

Punta Gorda, Fla. Jan 25.

Editor Journal. Aow is the weather in N. C. now? In Punta Gorda it is fair and warm today...

The fruit crop has been one of the best in many years, all the dealers are having good returns from their shipments...

The health of this community is good no deaths to report, nor sickness, mortal in our place...

The big Hotel "Punta Gorda" has 83 boarders in now, and some 75 more booked for soon.

Mr J J Simmons of N. C. was here a few days ago.

Dr R V Pierce and family of Buffalo, N. Y., in his house yacht "Whim Wham" is here journeying in our waters.

Locally the news is something new every day, citizens are moving and removing, some are selling out and moving away, others are buying and moving in.

Mr J A Newsome one of the old merchants here has sold out to a new man, Mr F H Bount.

Mr E A Baughman a trucker, has sold out to a new man, Messrs Putnam & Co.

Notwithstanding all this moving and removing, Punta Gorda is still moving along on the increase in population, five years ago, she had according to 1900 census, 850 souls...

Last week we got a letter from a gentle man in N. C. wanting information about property here, said he wanted to come to Punta Gorda to live, provided he could get a piece to suit him...

Mr H Thomas Bell and Miss Annie Strickland were happily married on Sunday night the 15th, at the home of the bride's mother...

Mr F F Perkins is shipping pine apples now at the rate of 100 crates per week.

Capt Clem Tolson a Swansboro man is running the Chas S. Wallace, a steam launch for the Punta Gorda Fish Co.

The mother of the wife of E W Smith, our Punta Gorda fish man, died last week at Southport, N. C.

What has become of Mr. C. B. F. of Swansboro, or any correspondent from that post. We would like to hear from Swansboro once in a year at least...

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Resolutions of Respect. Eureka Lodge No. 71, O. O. F. has lost by death Brother Henry L Hall one of its oldest and most useful members.

Resolved that we deeply deplore his loss and will greatly miss his presence from the Lodge meetings...

Brother Hall was an Odd Fellow of many long years standing having joined the order in 1873 as a charter member of Berns Lodge No. 71, I. O. O. F. and when that Lodge was consolidated with Eureka Lodge No. 71, I. O. O. F. he became a member of Eureka Lodge and has held his membership in said Lodge since.

Brother Hall has been a faithful and useful member, through all the long days of the past serving his Lodge faithfully in every manner in his power, always generous and liberal in the good works of the order...

Brother Hall is now at rest from his labors among his fellow men, a long and useful life is ended but his faithfulness and good works follow after him, pleasant memories will long be cherished by those who felt his kindness oftenest in charitable and kindly acts.

Brother Hall has held many positions of trust and honor in our Lodge. Faithfulness and kindness marked his every act.

Resolved further that we deeply feel the loss of Brother Hall and will greatly miss his presence from our midst.

That we extend his bereaved family our sincerest sympathies and good wishes.

That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, a copy sent his family and a copy published in the New Bern Journal and Opheas Home.

Respectfully submitted, H. B. HOLLAND, F. GEROCK, JOSEPH COHEN, Committee.

POLLOCKSVILLE. The farmers are making very little progress for another crop, they seem very discouraged.

We notice there has and is more moving from place to place by the people than we have seen in many years.

Farmers seem at sea as to what to plant this year for a money crop. Some suggest tobacco, some corn, peas and potatoes with pork for a money getter.

We think it is generally determined to decrease the acreage of cotton and buy less guano, they say the manufacture of guano has raised the price several dollars per ton hence they will buy very little this year as it will not pay them to buy for cotton crop.

Mr Charlie Whitty will soon be able to move in his large and commodious new store, which when completed will be one of the largest in this county being 30 by 80 feet one story wood building.

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A SECOND OLD MAN OF THE SBA. \$25,000,000 to The American Beef Trust is Rebates Prohibited by Law.

"The foundations of the American Beef Trust that now ramifies in so many directions and affects so many millions in so many ways rest solely and squarely upon the railroad rebate, and upon nothing else" says Charles E Russell in the first article of his series on "The Greatest Trust in the World," Everybody's Magazine for February.

"Discriminating rates and advantages for the big houses against the little, that was the source of the trust. It was so with the Standard Oil Company; the story of that great monopoly is only repeated with more disastrous results. The utterly illegal, utterly indefensible, utterly unjust and anarchistic rebate is it not strange that having seen one Old Man of the Sea rise from this source and be saddled upon us, we allow the same cause to produce another?"

"True, all rebates, all special advantages, all concessions, reductions, and variations from published tariff rates, all preferences of one shipper over another, are condemned and forbidden in the Inter-State Commerce Act of the United States; no prohibition was ever written into law more expressly and positively than this. In spite of all, the American Beef Trust from its initial stage, as a 'gentlemen's agreement,' received rebates on all the railroads of the United States in receiving them today, and will continue to receive them for many days to come, law or no law. Does this suggest any reflections to your mind? Here is the law as clear, as emphatic as any law ever written, and here is the plain fact of its incessant violation, and from that violation has come the most oppressive and most exacting tyranny of our commerce. Probably in this year of grace the railroads of this country will pay to the American Beef Trust \$25,000,000 in the rebates that are prohibited by law; everybody that knows anything of the subject will know that they are paid. It will appear on the books of the various railroad companies that they are paid; and there will not be raised one hand anywhere to enforce the law and stop the payments."

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ONSLOW COUNTY FARMERS. Prosperous And Able to Hold Cotton Have Their Home Supplies Made.

Your correspondent spent ten days in this month visiting in Onslow county, where he found most of last year's crop of cotton stored away for higher prices. They told as they could hold the cotton well as to sell it, as they would only have the trouble to make another crop and be no better off by the transaction.

They are generally well to do farmers in that section. They do the one thing all farmers should first do, make first all the supplies necessary for the next years support of the farm. That one feature alone will make an independent farmer and a prosperous community.

They don't know what a mortgage is, but few have ever taken or given one, they have credit for all they will buy at the neighboring stores.

While on New River last week we had the pleasure of visiting the farm of Mr. J W Granger, of Kingston, who has purchased the old David W Simmons place from Mr Truslow of N. Y. Mr John Smith is manager, who was for many years with Mr J L Rhen and later with Mr. Spencer his successor, and is well gratified for the position he is holding.

They have made many needed changes and much improvement to the property. They will plant this year 300 acres in truck, peas, beans, cucumbers and potatoes. In a few years we think they will have a model truck farm and one that will yield a bountiful return for the investment, as the land is naturally adapted to truck and responds abundantly to fertilizers.

While in Jacksonville last week we had the privilege of examining the new court house which will be completed and turned over to the commissioners in a few weeks. It is quite a credit to the county and fills a long felt want. It is conveniently arranged in every detail, the comforts of jurors being one feature worth note. We would surely be glad if our commissioners would petition the legislature to pass an act allowing them to issue bonds to build a similar court house in this, Jones, county. The old wooden barn building is a reflection on the wealth and intelligence of the county. Gladly would we bear our share of the tax for this purpose. Commissioners would it not be wise to take this matter up before the adjournment of the present legislature?

Free Press On A & N C Lease. N C Railroad. Lessee Howland needs the money and we are the easiest proposition in sight. Q E D.

The Raleigh papers don't seem to know that there is any disaffection at all along the A & N C railroad.

That meeting proposed for Thursday night in the Court House to consider the operation of the Howland lease ought to be well attended.

While the A C L and Lessee Howland are agreeing on so many things, we would be glad if they would agree on a Union depot for Kingston.

New Bern has Pamlico sound and Goldboro has the railroad money and other things. Kingston seems to be holding the bag as a snake hunt.

ANOTHER COLD WAVE. Catches New Bernians Unawares And Causes Some Unpleasant Thoughts About The Sunny South.

The elements had another sudden whirl Tuesday night and from balmy breezes to freezing temperature was an exhibit of the fickleness of nature which was not altogether pleasurable.

The storm was a hard felt one, more in the eastern States than elsewhere. Saw fell in large quantities in the north and as far south as Goldboro.

Accompanying the storm was a brisk wind which has a peculiarity of making itself disagreeable often times. The mercury went down to 23 degrees here and it was one of the cold periods of the winter. The change was more than 80 degrees.

Sunday Closing. City Pharmacists Take Decided Action On The Matter.

The Drug Stores of New Bern will inaugurate a new order of things next Sunday, January 29th. Only two stores, one up town and the other down town will remain open all day to accommodate the public the others will close at 11 o'clock in the morning.

This practice will be observed every Sunday, the druggists alternating as to who shall be open all day.

Those who will remain open all day next Sunday will be C D Bradham, downtown and Dr Leicester Duffy until 10:30 p. m.

Joy and happiness oftentimes in mothers hearts are brought to dwell because "TERRINA" brought the bloom to baby's cheeks and made it well.

Anodynes only soothe and lull to sleep "TERRINA" cures the child. Regulates the bowels and saves the parents many sleepless nights of care and anxiety.

The high west wind blew the water out of the rivers yesterday and it was very low. The steamer Neuse was hard ground in her slip and was delayed several hours.

The wedding of Miss Ella May Stallings to Mr George Lyter Parker of Enfield N C, was quietly solemnized last Tuesday at the home of the bride's parents in this city. Rev G T Adams performed the ceremony. Mr and Mrs Parker have gone to Enfield to make their future home.

A citizen remarked Wednesday that if there was no other complaint could be brought against the Howland Improvement Company, the condition of South Front Street was sufficient cause for one. That street from Hancock up along the line of railroad track is a disgrace to the city. Drays have to drive a good part of the way in the same ruts, there is scarcely any drainage, and altogether it might be said to be as bad or worse than some old lumber road in the woods. It was understood that the railroad was to keep up the street for right of way over it.

Mr J J Royal has sold that tract of Banks land east of his Money Island bathing pavilion to the Howland Improvement Company. Mr Royal has spent much time and money to attract visitors to that beautiful beach, and we are glad that he will have neighbors with abundance of means to develop the prettiest location on the Atlantic coast. We think another year will see that beach covered with cottages and a trolley line from this city there, and probably a magnificent hotel over there.—Morehead City Coaster.

Free Delivery will begin at Kingston on March 1st.

The recent cold spell has caused a stagnation in news as well as in other branches of industry and it is to be hoped that warmer weather will come speedily for the benefit of the reading public.

The steamer Oceanoke was tied up at Roanoke Island Tuesday night or account of low water. She did not arrive at New Bern until late yesterday.

The cold wave continued yesterday, the weather of the morning being rather severer than that of the day before, but it moderated during the day. The lowest temperature was 19 degrees while that of the day before was 23 degrees.

The first case of the year before the police court was heard by Mayor Ellis yesterday. Elijah Jones was on trial for disorderly conduct and was a ceased the cost.

ARAPAHOE. Our people are now anticipating one of the most needed improvements that has been agitated in our little town, that is a good school building built for the convenience of our growing population.

SEVEN HOUSES BURNED. Goldboro Is Visited by a Destructive Fire.

The Goldboro Fire Department had a busy time Tuesday night in fighting fire that consumed seven dwellings. The fire broke out shortly after nine o'clock in one of the tenement houses in the north east part of the city belonging to H B Parker.

A high wind was blowing at the time and before the flames could be controlled all the buildings had burned to the ground. They were small and some of them unoccupied. Most of them had recently been built. Damages were estimated at \$2,000.

The Oyster Law. We see that Representative Warren of Jones has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to increase the tax on all grades of oysters 1 cent a bushel and that the joint committee on oyster interests have not and have appointed Senator Beasley and Representative Etheridge and Woodard to visit the oyster grounds and to investigate the necessity of raising this tax.

We cannot see the need of increasing this tax. As a class of people the oyster men are very poor and have no other means of livelihood than oystering and fishing. They pay a privilege or license tax and in addition they pay a tax of so much per bushel on all the oysters they catch. This is in addition to the tax they pay on their personal and real property; if they happen to be fortunate enough to have any. The increase of this tax would be a very great detriment to the oyster men, as it all comes out of their pockets. As a rule, the majority of them are Democrats and it does not seem right that the Democratic party should be the party to impose such a hardship upon them. We sincerely trust that the Legislature will not increase the tax. A. B. C.

ASKINS. The following is the program for the township Sun Day school convention, to be held with Oak Grove Church Feb. 12, 1906:

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