi Hardware Company.

Mr J C Barrington of Dunn made a visit to Arapahoe last week, we were glad to have our old friend to visit us. Mr W R Reel of Arapahoe has sold out his interest in his merchandise and gin business to his partner Mr Henry Reel of Keesboro. A. B.

DOVER. Jan. 28. Rev J M Carraway will preach here in the Methodist church next Sunday morning and at night.

Mr E J White Jr., had the misfortune to lose one hundred and one dollars one day this week. Mr White's tax collector for this section and most of the money lost was money collected for taxes.

Our town has begun to apply the paint brush right early this year. The Goldboro Lumber Co's store is being repainted and several more buildings will be painted some time soon. The steeple to the Methodist church which was begun several weeks ago, is about completed, and adds greatly to the looks of the church.

Rev Farries preached a very able sermon in the Presbyterian church last night to a good sized audience. There will be regular services in this church the last Tuesday night in each month.

Mr B H Farrot and wife of Kingston, were here Sunday visiting relatives. Mrs G V Richardson and Miss Mittie West went to Closs yesterday to attend the marriage of Miss Daisy West, which takes place this morning at her home. We extend to the groom Mr Herman West of Richmond, our very best wishes and assure him he has one of North Carolina's loveliest and sweetest girls.

Our people generally through this section are very outspoken for W D Turner for the next Governor of our state and we heartily join in with them and say hurrah for Turner.

It seems to be agreed among the farmers to greatly decrease the tobacco acreage and plant more cotton. A good many garden peas and Irish potatoes will be planted for the northern markets.

The Blooming Thorn Tree. There is a legend to the effect that the thorn blooms on Christmas day. It is said that St. Joseph of Arimathea landed near Glastonbury and stuck his staff in the ground. It took root, grew and blossomed every Christmas day thereafter. The tree was hewn down by a Puritan of the time of Cromwell, but in doing this deed he cut his leg, and chips flying from his ax blinded him. The trunk, though separated from the root, grew and flourished, and for many years slips and bloods from the tree of St. Joseph were sold by the merchants at Bristol.

Ellis' Shops No. 132 Pollock St. Am now Ready to Repair your Farm and Road Vehicles, Carriages, Buggies made, and all kinds of wood and iron work done promptly. Work Guaranteed.

W. S. ELLIS. FARMERS! Make your own fertilizers at home, under scientific instructions, write for book of receipts.

SOUTHERN CHEMICAL BUREAU, P. O. Box 571, Norfolk, Va. Seed Peas and Beans. FOR TRUCKERS. 100 Bus. First and Best (Extra Early) 100 " " Alaska " " " " 100 " " Morning Star " " " " 50 " " Valentine Beans, " " " "

At lower prices than you can buy from any other Dealer in New Bern. "Seed Oats and Rye" at OAS B. HILLS New Bern, N. C.

Our Stock of White Goods Embroideries and Lace For the Spring is now complete and were bought at old prices. Make your selection early. D. F. JARVIS, 68 Pollock St.

HARDWARE. Don't stand in need of Coal Hods, Fire Sets, Fokers, Stove Pipe, Stove Boards, Stove, Ranges and Heaters any longer than it will take you to reach our store. All these things we have in our HARDWARE STOCK, and many more too numerous to mention. The very look of them will make you feel warm, and the low prices will strike you favorably, etc.

Foy & Simmons, 79 S. Front St., NEW BERN, N. C. Rev J M Carraway will preach here in the Methodist church next Sunday morning and at night.

Do you ever have an accident? If you do never mind it, for G. H. Waters & Son can repair it at once. You are out nothing if not satisfied when you have your carriage repaired done here. We guarantee all our work. It pays to have your work done here. We do work that you can depend upon, and prices are right, like our work.

We put Rubber Tires on your old or new wheels. We shrink your loose tires in a machine without cutting them, or without taking fire from wheel on buggy while you wait. Everybody is invited to see the machine at work putting new bolts in old places.

G. H. Waters & Son, Phone 135, 75 Broad St., New Bern, N. C. Notice! Any farmer desiring to fence his land with the American Field Fence can procure the same of me for a short while. I now have in stock two car loads of same.

E. W. Smallwood, Under Hotel Chattahoochee, NEW BERN, N. C. For Sale. A tract farm of 87 acres, 2 miles from New Bern, known as "Carmine Place." Good buildings. Terms reasonable. Address, GEO. D. DALL, New Bern, N. C.

Sale Benefit Creditors. The Entire Stock of Goods formerly owned by L. F. TAYLOR, Cove N. C., consisting of General Merchandise, inventoried at \$730.35 is open for inspection of buyers and the undersigned asks bids for same.

D. L. ROBERTS, In Behalf of Creditors. CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.

A GREAT BARGAIN! A Sale of Bed Room Hiawatha Indian Slippers made of Elk Skin. For Ladies, Men and Children. These Moccasins or Indian Sandals were bought for our holiday trade, but they were delayed in transit and we only received them last week, hence these Bargain Prices. 98c instead of \$1.25 for Misses, \$1.15 " " 1.50 " Ladies, 1.25 " " 1.75 " Mens, Ask to see the Hiawathas. Barfoot Brothers, Dry Goods and Womens' Apparel. Phone 211. 469 Pollock St., Opposite Episcopal Church.

Fresh Lot Florida Oranges JUST RECEIVED. J. R. PARKER, Jr. Wholesale and Retail Grocer, PHONE 69. Cor. Broad & Hancock Sts.

SPECIAL SALE of Ladies Fine Purses. We offer an assortment of Ladies Fine All Leather Purses at a Great Reduction. 25c Values at 15c, 1.00 Values at 60c, 50c " " 35c, 1.25 " " 98c, 75c " " 55c, 1.50 " " 1.12. These are all Fine Goods and well worth your special attention. Simmons' Hardware 97 Pollock Street. CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.