

Pledges Coming In.

Atlanta, Ga., March 31.—In addition to the pledges of the farmers throughout the south to reduce their acreage 25 per cent, there are two reasons in addition to the pledges which are further evidences of the fact that acreage is certain to be reduced. The first is that the farmers all over the southern States are further behind with their work this year than in many years past and they have not the time now to get their land in the proper condition for planting cotton.

Another reason, and perhaps the most important besides the pledge of the farmer to curtail his acreage, is the scarcity of labor throughout the south. For several years past negroes have been rapidly leaving the farms, taking to railroads, saw mills and turpentine distilleries. Very few of them remain between the plow-handles, that is a very few in comparison to the number that worked on farms five years ago, and this year they are scarcer than ever.

With very little labor a farmer can not begin to tend the cotton land he had in cultivation last year, and he must necessarily cut his acreage in proportion to his labor. But a large majority of the people who have signed the pledge to reduce their cotton acreage are going to do so, and those who have not signed will be forced in a large measure to do so anyhow because of the few laborers for farm work, and the short time left them in which to get their planting done.

Southern Cotton Association

is daily in receipt of advice of the reduction of acreage everywhere, and hundreds of pledges from leading planters in every section are constantly being forwarded to the headquarters of the association, which is additional evidence of the fact that acreage is certain to be reduced. It has been estimated that if every farmer in the south would cut off one row of cotton \$1,000,000 bales less would be the result in 1905.

Fashions in Parasols.

Hand painted parasols—the parasol must match the gown. The idea of harmony which prevails at the present time is responsible for this decidedly smart and pretty idea. With a matching frock and hat, the parasol must be suitable. There will be nothing smarter or more inexpensive than these hand painted parasols. So far they are exclusive. It will certainly be several years before these become common enough to be tiresome. Their price puts them out of the reach of the bargain hunter from la art de la mode.

E. Brown, promoter of Jones-Adams

Congress of Novelists has arrived in the city and taking off the arrangements to complete the arrival of company to this city and he says that speaking without a doubt that they have the latest novelties that are new to sight-seekers, carrying an array of fine novel attractions that are not worn out but are wonderful and instructive. Their number 12 paid attractions, 3 free attractions, and the greatest show of existence. Trained Animal show with the greatest animal history, the Man Eating Lion Wallace and a Novel Romance true to life, the Great Train Robbery. Mr. Brown will be in the city until company arrives.

The fishing sport has begun in good

earnest and reports of hook and line catches are coming in thick. Yesterday Major Pope and Deputy United States Marshal, R. W. Ward caught 75 pectoral beauties of the open mouth club variety.

The engine in the Pepsi-Cola factory was set running for the first time Thursday. The regular manufacture of Pepsi-Cola will commence Monday.

There was a marked difference in the weather yesterday. The temperature rose to over 80 degrees Thursday but it was only 60 or 65 degrees yesterday.

This is all fools day and is especially appropriate for all other people except ourselves.

The baseball season is upon us and interest will soon be centered on the great national sport. New Bern is going to have a team composed of good players and some fine games are promised.

F. M. Bowden & Son have put a very neat and attractive delivery wagon in service this week.

The work of plumbing in the new Methodist church which has been done by Mr. Ed. Hicks of Newark, N. J., is about completed and doubtless is the finest job in the line in the city. It has been constructed on principles in accord with sanitary science and it shows how good plumbing differs from bad and how easy it is to have good plumbing.

The annual report of the president of the Guilford Battle Ground Co. Joseph M. Murchison has been issued. It states the object of the company is to preserve the historic place of land known as the Guilford Battlefield.

The schooner Thomas J. Shrock, Capt. Insley, arrived yesterday from Baltimore loaded with fertilizer material for Meadows guano factory.

Mrs. S. Copley has purchased of Mr. Mark Dismorey, the large residence on Hancock street which was formerly his home.

His many friends in this city, will be pleased to read the following account of the illness of Mr. J. B. Taylor which was reported in the News-Observer: "Mr. J. B. Taylor, proprietor of Taylor's Cafe, in this city, who yesterday suffered a stroke of paralysis, and who was found unconscious on the sidewalk by a negro tramp and taken to his home, is reported to be better today. Mrs. Taylor in a most kind and thoughtful manner has been to the hospital."

A Bradwell child often ends in a sad accident. To hasten accidental injuries, use Buckle's Arnica Salve. "A dog waded in my foot from an accident," writes Theodore Scheide, of Columbus, O., "caused me great pain. Physicians were helpless, but Buckle's Arnica Salve quickly healed it." Another sad death from the cause of all diseases.

A very interesting relic of years gone was shown to The Free Press by Mr. S. H. Rountree, Sr. It is a copy of "The Newbernian," a weekly paper published in New Bern bearing the date of September 7, 1847, during the progress of the Mexican war. Little news is contained in the issue, but some very interesting reading matter touching issues of that day is found among the communications published in the paper.—Free Press, 31st.

A fire, consuming stubble, brush and trees burned fiercely along the line of the P. O. & W. railway, yesterday, threatening that property with destruction. The fire was over a half mile in extent and burned to the river and considerable along the shore. The smoke and flames greatly hindered work in that section.

Died.

In this city, March 31st, Mrs. Marriett S. Palmer, relict of the late Maj. W. L. Palmer, in her 87th year. The funeral services will be held this afternoon, at 3 o'clock at Centenary Methodist Episcopal church.

BARFOOTS MILLINERY OPENING.

Choice and Unique Display of Ladies' Head-gear for the Spring and Summer Wear.

The last and one of the prettiest of the spring millinery openings was seen yesterday at Barfoot Bros. store. The dress goods and notions in the store were on display and the millinery department was artistically arranged in forms, palms and flowers. The opening was skillfully conducted by Miss Maria Frochwater assisted by the lady clerks in the store. Among the patterns that should be especially mentioned is the Napoleon shape made of maline and silk brim with exquisite plumes. There is a polk with shell brim with chiffon facing with pink roses and ribbon. The high back turbans were in evidence and the Marie Antonette and Charlotte Corday shapes in lace and flowers. The shirt-waist and street hats a line in which Barfoot makes a specialty will be shown on Monday. The stock in dress hats surpasses those of all previous seasons in style and shape and the prices are low for the quality.

Children's hats will also be on display Monday.

Found Not Guilty.

The Kingston Free Press 31st says: The jury in the George Hawkins case returned a verdict of not guilty in the convening of court for the morning session today. They were given the case last night about 10 o'clock, and though having the case all night it was said they were practically agreed on their verdict soon after they got the case, with the exception of two or three jurors who wanted some few points discussed more fully than they could in the first condition they naturally were late last night. Hence the final verdict was not reached until this morning.

The killing for which Hawkins was tried was purely self defense and a deed for which he was justified by neighbors and friends.

Valuable to a High Degree.

Wilmington Dispatch.

The New Bern Journal is advocating a paid fire department for the thriving city the paper represents. Its advocacy is certainly in behalf of something that will prove of great benefit to any town. Wilmington tried the paid fire department system and still has it, growing more and more in love with it every day. Such a department is a big improvement over the previous way of fighting fire, though the old volunteer department rendered splendid service and was composed of energetic fearless fire fighters. But the paid department is necessarily more alert and more ready for action, for the men are always on hand to respond to an alarm and they learn by experience and careful training a perfect system of fighting fire and also good "team work."

The Wilmington paid department, which has been in existence now for a number of years, has rendered valuable service and has thrown a strong arm of protection around the city in the way of self-guarding against heavy fire losses.

Naturally the insurance rate is less under a paid department than under a volunteer one, as much as an there is reason for a difference between the rates on an open house and a grocery store. There exists a wide difference in the risk. There are no avocations that call for a higher insurance rate than others and so it is with the fire insurance terms. Consequently it can be seen that a city enjoys not only strong protection under a paid department, but also enjoys the privilege of low insurance rates. This makes a saving both ways, which more than balances the expense of the paid department. Not only does the saving come from the low insurance rates, but it comes by less disastrous conflagrations. The saving in that direction is large, for fire losses are never covered fully by insurance and a prospective loss always results in business being stopped at least temporarily, and people thrown out of employment for that length of time.

Wilmington would not and could not afford to part with her paid fire department and New Bern will do well to get one.

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GOOD BLOOD TELLS ITS OWN STORY

And tells it eloquently in the bright eye, the supple, elastic movement, the smooth, soft skin, glowing with health, a body sound and well, an active brain; good appetite and digestion, refreshing sleep, energy to perform the duties and capacity to enjoy the pleasures of life. The blood is the most vital part of the body; every organ, muscle, tissue, nerve, sinew and bone is dependent on it for nourishment and strength, and as it circulates through the system, pure and strong, it furnishes to these different parts all the healthful qualities nature intended. When, from any cause, the blood becomes impure or diseased, it tells a different story, quite as forcible in its way. Itching, burning skin diseases, muddy, sallow complexions, disfiguring sores, boils, carbuncles, etc., show the presence, in the blood, of some foreign matter or poison. Rheumatism, Catarrh, Contagious Blood Poison and Scrofula, are effects of a deeply poisoned blood circulation. These may either be inherited or acquired, but the seat of trouble is the same—the blood. S. S. S., a purely vegetable blood remedy, cleanses and purifies the circulation and makes it strong and clean. Under its purifying and tonic effects all poisons and impurities are expelled from the blood, the general health is built up, all disfiguring eruptions and blemishes disappear, the skin becomes soft and smooth and robust health blesses life. Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula, Contagious Blood Poison and all diseases of the blood are cured by S. S. S. Book on the blood and any medical advice, free of charge.

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THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

FEDERAL COURT JURORS.

Jurors Drawn For April Term 1905 of The United States District and Circuit Courts.

The following names have been drawn to serve as jurors at the next term of the United States District and Circuit Courts, for the Eastern District of North Carolina, to be held in the United States Court rooms in the city of New Bern on the 4th Monday in April 1905, it being the 24th day of said month to wit:

Beaufort—Joseph B. Latham, F. H. VonEberstein, Frank H. Waters, L. T. Thompson.

Carteret—S. I. Turner (col), Justin E. Willis, Charles Hill, Guy Chadwick, Wm. V. Mason.

Craven—J. W. Moore, J. R. Pigott, A. E. Hibbard, J. A. Jones, F. P. Outlaw, D. M. R. Roberts, Walter D. Barrington, J. K. Willis.

Green—John Harrison, J. W. S. Beaman, Herbert Putner, Benj. Taylor, Walter Dale.

Hyal—Preston Carter.

Jones—H. C. Foscutt, Lewis King, C. D. Foy, Jr., John C. Parker, W. B. Hargett.

Lenoir—B. L. Taylor, Benj. F. Fields, Alex Sutton, R. E. Kinsey, John F. Melborne.

Onslow—E. B. Hargett, T. B. Henderson, D. R. Canady, J. T. Bartley.

Pamlico—Chas. R. McClees, Leroy Harper, Geo. Ireland, Reuben Lewis.

Pitt—Jacob McCotter, T. J. Parker, John Nobles, A. J. Moye.

Wayne—J. H. Bizzel, T. R. Robinson, A. A. Holland, Geo. F. Kornegay, J. E. Person.

Twenty Eighth Anniversary.

With this issue of the Journal this paper enters upon its 28th year, for its weekly issue, the 24th for the daily. For its patronage so generously given it, the Journal thanks its many friends, and will endeavor to meet a continuation of the same, and will strive to prove worthy of its position so long maintained in New Bern and Craven county, as the paper for all the people.

Ready for Service.

Kingston Free Press 31st. "The Dover and Southbound will put on a passenger car within less than a week," said Mr. Charles A. Rhodes of Comfort, this afternoon in The Free Press office. "At least that is the information given me this morning as it came up on the Goldsboro Lumber Co's train." "That road makes regular runs from Dover to Richlands, with good connection for A. & N. C. trains.

"It is the biggest thing that ever happened for that country down there in Jones and Onslow," continued Mr. Rhodes. "The road hauls logs for the most part, but a lot of freight is taken along, too. Why only a day or so ago ten solid carloads of fertilizer went down the road. The company allows people to ride now, as a matter of accommodation, but when the passenger coach is put on, a regular service will be established."

The Free Press man agreed with Mr. Rhodes that the Goldsboro Lumber Co., besides serving its own ends in procuring lumber is doing a big thing for the people of an undeveloped section in providing them with rail facilities.

RHEUMATIC PAINS QUICKLY RELIEVED.

The excruciating pains characteristic of rheumatism and sciatica are quickly relieved by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The great pain relieving power of the liniment has been the surprise and delight of thousands of sufferers. The quick relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by Davis' Pharmacy and F. S. Duffy.

Let us illustrate vividly the difference in meaning of the words might and will—the child might live; the child will live. Might implies doubt; will means certainty. Might live means might die; will live means will not die. These two words apply illustrate the difference between Johnson's Tonic and the herbs of commercial remedies on the market, and this vast burden of inert professional remedies which only bear the sanction of the High Priests of medicine.

USE JOHNSON'S TONIC

in a bad case of Grip and you will live! Use meat, or commercial products, and you might live.

Johnson's Tonic quickly drives out every trace and taint of Grip. It is not simply good, it is superiorly good—no good as anything, but better than anything—a genuine life-giver. Those who believe in its many side-effects are in danger and jeopardize their lives. Beamed up, Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic is the best Grip medicine on earth. This is the sober, serious, earnest truth.

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Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c. Enclosed with every bottle is a Tea, Coat, package of Grove's Back Root Liver Pills.

AN EXCITING RUNAWAY.

A Frightened Horse Used The Most Crowded Sidewalks in the City For a Speed Way.

A most exciting and terrifying runaway occurred on Middle street yesterday morning. That there was no serious accident is a source of wonder to the many people who witnessed it and those who barely escaped may well be thankful it was no worse.

A horse belonging to a white countryman was standing on South Front street when it became frightened at some thing and ran away. As it turned on Middle street it took to the sidewalk in front of the American Stock Company's store. Colliding with a post supporting the awning it tore it away, and the bug was also torn loose from the horse. Being thus disengaged the horse kept up the sidewalk at a frightful rate and did not leave it until near T. A. Henry's drug store and was caught further up Middle street.

The street was full of people but fortunately all got out of the way. Nurses trundling babies in carts were on the walk traversed by the animal and while the affair was soon over it caused great consternation for a little time.

Association Officers Busy.

Atlanta, Ga., April 1.—During the past week every state department of Southern Cotton Association has been visited by an officer of the headquarters. President Harvie Jordan has been in Texas and Louisiana. Secy Richard Cheatham has been in Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. T. J. Simmons, Jr., manager of the press bureau has been in South Carolina and North Carolina. Dixon Armstrong, of the emblem bureau, has been in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Each of these officials found the state departments hard at work and the different states thoroughly organized and officers conducted in a business manner.

T. J. Simmons, Jr., who made the visit to North and South Carolina, was very much impressed with his visit to those states. South Carolina, he says, has a superb organization, and has accomplished wonders. In North Carolina, he states, that while the organization is not so thorough as it is in the Palmetto State, a great work has been done and the people are standing right behind the association.

Entry Claim.

NORTH CAROLINA. Onslow County. To M. M. Capps, entry taker for Onslow County. The undersigned T. B. Morton and J. L. Kellum of Onslow County, North Carolina, hereby claim the following described piece or parcel of land in Lump Sum Township, Onslow County, North Carolina, the same being vacant and unappropriated land and subject to entry: Beginning in Sandy Run in the Onslow and Pender County lines, thence running South along the County line to the main run of Shelter Creek, thence up the run of Shelter Creek to A. J. Prince and said E. H. Morton's line, thence Northwesterly along said Morton's line to J. H. Marshburn's line, thence along Marshburn's line to the main run of Sandy Run, thence down Main Run of Sandy Run to the Pender County line, the place of beginning, containing 300 acres, more or less. Entered the 23d day of January, 1905. T. B. MORTON, J. L. KELLUM.

Reception.

Last Thursday night Mr. E. M. Coleman, mail clerk between this city and Wilmington, entertained a number of his friends at Mrs. Laurensberg's boarding house. The feature of the evening was music, singing, and recitations by Mr. Coleman, who displayed great talent as an orator and was the recipient of several bouquets and much applause after which all were served with refreshments and departed, thanking Mr. Coleman for a very enjoyable evening.

Sale of Lands.

NORTH CAROLINA. In the Superior Court, Craven County. Before the Clerk, K. C. Crotchley and wife F. Florence Crotchley, Petitioner, Mollie Coleman and husband B. J. Coleman, Addie Eaton, Walter Eaton, B. H. Eaton, Lillian Hoffman and husband J. C. Hoffman. John Eaton, Douglas Eaton and Floyd Eaton, Infants, before guardian ad litem, Ida L. Eaton and wife L. Eaton. By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Craven County appointing me a commissioner in the above entitled special proceedings to sell lands, I will expose to sale to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door, in Carteret County, on Monday the 1st day of May, 1905, at 12 o'clock in the forenoon, the following described lands, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid, and in the above Township, bounded and described as follows: It being all the right, title and interest which the late J. T. Eaton, deceased, owned at his death, either by purchase or by inheritance from B. H. Eaton or otherwise, in the tract of land described as follows: 200 acres of land on North side of Bogus Road, the interest of the Carolina City Lots, as designated in the plan of Carolina City, including what was set apart for Calico Creek, thence westwardly the various courses of Calico Creek to B. H. Eaton's line, thence southwesterly to the line of B. H. Eaton's land, thence North 17 east 101 poles to the D. S. Ward line, thence south 88 east 131 poles, thence south 4 poles, thence North 67 east 118 poles, thence north 181 west 85 poles, thence north 43 east 21 1/2 poles, thence south 88 east 28 1/2 poles, thence South 4 west 220 poles, thence south 1 west 60 poles to Calico Creek, thence westwardly with the various courses of Calico Creek to B. H. Eaton's line, thence southwesterly to the line of B. H. Eaton's land, thence North 17 east 101 poles to the D. S. 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