# New Bern Weekly Journal.

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### OLD GRANDPA SOLD.

The Old Horse Owned by Mr John Watson is Sold to a Former Owner.

The old sorrel horse familiarly known as "Old Grandpa" and which was the property of Mr John Watson was sold to its former owner, Mr R L Temple, of Kingsdale, and shipped there this week.

The horse was a wonderful animal and worthy more than passing notice. Although having attained the great age of 35 years, for a horse, he had the fire and vigor of many a younger horse. His reputation as a trotter has often been demonstrated here.

He had a track record of 2:19½ which which he made as far back as the 80's and he won many races from horses which were loudly acclaimed as favorites. Mr Temple, who is an experienced owner and trainer of fast horses, says Old Sport, as his first name was called was the most satisfactory horse he ever handled.

The writer said that he had been unable to keep trace of Old Sport as he would have bought him back years ago He wanted the horse for what he has been and to give him ease and luxury in his declining days.

Many people here will miss his presence from their gardens and front door yards; and no more will the citizens be enlivened and excited by his lively sprints down the avenue. "Old Grandpa" will live long in the memory of those who were interested in him.

### A Suggestion For Goldsboro or Durham

The closing of Topeka, Kansas, saloons has ushered in the "electric light" original package. Kansas City whiskey houses are shipping liquor in sixteen candle power electric light bulbs. A number of drinking resorts supplied their customers with bulbs filled with whiskey. Old time drinkers now lay in a supply of half a dozen bulbs in the morning, and the next morning they turn in 15 cents with every "empty" and stock up for the day.



### Is a Public Library Wanted ?

The ladies of the committee of the circulating Library will hold a meeting on Friday Feb 12th, for the purpose of finding out whether the library can run following year. It is hoped that two hundred dollars can be raised to add to the one hundred which a friend has so kindly donated to assist the library this year.

Almost every person buys two books in the course of a year which cost a dollar apiece so whynot pay two dollars for a library card and have the privilege of reading as many books as one wishes during the year. Those who wish to subscribe will please give in their names before the above mentioned date.

### Senator F M Simmons' Bill.

Authorizing the Commissioner General of Immigration, under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, to establish in connection with the immigrant station at Ellis Island an information and display bureau, for the purpose of aiding in the distribution of immigrants, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner-General of Immigration, under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, be, and he is hereby, authorized, empowered and directed to cause to be established in connection with the immigrant station at Ellis Island, in the State of New York, a bureau of information and display for furnishing information to immigrants upon their arrival in this country, to aid them in determining where they should locate. That said bureau shall furnish immigrants with information, oral and printed, and by displays, where practicable, as to the resources, products, and physical characteristics of each State and Territory, the character of the climate and soil, the prices of land, the routes of travel and costs of transportation, the opportunities of employment in the various skilled and unskilled occupations, the prevailing rates of wages, and the costs of living in said States and Territories, respectively, and all other information that might tend to enlighten immigrants as to the inducements to settlements therein offered, respectively, by the said States and Territories.

Sec. 2. That each State and Territory may appoint and maintain at its own expense an agent to represent it at said immigration station at Ellis Island, and the Commissioner-General of Immigration shall furnish said agent with suitable quarters and accommodations convenient and appurtenant to the said Government bureau of information and display. Said State agents shall have access to all immigrants after they have been duly admitted for the purpose of offering such inducements as they may have to present said immigrants to settle in their respective States and Territories; and so far as may be consistent with the discharge of the duties assigned to them, the various immigration officers of the United States shall be required to aid said agents under appropriate regulations prescribed by said Commissioner-General of Immigration. That each State and Territory shall be furnished with space and facilities for making, in addition to the displays hereinbefore provided, such separate displays of the resources and products of their respective States and Territories as they may deem proper, with the approval of the Commissioner-General of Immigration, for the purpose of inducing immigrants to settle therein.

Sec. 3. That for the purposes aforesaid two or more States may appoint the same agent to represent them, and in that event said agent shall be given sufficient space and accommodation to make display as aforesaid of the resources and products of the several States and Territories represented by him. Said State agents of immigration shall be at all times subject to the supervision and control of the Commissioner General of Immigration, and to such rules and regulations as he may from time to time prescribe, and they shall also be subject to removal by said Commissioner-General for sufficient cause therefor to be shown.

Sec. 4 That such sum of money as may be necessary to construct and maintain suitable buildings, quarters, and accommodations to carry into effect the foregoing provisions of this bill be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of the "immigrant fund" provided for in section one of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved March third, nineteen hundred and three.

### DIED.

Peacefully at his home near Hubert, Onslow county, N C, on Wednesday Feb 3rd, 1904, Mr John W Meadows in the 58th year of his age, leaving a wife and eight children, besides brothers, sisters and numerous relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Mr Meadows was a good man and the community in which he lived has lost a good and citizen, we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and friends.

Pneumonia was the cause of his death. He was sick only about a week.

Peace to his ashes.

### Death of L. B. Bynum.

Mr Louis B Bynum, died at his home at No 202 Pollock street yesterday morning.

The funeral services will be held at the late home at 10 o'clock this morning Rev T M N George will officiate. Interment will take place at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

### Superior Court

The Superior Court of Craven county for the trial of civil cases opened yesterday morning with Judge H M Justice of Rutherfordton, on the bench. Two cases were tried yesterday.

# $200,000,000 FIRE !

## CAUSED BY AN EXPLOSION IN THE STORE OF HURST & CO.

### The City of Baltimore Suffers a Terrible Destruction.

A fire, the extent and damage of which is only paralleled by the great fire which destroyed the city of Chicago in 1871, visited the city of Baltimore Sunday. Up to a late hour last night it was burning with uncontrolled fury.

The fire began about 11 o'clock Sunday morning by an explosion in the wholesale dry goods house of John E Hurst & Co It was aided by the fierce shifting winds and all the large stores of the wholesale district fell easy prey to the fury of the flames. The fire leaped from block to block and across wide streets until the local firemen were totally unable to stem the progress of the fire. From the wholesale districts the fire attacked the retail stores, hotels theatres, churches, handsome office buildings and the whole business section of the city was in the conflagration. A space over a mile long and half a mile wide is said to have been burned.

The losses will reach $200,000,000. The published list of business houses in the burned district gives the names of 85 firms. This however is incomplete and there are probably many more in the disaster: The newspaper offices said to be destroyed are The Sun and The Morning Herald. Other buildings of more than local importance which are burned are:—Baltimore & Ohio Central Building, Equitable Building, Calvert Building, Maryland Trust Company Building and Continental Trust Company Building.

The loss of life is great. Thirteen firemen were killed and many citizens were killed and injured in their efforts to save property.

The call for help was answered by Washington, Philadelphia and Wilmington. Four hundred streams of water were playing on the flames but with all this the work was unavailing. The train bearing the contingent of firemen from Washington made the distance between the two cities of 45 miles in 31 minutes. A speed of about 75 miles an hour.

A report was current last night that the fire had broken out afresh after dark and had extended to resinence partion. This report could not be confirmed.

At four p m Monday the fire was still beyond control and the losses surpassed those of the great Chicago fire of 1871. There were many reports still coming, but generally hard to determine the actual facts in them worthy of publication.

At 9 p m last night the report was that the fire was still burning, and its end could only be through exhausted material upon which it could feed.

The city presents the sight of ruin and complete devastation.



### Death of Earl Thomas Morton.

God has seen fit to remove from our midst Earl Thomas Morton, son of Mr Alexander and Annie Morton. He died Saturday evening at 4 20 of pneumonia. He was only confined to his bed for one day. Though his suffering was intense he bore it patiently.

Earl was eleven years of age. A boy with a bright future before him. He was always kind and gentle. He loved his school mates and was always ready to do what he was told to do.

He leaves a broken hearted mother and father, two sisters and brother to mourn his loss. God bless them and comfort their sad hearts, and they may feel that God doeth all things well.

"Gone but not forgotten." L.

### WAR UNDOUBTEDLY BEGUN.

Diplomatic Relations Between Russia and Japan Have Ceased.

Tokio, Feb. 7.—The severance of diplomatic relations between Russia and Japan appears to be only a step towards war, although when the ministers of Russia and Japan withdraw from their respective posts quick and decisive action is expected.

On Monday Japan unquestionably will seize Corea, and although Russia has previously intimated that it would not interfere, in view of that country's present attitude, developments are eagerly waited.

### YESTERDAY'S COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.

| COTTON:— | Open. | High. | Low. | Close |
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| March | 12.80 | | | 13.50 |
| May | 13 30 | | | 13.89 |
| July | 14.49 | | | 13.85 |
| Aug | | | | 13.30 |
| Oct | 11 40 | | | 11.45 |
| Dec | | | | |

### A & N C SHOPS BUSY.

New Cars for Freight, Log and Mail Service.

Work at the shops of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad is being pushed to its utmost capacity putting the rolling stock in shape for the spring and summer business.

Master Mechanic Green has issued orders for the immediate construction of 30 freight cars, 10 flats, 10 boxes and 10 log car trucks.

In addition to this, work has begun on one of the new express and mail cars to be built at once for the road. This car will be 60 feet long, and the mail department will be built according to the description of the Government, at Washington.

Combination car No 27 has just come out of the shops having beee rebuilt. The seating capacity enlarged and the baggage space doubled.

### MARITIME MATTERS.

Wireless Telegraph Station Hatteras. Pamlico Sound Light.

The officer in charge of the Branch Hydrographic Office at Philadelphia reports the following information received from the keeper of Cape Hatteras light station:

The De Forrest Wireless Telegraph Company has built for its system a skeleton structure 204 feet high, the structure being 23 feet square at the base and tapering to 8 feet at the top. It is constructed of wood, painted dark brown, and is in operation. It is located 1 mile north of Cape Hatteras lighthouse and is a conspicuous object from seaward.

About January 15, 1904, the fixed red light at Northwest Point of Royal Shoal light station, about 9 miles WNW. ½ W. from Ocracoke lightout, was permanently discontinued. The old lighthouse structure has been indicated on the charts as an old tower.

About January 15, 1904, a fourth-order light, flashing red every 10 seconds; illuminating the entire horizon, was established in the structure erected in about 11 feet of water on Bluff Shoal, Pamlico Sound. The focal plane of the light is elevated 38 feet above the water, and the light should be visible 11½ miles in clear weather. The structure consists of a foundation of 5 brown iron piles, surmounted by a square white wooden dwelling with a brown roof and black lantern.

The light is located by the bearings:

Ocracoke lighthouse.....SSE. 13-16 E., distant 7 9-16 miles.

Northwest Point Royal Shoal lighthouse.....SW. 15-16 W., distant 5½ miles.

Brant Island Shoal lighthouse.....WSW, 5-16 W., distant 11½ miles.

### Police Court News

Thomas White, was bound over to the Superior Court for trial for assault with a deadly weapon, under $95 bonds. The assault was committed December 26th.

Joe Scott was in court again on the charge of assault. He plead guilty and was telling the Mayor about it, saying that he did not want to have his wife learn of his trouble, he was very anxious the affair should be kept from his better half. While making his spiel he glanced around and saw his wife among the spectators. That was a blow that almost killed father. And Joe sat down and wept bitter tears promising that he would never commit an assault again.

### A Farmer's Sudden Death.

Mr James A Stanley, a farmer living about four miles from this city died suddenly yesterday afternoon of an attack of heart disease. He was coming to New Bern and when about a half mile from the city he became sick. He was hastened to the house of his sister, Mrs I H Pollock, for medical attention but he was dead before he reached the place.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at four o'clock at the family burial ground.

J J Baxter will open up a Millinery Store at J E Benton's old stand just opposite the Baptist church on Middle St, March 1st, 1904 with Miss Mamie Dawson in charge, who is now in New York, purchasing the goods.

## SCHOOL AID

Asked For by Fifty-Eight Counties.

What Some Counties Gain From School Fund. R. F. D. Routes. Business Outlook Good. No Private Bottles For Thirsty Raleighites.

Raleigh, February 6.—Fifty eight counties asked for aid from the State out of the fund of $100,000 for keeping their public schools open four months in the year. The largest sum allowed any one county is a little over $4,000. The board of education found that if a calculation were made it proved that those counties which asked for the largest amount were getting their public schools actually at less per capita than those which made no request at all for aid. Take the case of a Piedmont county one which has only $15,000 of school fund and yet has 10,000 children. Even with the aid which it gets from the state it receives only $2 a year per capita for its children, while in some counties which have made no request for help the per capita cost of four months schools is half a dollar to a dollar more than this figure. By taking the total school fund and adding to it what counties receive from this hundred thousand dollars, and then dividing the total amount by the number of children it is discovered that they get four months school at less cost per capita than those counties which make no call and also at less than the average per capita in the State.

The number of rural free delivery mail routes has reached 473, which is said to be a gain of over 150 during the past twelve months.

The business outlook in this State is said to be extremely good. The farmers are as a rule in better spirits than in a score of years or more. The prices of tobacco have advanced considerably, and this carries out the statement which was made by an official of the American Tobacco Company that prices must be advanced in order to induce the farmers to plant tobacco this year. It is said that about 40 per cent of the tobacco grown in this section is yet unsold.

The Board of Aldermen have by a decisive vote knocked out the scheme of some of the ex-bar-keepers to have lockers in their places in which customers were to keep their bottles. One of these saloon men has had these lockers in operation two or three weeks and full of private bottles, the keys for the lockers being hung on a board ready for customers hands.

The State charters the bank of Chadbourn with $25,000 capital stock.

### Light Ship For Cape Lookout Shoals.

Congressman Charles R Thomas has received the following letter from the Department of Commerce and Labor, dated February 3rd. This ship is to cost $90,000.

Hon. C. R. Thomas, M. C., House of Representatives, Washington. D. C.

Sir:—Referring to your letter dated 27 Jan'y, '04, this Department has the honor to state that the contract for building the Light-Vessel No 80, for use off Cape Lookout Shoals, N. C., provided for its completion and delivery on or before 17 December, '04.

Respectfully,
GEO. W. CORTELYOU,
Secretary.

### List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at New Bern, Craven county N. C. Feb. 8, 1904:

MEN'S LIST.

B—B L Brickhouse, Garfield cradle Babara.

C—J M Connor.

H—J H Hudson, James Hudderson, E M Howard.

J—Albert L Jones 11 R R St, Henry Jackson.

M—Edmond Moore 4 Fleet St.

O—John O'Brien, M F O'Neil, Tom Ormand.

R—Robt Rodgers.

S—Daniel Stanly, W B Simmons Jasper, N C.

T—Aaron Tripp, 10 mile St.

W—George West, R D 1.

WOMEN'S LIST.

B—Mrs Georgia Brown care C Simons, Milla Bell.

D—Misses Pearl and Madge Dauklin.

G—Sadie Gibbs, (D L.)

H—Miss Maria Hill, 8 Queen St.

L—Mrs Laura Latham.

P—Miss Gertrude Pope.

S—Mrs Mary A. Slade 67½ Broad St, Maria Stanton, Mrs Lucy Simons care C Simons.

W—Miss Lattie Wetherington 10—— St.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised and give date of list.

The regulations now require that (1 one cent shall be collected on the delivery of each advertised letter.

S. W. HANCOCK, P. M.