

HISTORICAL REMINISCENCES.

Col John D. Whitford's Third Article on Early New Bern and Vicinity.

BELLAIR.

It has been stated before Bellair became the home of Wilson Blount and here follows the evidence of it: Sunday Sept. 21st 1789 went to Wilson Blount's and spent the evening, saw there P. H. Leach. She is to be married next Thursday to Col. Spaight Sept 25th. She is a lovely girl!

The above is from the manuscript diary of William Attmore from which it was copied, a few years ago through the kindness of his grand-daughter Mrs Rebecca Attmore, and given to the writer. He was also the grand-father of Dr George Attmore of Stoneham, Pamlico county and the great grand father of Mr Wm H Oliver's children. Mr Oliver himself is the great grand son of the Madam Moore previously referred to. Mrs William Attmore was the daughter of Judge John Litgreaves. Col. Spaight soon afterwards Governor of North Carolina on the day and date given above, married Miss Polly Leach whose beauty and sprightliness at the time were proverbial. Her father, Col. Joseph Leach whose mansion then covered the ground where is now Mrs Basil Manly's residence and Col. Spaight's (he was a merchant) place of residence was where is Mr Samuel W. Smallwood's house. Undoubtedly Mr Smallwood's venerable and noble eypress on his lot could have antedated scenes transpiring under its shadow years and years before the Leach-Spaight time, and yet it lifts its top higher and higher as the days pass on seemingly defying the wreck of time.

From what we have read of Wilson Blount's praiseworthy life in his favor with standing one of the most noble and able acts as will be seen presently, therefore, did he to lug him in after a century in any disagreeable terms, yet the truth, it was a recording history should be held to strictly impartially as it might keep others out of similar troubles. Let us see how high point in society has ever been believed; a review of his life is a revelation in fact. It was from the records in the city of Wilson Blount as at the present time which he frequented and open spots in the houses of millionaires and the heads of a house.

Mr Blount was not over-powered with energy if he would have come down to us correctly. Himself and wife would differ and throw red hot words at each other where kind words should have been substituted. Finally, Mr Blount proposed a division of the rooms in the house and Mrs Blount joyfully accepted his proposition. Two friends were called to see as to how to make the allotment. They sat on the west side of the parlor though were placed hard white faces and they were given to Mr Blount, those on the east side of the passage were to be placed, but deemed good enough for Wil on Blount and accordingly proceeded to that gentleman. Mrs Blount, too, was given the right of way next the railing on and down the stairs. The two friends when through with the division had but one friend left in the house. Mr Blount would never again speak to either one for their kind-as in presenting him with cold bare neck walls, and they do indeed look cheerless. That was not all. The situation known to the Polly Leaches the William Attmore, the Colonel Spaight and others in the fashionable circle added immensely to the insult. In Mr Blount's opinion and put more glibly in his mouth. Mrs Blount after that turned her directed life at Bellair was a social individual in the cold, sure enough. But in many ways he was esteemed as a good citizen and if somewhat eccentric, highly honorable, and the more, let us bring him back to say to Mrs Blount, if man is dreadfully wicked and hateful in the opinion of the gentleman.

"Not he entailed destruction on our race. He like all men both subject and their King. Was wise enough but led by apron strings."

Mr Graham Richardson himself is sufficiently old to call the condition of the walls as given above. But now he is out of that danger—no bare walls for me.

To Colonel and Mrs Spaight were born three children, two boys, one R D Spaight who became Governor of North Carolina and the older Charles Spaight he died early in manhood, but was a member of the legislature of N. C. Mrs John R. Donnell was the daughter. Her husband for a number of years, a Judge of the Superior court of North Carolina and otherwise a distinguished citizen. Among her children was the Honorable R B Donnell, a gentleman of exalted worth, and among her grand-children Mrs Margaret D. Nelson, our highly esteemed citizen residing at the corner of Broad and East Front Streets, New Bern.

It is well known that Col. Joseph Leach was an important officer with Governor Tryon at the Battle of Alamance. Leach or Hog Island six miles above New Bern, Fronting Neuse River was owned by him and at one time he farmed there, thus the lands of Fovell and Mellween and his own were divided by Bachelor Creek, only on that line. Thus they were neighbors.

In after years and not so many, a dark man to call himself John Garrathes Blunt, though better known towards the close of his life as "Barber Jack" got a farm in the midst of the descendants of those old farmers east of Bellair mansion perhaps a mile or two, yet in plain view of it. This colored man had in some respects a remarkable career. His mother a pure blood African girl was either captured or purchased with a string of beads from some African King

and carried to the West India Islands, there a Captain Stewart of one of John Wright Stanley's vessels purchased her and on his arrival at New Bern presented her to his wife, Mrs Lidia Stewart. On the walls of the Presbyterian Church can now be seen a monument to Mrs Stewart's memory. In the course of time a boy was born to the African woman at New Bern and when of sufficient age put to the barbers trade. A West India negro before brought here in some vessel at the head of the shop, taking his name from his master, John Carruthers and the name in part was fixed on the apprentice himself, adding the Blunt when Mrs Stewart had him emancipated in the Legislature in 1808. (To be continued).

CONGRESSMAN THOMAS' SUCCESS.

He Begins Work Early And Gets Results Early by Securing a Very Large Appropriation.

The Journal of Thursday announced in a special that Congressman Thomas' bill providing for a new revenue cutter had passed the lower house of congress.

The cutter is to supersede the Boutwell and will be the best of its class. This is the largest appropriation in a separate bill obtained at this session and is also the largest appropriation for the States.

Following is the committee report on the bill and also the copy of the bill as passed:

REPORT.

The Committee on Interests and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H R 2510) for the construction of a steam revenue cutter, adapted to service in the waters of Albemarle and Pamlico sounds, North Carolina, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the Treasury Department, as will appear by the letter attached hereto, which is made a part of this report.

Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary, Washington, Dec 11, 1903.

Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt of letter of the 7th instant concerning House bill 2510, providing for the construction of a steam revenue cutter adapted to service in the waters of Albemarle and Pamlico sounds, North Carolina, to which suggestions as may be deemed proper touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

In reply I have to say that a new vessel is needed to take the place of the steamer Boutwell, now on duty in the waters of North Carolina. This vessel is over 30 years of age, is virtually worn out, and ill adapted for the duty required.

The original cost of the Boutwell was \$70,000. Since her purchase repairs amounting to nearly \$60,000 have been made to the vessel. She now requires very extensive repairs, including new decks, new boiler, and general overhaul, and it is not considered for the interests of the service to put other than minor repairs upon this vessel.

I recommend the passage of the bill, which is herewith returned.

Respectfully, L M SUAW, Secretary.

To the Chairman of the Committee on Interests and Foreign Commerce House of Representatives.

A bill for the construction of a steam revenue cutter adapted to service in the waters of Albemarle and Pamlico sound North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to construct a steam revenue cutter of the first class, adapted to service in the waters of Albemarle and Pamlico sounds and Neuse river, North Carolina, at a cost not to exceed the sum of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

COLORED BR KEMAN HURT

Another Accident On The A & N C Railway, At Kinston.

Kinston Free Press 16th.

John Ashley, a colored brakeman on the A & N C freight train, fell under the wheels of the cars this morning about 11 o'clock and was seriously, probably fatally, injured. The right arm was cut off at the shoulder and there was also a fracture of the skull at the right temple.

The accident occurred at the stock pen of the station at McLowman street crossing this city, and was probably occasioned by Ashley, who was hanging on a ladder of the car, being dragged from his perch by the fence of the stock pen, and thrown under the wheels.

This is presumed to be the way he fell under the wheels, from the statement made by other members of the train crew who did not see it out go to in a few seconds.

The injured man was taken immediately to a physician's office and an operation performed, but the extent of the injury is so great little hope is entertained of his recovery.

Ashley was a new man, commencing work for the company only yesterday, and very little could be learned from his fellow workmen concerning him. He was apparently about 25 years old.

The railroad company, through their agent here and attorney, is having every possible attention rendered the injured man and every effort is being made to save his life.

PEOPLE OF THE DAY

Johnson of Minnesota. One of the most remarkable results of the recent elections was the victory of John A. Johnson, who was elected Governor of Minnesota on the Democratic ticket, while the Republican candidate for the presidency received a plurality of about 125,000. Mr. Johnson beat his opponent by 10,000 votes.



JOHN A. JOHNSON.

His victory seems to have been in a great measure due to the partiality of the American voters for a self-made man.

During the campaign it was charged that Mr. Johnson was an ungrateful son and that his mother had been a washerwoman. In the investigation instituted by the press it was shown that Mr. Johnson's father, through intemperance, had left his family and that young Johnson at the age of fourteen was the chief support of his mother and several brothers and sisters.

His mother did take in washing for a time, but not after her son was able to support her.

Mr. Johnson is a newspaper editor, was born in St. Peter, Minn., in 1862 and is of Swedish parentage. He first worked as a grocer's boy, then became a druggist, and eventually, at the age of twenty-four, acquired an interest in the St. Peter Herald, which he has since edited. He gradually rose in the esteem of the community and was sent to the state senate, where his record was so honorable that he was selected by his party to make the fight for the governorship.

A Long Story.

Speaking of the confused idea which some easterners have of the climatic condition of Seattle, General Edgar R. Champlin, former mayor of Cambridge, Mass., recently related the following incident at the Hotel Washington: "Take John D. Long for an instance.

When, as secretary of the navy, the idea of building a government canal from Puget sound to Lake Union was first suggested to Mr. Long, he grasped the arm of his chair and leaped half out of it as he fairly thundered: "What! Tie up government vessels in the ice for eight months! No, sir! No, sir!"—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Noted Panama Fighter.

General Estaban Huertas, whose resignation of the post of commander in chief of the army of Panama has just been accepted by President Amador, will retain the rank of general, unattached, but with a salary, which is equivalent to a pension.

General Huertas is a small man physically, being only about five feet high. He has, however, won an enviable reputation for valor and military skill. While an officer of the Colombian army he was victorious in thirty-



GENERAL ESTABAN HUERTAS.

six battles, in one of which he lost his right hand. When Panama declared its independence General Huertas was in command of the troops on the isthmus and gave his allegiance to the new state. Subsequently he was made commander in chief of the army of the republic of Panama. He has been succeeded by General Guardia, who is also secretary of war. The standing army of the isthmus has been reduced to twenty-five men.

He Knows "All."

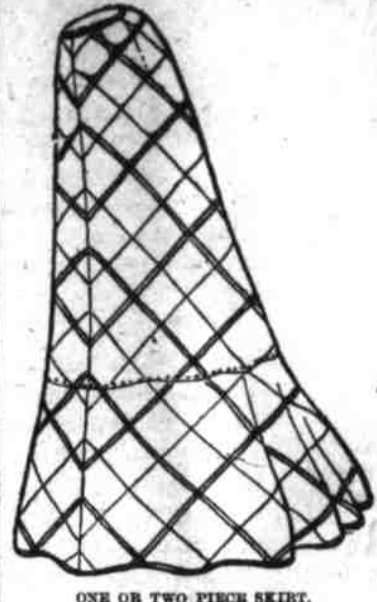
Here is the exact answer of a New York schoolboy to the question, "What is the meaning of the word 'hall'?" how many other words are there that sound like 'hall,' and what are their meanings?" "Hall, were you open the door and go in; hawl, hawling along a boy that won't go to school; aul, what the shoemaker charges you 25 cents for to aul your shoe; all, all, everybody in the world."—Success.

A New Game.

Take a head of lettuce. Slightly loosen as many leaves as possible, pasting on each a printed slip bearing the name of a vegetable with the letters badly mixed. Each player pulls out a leaf and endeavors to arrange the letters to spell the name which is written on the slip. The game ends when no more leaves remain to be pulled. The player who secures the most may be crowned with a wreath of autumn leaves.

WOMAN AND FASHION

Designs For a Skirt. This is an excellent design for a skirt for plaid as well as plain fabrics. It is circular in shape and may be of one or two piece construction. If made of plaid goods it should be cut with the



ONE OR TWO PIECE SKIRT.

matched bias edges at center of front. Darts arranged in upper part give a smooth fit over hips. Provision is made for inverted box plait or habit back and for round or medium sweep. Black and white plaid was selected for the making, but several materials are suitable, such as serge, mohair, cheviot and broadcloth. The medium size requires five and three-quarter yards of forty-four inch material.

Cloth Costumes In Favor.

A great many navy blue cloth costumes are to be seen. Generally the revers and collar are in contrasting colors—red, blue and green velvet being the most worn. Beige and gray are much in favor, and there is a distinct return to covert coating in public favor. Some smart women are wearing sack back coats in this material with immense pearl buttons; others wear the same material made with the popular "skirt" basques. A remarkably pretty figure is required to stand this innovation. Skirts are almost without exception made with two flounces very slightly gored and bordered with rows of stitching or bias folds of the material stitched. White cloth is still much worn. Women seem to cling to the memory of the successful "white" summer gown and have transferred their fidelity only to a warmer edition of the same charming fashion.

HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Thirty-two new trotters entered the 2:10 list the past season. Graciano, 2:17 1/2, by Directum, 2:05 1/2, sold for \$3,000 at auction recently.

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CRACKED WHEAT.

Crush in a fine coffee mill two quarts of clean wheat. Place the crushed wheat in a large pan and moisten it with cold water. Then fill the pan with boiling water, stirring the wheat constantly. Set it in the oven and cook slowly for three hours, stirring and adding water as needed. Salt to taste before it is quite done. There will be five quarts when it is cooked. It is delicious in milk or with cream and a little sugar. It can be served hot or cold.

THE CHIFFON RECKE.

Puffed chiffon ruffings are a new idea and a good one. A puff of chiffon, a band of lace and a ruffle of chiffon—and there's a pretty cuff or top of bodice without labor whatsoever. And, when used for cuffs they can be turned, with the edge forward or back, as the taste prefers. They're very pretty, and they are sure to sit well and to stay. The price is only \$1 a yard.

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BREVITIES

THE HALL OF FAME. Manuel Parra, at one time a noted singer, is living in London. He is 100 years old.

Ex-Senator Don Cameron of Pennsylvania and his family will make their home in Washington in future.

Former President Cleveland has a beagle hound called Browale which accompanies his distinguished master everywhere.

Judge Andrew J. Harlan of Savannah, Mo., is the only surviving member of the Thirty-first congress. He was born in Ohio in 1815.

Henry Weber was a reporter on a Denver paper a few months ago. He promoted mining companies in Colorado and Nevada, and now he is a millionaire.

Alfred Beit, the South African Croesus, promises an amount of money for educational purposes that threatens to rival the sums given away by Andrew Carnegie.

John Hollingshead, a famous London theater manager, who died recently, is credited with the discovery of the collaborative genius of W. S. Gilbert and the late Sir Arthur Sullivan.

Ex-Judge Alton B. Parker, the Democratic candidate for the presidency, has opened a law office in New York. He has not entered into any partnership and will make New York city his future home.

During the season just closed A. L. Cook of Norway, Me., shot 200 partridges and woodcock over his pointer Sport. This is the dog's fifth season in the cover, and the record shows that he has aided in the slaughter of 849 birds during that time.

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McSORLEY'S Letter From Santa Claus To All the Little and Big Children.

DEAR MR. MCSORLEY: I write to let you know I will be at your store on Xmas Eve, sure. I have just finished making the toys and pretty things for this year and will send them all to you at once by a special Reindeer Express. Please tell the boys and girls that I will be with you so that they can tell their papas and mamas where to find me. I wish you would also tell the children they must every one be in bed and sound asleep by 8 o'clock Xmas Eve, for it makes me feel very small to have a bad boy or girl see me come down a chimney, or, even worse, a crooked stove pipe. I send my love to all the good boys and girls—and had ones too, for I love them all alike. Your old friend, SANTA CLAUS.

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Evolution of the Horse.

Thanks to the discoveries of the American naturalists, we possess now an almost complete series of links connecting the small five-toed mammal of the lower eocene rocks with the winners of the Derby. Two or three million years come between the earliest and the latest form, and the primitive is so unlike the perfected animal that no one would ever have supposed the one to be derived from the other but for the finding of the continuous series.

Such interest has been given to this subject by the recent researches of Professor Osborn, Professor Ewart and Professor Ridgway. One of the results of inquiry goes to show that there has been not one line of descent, but at least five, leading to as many varieties. In this tale of development the strangest feature is the gradual diminution in the number of toes until we arrive at the present one-toed animal. The so-called foot of the horse is the single remaining toe, so that, in fact, the animal walks, as the Cambridge Zoology says, on the very points of its finger and toe nails, and it possesses only one finger on each hand (or forefoot) and one toe on each foot, and yet "next to the wings of a bird the feet of a horse are the most finished organs of locomotion in the animal kingdom."—London Telegraph.

Volunteer Chorus Girls.

"What chance have I," said a girl to me recently, "against that?" She had unconsciously glanced down at a shabby shoe and a well worn skirt. She had been "out" for a couple of months. Her savings were all gone, and, though she did not admit it, a little observation could tell that she and hunger were not on unfamiliar terms.

Certainly the most sanguine of mortals would not back her in a contest for employment against the girl she had pointed to. "That," as she so bitterly called her, had dress, pocket money and a comfortable home from an indulgent father. The only wages she asked from a theatrical manager was to be allowed a chance of gratifying her vanity by posing on a stage. Her dress and appearance were an advertisement of prosperity for any touring company.

"Can it be wondered that she and others like her are every day driving trained and hardworking actresses deeper and deeper into the slough of poverty and despair?"—T. P.'s Weekly.

Steps Toward the Ideal.

The dream of the ages has been of the ideal time when nations shall learn war no longer. For the first time in human history there is an organized effort in that direction, dating from The Hague conference and the establishment of the court of arbitration. The fierce struggle in South Africa, with its ghastly death roll and its enormous financial burden, was an object lesson to the English people especially and to all civilized nations in general. The present war in the far east has intensified the popular horror of war and is building up a still stronger feeling in favor of peaceful means for settling international disputes. Probably the time is far distant when war will be but a relic of the past, but the nations are traveling the road which leads to its extinction.

Cotton Picked by Machine.

A cotton picking machine has been invented by a planter in Georgia in which a current of air is set up in a tube by means of a suitably arranged fan or blower, the suction thus produced serving to remove from the plants the open bolls of cotton which are ready for picking and to convey them through a tubular conduit and then through the blower mechanism into the receptacle. This apparatus is mounted on wheels and is designed to be driven down the rows of cotton plants in the field. As the end of the suction tube passes over the open bolls the cotton is separated from the plant.—American Exporter.

An Unnecessary Distinction.

The two expressions "by and by" and "by the bye" are really derived from the same original word, and the words "by" and "bye" have the same general sense. But the spelling "bye" has long been used in the second of these phrases without any real reason for the change. We should not speak of a bye law or a bye path, and yet many are careful to write "by the bye" and "by the by." In "goodbye" there might be some reason for keeping the final "e," since it stands for the word "ye" in the shortened form of "God be with ye;" but where so much has been dropped the "e" is hardly worth keeping, especially as the old meaning is seldom recalled.—St. Nicholas.

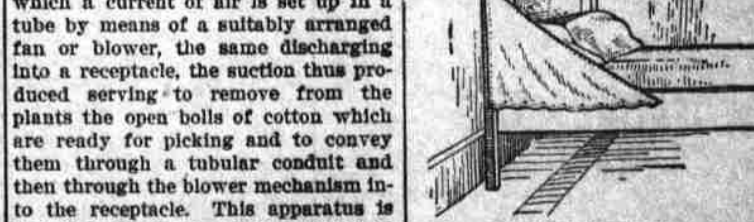
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Protecting Children's Beds.

The illustration shows a device for keeping the air from an open window from blowing upon the heads of sleeping children and also for keeping restless little sleepers from falling out of bed. A triangular piece of cloth is



BED PROTECTOR. tacked with round headed brass tacks to the side of the bed. The upper corner has a ring to go over a brass hook in the headboard. During the day this piece of cloth can be folded in under the mattress. If made of some pretty material and neatly bound this addition to the bed's furnishings will not look at all unattractive if left in place during the day.

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