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THE VANCEBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Stirring Little City Takes An Important Step In the Right Direction

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTED

A Building Will be Erected and Other Steps Necessary for Providing for a Thorough High School Education Taken.

That the thriving little city of Vanceboro is taking a step in the right direction is shown by the action of her citizens last Friday evening of which the following is a report:

A meeting of citizens was held in the Masonic hall Vanceboro, Friday July 12, to discuss the question of establishing a high school and electing members of the board thereof. The meeting was called to order and J. F. Edwards was made chairman and Isaac Gardner secretary.

The opening address was made by Hon. W. C. Brewer in which the object of the meeting was clearly stated. On motion of W. C. White, B. R. Warren and Harry Buck were placed in nomination and elected as members of the school committee. On motion J. R. M. Warren was elected treasurer, Walter Buck, MacRae Dinkins and L. R. Wayne were elected building committee.

On motion the high school committee was given authority to wait on the Vanceboro High School Co. for the purpose of having all funds which are now in the possession of the high school company transferred to the school committee. It was further moved that J. E. Edwards and L. P. Wayne be a committee to go before the Board of Education and report the proceedings of this meeting and ask for their approval.

Another Naval Catastrophe.

Special to Journal.

Boston, July 15.—While practicing off the Massachusetts coast an eight inch gun on the battle ship Georgia burst and killed two men and wounded 17.

SPREAD RAILS CAUSE WRECK.

Southern Road Has Another Serious Accident Near Greensboro.

Special to Journal.

Greensboro, July 15.—Southern railway through passenger northbound, No. 29 and three cars were wrecked near Jamestown 15 miles distant, this afternoon, the diner, rear pullman and work train of Mobile road left the tracks. Cause supposed to be spreading rails and were completely wrecked. The escape of all from death being miraculous. No one was killed, nine of the injured are under the care of physicians. All being residents of other states.

Bomb For Ambassador to Turkey.

Special to Journal.

Constantinople, July 15.—A bomb exploded near the residence of United States Minister John G. A. Lehmann Sunday. No reason is assigned for the act but it is believed to be a plot of natives.

Prohibition Rule Having Trouble.

Special to Journal.

Atlanta, Ga., July 15.—It is reported that 25 anti-prohibitionists are trying by filibustering tactics to affect the adjournment of the legislature and thus end the session and thus defeat the Hardeman-Covington bill.

LIFE'S WORK WELL DONE

Joseph H. Green Laid to Rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

The funeral services of Mr. Joseph H. Green were held at the Episcopal church yesterday at half past twelve o'clock in the presence of a large number of friends. The employees of the railroad shops attended in a body and contributed a beautiful floral emblem as a token of respect. At the request of the Masonic lodge at Columbia, S. C., of which the deceased had been a member, St. John's lodge attended in a body and assisted in the burial ceremonies.

The casket was borne by Messrs. A. E. Bangert, C. T. Young, Harrison Hancock, S. W. Brooks, G. W. Brinson and W. A. McIntosh. The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. J. R. Hawkins, R. P. Foster, S. L. Dill, E. H. Meadows, D. Fulcher, D. M. McColl and Walter Duffy and Mark Disoway. Many handsome floral tributes were placed on the grave.

Bogue.

July 14.—The weather is favorable here now. Crops are improving but the Bogue Sound water melons are late. The first of the season were offered for sale at Mr. Fernie Taylor's store Saturday. They were of poor quality and sold for 25 cents each.

Mr. Caswell Garner and wife were visitors Saturday night and Sunday at M. K. Garners. Mr. Garner, who has been sick is improving.

Capt. J. R. Smith is expecting to leave for Punta Gorda, Fla., in about two weeks.

Mr. Carlyle Watson of Wildwood was a recent visitor here. Come again Carl.

Mrs. Eliza Meadows and little son, Job are visitors at Mrs. Annie Smith's this week.

The sick people of our neighborhood are improving.

The scarcity of crabs this year, is said to be due to Mr. R. W. Smith catching them all up.

The wedding bells will soon be ringing down on Mill Point. We are expecting a big piece of wedding cake. We hope that the items as they come out will continue to grow more interesting to our people.

Mr. Furnie Taylor raised the premium onion this year. It measured six inches in diameter.

Japanese Press Getting Yellow.

Special to Journal.

Tokio, July 15.—The general tone of the press of the empire is antagonistic to the largest woman in the country. All but most of the smaller newspapers statement bars the leading journals omittic to the United States. This are inciting unrest and a spirit of war among the people.

Jurors for Special Term of Federal Court.

The following named persons have been drawn to serve as jurors at the special term of the United States district court, to be held at Beaufort, N. C., commencing August 6, 1907, at 9 o'clock a. m. to wit:

Beaufort County—J. W. Edwards, M. E. Gullford.

Carteret County—H. L. Potter, Luther L. Leary, Chas. S. Wallace, A. T. Willis.

Craven County—J. B. Arendell, A. E. Hibbard, John Humphrey.

Greene County—William Parks, R. A. Hardy, Roscoe Dail.

Jones County—W. B. Hargett, John D. Coston, R. T. Johnson.

Lenoir County—Jesse Jackson, L. C. Moseley, N. P. Newborne.

Pamlico County—Geo. H. Lane, Benjamin Pickles, James W. Cahoon, E. L. McClees.

Pitt County—W. E. Tucker, Joel Patrick, John A. Manning.

Onslow County—John E. Koonce, John Aman.

Wayne County—James H. Grant, J. M. Powell, John Herring.

PEONAGE CASE IN U. S. COURT

Special Term Called For Aug 6 at Beaufort Will Have an Interesting Case

ABLE COUNSEL ON EITHER SIDE

Other Trials Beside Peonage Will be Held But the One Mentioned Will be All Absorbing. Second Asst. Attorney General of U. S. to Assist in Prosecution.

The special term of United States court which has been ordered to convene at Beaufort beginning August 6 will be of unusual importance and interest. In addition to the peonage case which is the first to be tried in this district, there will be some ill-kept distilling cases from Pitt county and also there may be others.

In relation to the case against E. A. Kline for peonage action in this matter is directed from the high source of the Department of Justice and no less important a personage than the second assistant attorney general of the United States Charles S. Russell will assist District Attorney Skinner in the prosecution of the case. Mr. Skinner's visit to New Bern this week was to meet Mr. A. Y. Hoyt, special agent of the Department of Justice to arrange the calendar and make such other arrangements as may be required to vigorously push the prosecution of these cases.

E. A. Kline, a contractor or manager engaged in the construction of the Raleigh & Pamlico Sound division of the Norfolk & Southern road is the person charged with the crime of peonage which consists in forcibly holding persons for labor without pay. It is alleged that the people thus held are Italians, Austrians, Poles, Russians who have been compelled to submit to much cruelty. These men are unable to speak a word of English. They are said to be kept like pigs in the pen. It is expected that a brilliant array of legal talent will be present at Beaufort to argue this matter which is comparatively new.

A Fight for a Church.

The congregation of Mount Pleasant, a colored church near Clarks, is much disturbed over an hostile invasion of its sacred precincts and an attack on their vested rights. A delegation was in town Saturday seeking redress at the hands of the law.

The trouble grew out of a question of title to the ground on which the house of worship stands. Originally the property of a colored matron, Lucy Perry, it seemed that in a generous moment she had permitted the congregation to erect a temporary altar and place for worship on her premises. Since then Lucy has repented of her generosity and desired the removal of the church. Her orders to the congregation to vacate has been ignored from time to time and becoming incensed thereat she determined to take forcible possession, which was done by removing the door lock and putting a new one in the place. The congregation was highly scandalized at these proceedings hence the pilgrimage to New Bern to lay their grievance before the bar of justice.

A charge of larceny was preferred against Lucy for carrying away the lock in addition to that of disturbing religious worship by barring them from entering the house. Examination was waived however, and she gave a bond of \$200 for her appearance at court agreeing to let the congregation use the house until the matter is settled by law. The case was called in the court of Justice W. R. Barrington.

Mrs. Birdsong Pardoned.

Special to Journal.

Jackson, Miss., July 15.—Gov. Vardaman today pardoned Mrs. Angie Birdsong who was recently convicted of the murder of Dr. Butler. The trial was conducted on "unwritten law" lines, but evidence was produced showing that the defendant's action was not without reproach. The jury did not deliberate long on the verdict and the citizens approved it generally. Vardaman received a petition signed by nearly 1,000 persons not to pardon Mrs. Birdsong but contrary to their wishes he carried out his resolution which he had made from the first.

New York Cotton Market.

Special to Journal.

New York, July 15.—

August	11.30
October	11.90

DECLARE 3 1-2 PER CENT DIVIDEND

North Carolina Railroad Shows Evidence of Prosperity In Many Ways

JUDGE EXCEEDS HIS AUTHORITY

Change of Headquarters Looking for the Man Who Said There Would Be no Summer Weather in 1907. Death of Mrs. Mell.

Special Correspondence.

Greensboro, July 12.—The stockholders and board of directors of the North Carolina railroad in session here yesterday afternoon in addition to the regular annual dividend of 3 1-2 per cent declared a special dividend of one half of one per cent. Authority was given the government to cross the track near Salisbury in constructing a road to the National cemetery for which \$15,000 has been appropriated. It was also finally settled that the Southern railway should be released from rebuilding the hotel at Burlington upon its payment to the state of one half of the \$8,000 insurance money collected, and one half of the lot, amounting to 100 feet front with a depth of 648 feet and estimated at being worth \$10,000. The road relinquishes its lease on this property and it will become available at once for sale.

A very prominent citizen of Salisbury, who was here this morning and who is generally recognized as a railroad man, was hot in his comments on the railroad litigation. He said that while Judge Pritchard's decision at Richmond yesterday practically over riding the state legislature of Virginia was in line with his opinion last week nullifying the North Carolina law was not considered evidence of any personal pettitude, it showed a bias of mentality which would justify Senator Overman when congress met, of preferring articles of impeachment.

The general agency of the Providence Savings and Insurance company for which Messrs. Gold & Gold have been general agents for some time, has been purchased by Dr. Fred Peacock of High Point and the signs and other office fixtures have been taken to High Point where the headquarters will be in the future.

The extreme heat of the past few days has upset the prediction of the sage who announced with much solemnity that there would be no summer in 1907. With the thermometer hovering near 100 in the shade it is hard to realize that only a few weeks ago overcoats were in demand and winter was near.

A large number of Greensboro people, relatives or friends of Mrs. W. R. Mell, who died at Concord Tuesday left this morning to attend her funeral held at Concord. As Miss Lizzie Sergeant of this city, she was greatly beloved.

The Tournament Prizes.

The following list of prizes as offered by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association for the tournament to be held at Wilmington next month is published below and they are worth while contesting for. The following is the list:

TUESDAY.

Complimentary ride to Wrightsville Beach.

WEDNESDAY.

Quick steaming—\$50 first prize; \$25 second prize.

Long distance—\$50 first prize; \$25 second prize.

At night the firemen will be admitted to a bowling contest with prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$5.

THURSDAY.

Hand reel races at 9 a. m.—first prize \$100, second \$10, third \$25.

Grab reel race at 2:30 p. m.—first prize \$50, second \$30, third \$20, respectively.

5 p. m.—Hook and ladder contests. First prize \$100, second \$50.

7:30 p. m.—Complimentary dance to the visitors and firemen at Carolina Beach.

FRIDAY.

Inter-State Day.

Hand reel races at 9 a. m.—first prize \$125, second \$75.

Grab reel race, 11 a. m.—first prize \$100, second prize \$50.

Hose wagon race, 2:30 p. m.—first \$150, second \$75, third \$25.

7:30 p. m. complimentary trip on the steamer Wilmington.

President Finley's Assistant.

Special to Journal.

New York, July 15.—J. S. B. Thompson has been appointed private secretary to W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway.

STATE RETAINS ABLE COUNSEL

To Prosecute The Southern Railway For Violation of Rate Law

C. B. AYCOCK & E. J. JUSTICE ENGAGED

State Board of Examiners in Session. New Statistical Clerk Takes Office. H. F. Dixon Addresses Big Educational Rally.

Special to Journal.

Raleigh, July 15.—Gov. Glenn this afternoon announced he has retained Ex-Gov. Chas. B. Aycock, E. J. Justice, speaker house of representatives and S. G. Ryan, Raleigh, to aid in prosecution of cases against Southern Railway Co., indictment of Ticket Agent Green here for selling tickets at more than 2 1/2 rate. The governor has addressed letters to all judges superior courts in the state urging they have indictments issued for agents and officials as has just been done in Wake and endorsing the course of Judge Long in Wake court.

He does not want the railroads "munched" in suits of this kind but enough of them to test the case in every phase. He takes the ground that railroads should all have done as some have and given the new law a fair test. He says he had assured them if this were done and the rate found to be ruinous to business he would call a special session of the legislature to repeal it giving them a rate that was fair. He says he desires no conflict between state and federal courts and that there can be none if plain letter of law is followed. The indictment he says, will raise constitutional question of act and the right of a federal judge to abrogate it before declaring it unconstitutional.

It is understood that the counsel for the Corporation Commission in original injunction proceeding has been summoned to court at Raleigh tomorrow for conference with the state court counsel just retained.

The State Board of Examiners was in session today. State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner presiding, to pass on the examination papers of a great number of teachers in all parts of the state who have stood the examinations before the county superintendents for licenses good for five years as public school teachers and for licenses as public high school teachers. It will be several days before the result is announced.

Prof. J. A. Barwick arrived from Kingston today to enter upon his duties as statistical and general clerk to state superintendent of public instruction, succeeding Prof. C. I. Coon who becomes superintendent of the Wilson graded schools.

State Auditor B. F. Dixon went to Selma Sunday and delivered an address for a big rally in the interest of education. Tonight he went to Jonesboro to speak in the interest of a movement for the issuance of bonds for graded schools.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

Blessed Are the Merciful.

To the Editor of the Journal:

Feeling that the assessment of real estate for taxes has been entirely to high this year, in behalf of the widows and orphans, upon whom the burden falls most heavily, we appeal to the gentlemen, citizens to use their influence to relieve us of the burden. As Israel was oppressed by the Egyptians in times long past and forced by them to make brick without straw, so are we oppressed by this heavy tax put upon our real estate, which in many instances constitutes our all, and the payment of which to some of us will be as hard as the "making of bricks without straw." As Israel was delivered by God from the hands of the Egyptians—so may we be delivered from this unjust tax.

AN ORPHAN.

Lighting Slingers Will Quit Work. Special to Journal.

New York, July 15.—The long fought controversy between the two leading telegraphic companies and their operators has reached a climax and there being no satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties arising between employer and employed there is nothing to do but strike.

Railway Notice.

The Norfolk & Southern Railway gives notice that the parlor car Vance will not be operated between Goldsboro and Beaufort, July 13, 14, and 15, but will be placed back into service commencing on train No. 2 leaving Beaufort 7:30 a. m. Tuesday, July 16th.

F. W. TATUM, D. P. A.

SEEK RELEASE BY HABEAS CORPUS

Attorney for the Rowlands Busy to Obtain Temporary Freedom for Clients.

ALLIE ARNOLD ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

He is Implicated in the Killing of Rosa Johnson's Infant. Educational Rallies at Wakefield. Cotton in Bad Shape But Improving.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, July 13.—T. T. Hicks counsel for Dr. David S. Rowland and wife whose trial for poisoning Chas. R. Strange has just been postponed to the September term of Wake court, went to Lousburg today to procure from Judge Chas. M. Cooke a writ of habeas corpus for the prisoners, the purpose being to procure release on bail which has not been heretofore permitted. The petition and affidavit for the writ is made by D. G. Gill of Vance county, an uncle of Dr. Rowland. Thursday of next week is the day agreed on for hearing the petition. This will be in Raleigh and will amount really to an investigation as to whether there is really probable cause for holding either of the prisoners to answer the charge, since only murder in the first degree can be charged and under the statute no bail can be allowed where only the highest degree of murder enters into the case.

Governor R. B. Glenn and State Treasurer E. R. Lacy went to Wakefield, this county today to deliver addresses in connection with a big barbecue and educational rally. They had a rainy time of it but report a delightful trip in other respects.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner spent today at Effland, in Orange county attending an educational rally for the people of that section. He delivered an address. A gentleman who has just traveled through some of the finest trucking and general farming sections of eastern Carolina said this morning that the cotton crop is developing very poorly. One extensive farmer in Green county told him that off a three hundred acre planting he expected to realize not over a fifty per cent. yield. Other growers take the same view. Tobacco is looking well but "gaps" are strikingly conspicuous and the plants are of irregular size.

A charter is issued for the Eden Colony Fruit Co., of Hook Branch, Harnett county. W. W. Giles having two thousand shares at \$1 each and seven other men one share each at the same value. This is the enterprise against which charges were recently filed with the state department of agriculture on the ground that immigrants were being induced to come here from various parts of the north and northwest with a view to purchasing truck farms, money to be put up before the prospector was on the scene. An Ohio woman was the principal complainant in the recent effort to have the state department do something for the relief of aggrieved parties. No action was taken and Mr. Giles gave assurances that steps would be taken to satisfy every person with whom there had been dealings.

The Spencer Building Co., of Spencer is chartered with \$125,000 capital by E. H. Stewart and others. Also the Carolina Realty Co., of Charlotte capital \$50,000 by O. J. Thies, F. K. McInch and others.

Secretary T. K. Bruner of the state department of agriculture is just back from the Jamestown Exposition and says it is a great show now and will be still greater, approaching completion rapidly. He complains that the North Carolina exhibits of fruit and trucking interests are being greatly impaired by poor delivery of express. Fruits that leave Raleigh, for instance at noon Monday reach the exposition grounds Wednesday badly damaged and practically worthless.

Allie Arnold, the young white man against whom the Wake grand jury will conspire with Elvira Powell, an aged negro to kill the new born babe of Rosa Johnson, Arnold being the alleged father of the child, has surrendered to the jailor and is now occupying a cell. He came from Harnett county where he has been in hiding and was accompanied when he was surrendered by his father A. A. Arnold of Raleigh, a former police officer of the city. He is twenty-one years old. The crime was in May and was most revolting. Arnold and the women will both probably be tried at this term.

Notice was received from Judge Chas. M. Cooke of Lousburg this evening that he will hear the Rowland case on writs of habeas corpus on

WHERE THE COOL BREEZE BLOWS

Jamestown Exposition And Environs Afford Unusual Comfort

MORE DELIGHTFUL SURROUNDINGS

A Summer in the Southland is Not so Bad When Places Like Old Point, Virginia Beach and Others Are Considered. Visit Will Prove This.

Special Correspondence.

Norfolk, Va., July 13.—That this is the time of year for people to seek the watering places and sea-side resorts of the country, to get away from the hot cities and to lose themselves from the business cares and worries of home, is evidenced by the greatly increased traveling population.

Owing to the fact that the Jamestown exposition is the first celebration ever held in this country, on deep water, a visit will combine the pleasures of the summer vacation, as well as an opportunity to take advantage of the educational and historic features of this great international fair.

The idea of going south in the summer may not appeal to the uninitiated, but to those who have enjoyed a summer in the south, it is well known that the watering places and sea side resorts of Virginia, by reason of, not only their beautiful and varied scenery, but the ideal weather conditions that exist, are becoming the most popular resorts in the country.

And so with the Jamestown Exposition, there exists a combination difficult to excel. Located on the historic waters of Hampton Roads, across which is continually waded the bracing salt air from the broad Atlantic the Exposition with its six hundred acres on Sewell's point, one of the most attractive spots in the Old Dominion affords all the requirements for either the pleasure seeker or for those looking for rest and quiet.

The Exposition, which is within a 24 hours radius of forty millions of people, is connected with the north, south and west, by eight or ten railroads, and as many steamship lines, affording pleasant and efficient transportation facilities, to and from the fair.

Just across the waters of Hampton Roads, lies Old Point Comfort, Fort Monroe and the Hotel Chamberlain, where both arms of the service are seen daily on parade and featured in social life. Fort Monroe, with its grim walls and winding moat, aside from being the most important artillery station on the Atlantic coast, is one of the most picturesque places in the country. Virginia Beach, the "Atlantic City" of the south, a short trolley ride from the Exposition grounds where stretches for more than a hundred miles one of the most perfect beaches on the coast. These places together with many others, in and around the Tidewater Virginia, compare favorably with any of the summer resorts of the north, and during the late hot spell that swept the country, a comparison of temperature showed that the Jamestown Exposition—the shores of Hampton Roads, recorded as low mercury if not lower than many of the watering places farther north. Indeed the climatic conditions of the sea side resorts of the Old Dominion, in the summer, are becoming as popular as the Florida and Gulf resorts in the winter.

CONVICTION ON NATIONAL ROAD.

Involuntary Laborers for the State Are Almost Within the City Limits.

The convict camp which has been placed on the Craven county roads for the past few months for the purpose of putting convicts sentenced by county courts to work is now located on National avenue near the federal cemetery. There are 24 men and they are engaged at Macdaniam and widening the road from the south end of the cemetery lot to Jack Smith's creek. It is estimated that the work will require a month but it will be easy to observe that a great improvement will be made. The men are under the charge of Mr. J. M. Spencer.

Next Friday instead of Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Raleigh. About forty subpoenas were placed in the hands of the sheriff tonight to be served on witnesses. Counsel for the prosecution intimates that it will be impossible to hear the case at that time because witnesses cannot be gotten here and back at the time of adjournment to get bond. The counsel for the Rowlands are understood to be divided as to the wisdom of the step.