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NEW BERN CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 1911--FIRST SECTION

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PUBLIC MEETING OF CITIZENS

They Are Asked to Consider an Amendment to the City Charter.

A public meeting was called at the court house last night to consider three proposed amendments to the city charter by the legislature. Mr. Jas. A. Bryan was made Chairman and Wm. Dunn, Jr. and A. E. Stevens, Secretaries.

Wm. Dunn, Jr., read the bill asked to be passed to amend the charter. The section first acted on by the meeting was regarding the salary of the city attorney, whether it should be left entirely to the board of aldermen, or a fixed sum named. It was voted that the present salary \$200 and extras be allowed to stand.

The consolidation of the fifth and sixth wards was voted for. Wm. Ellis, C. D. Bradham, Mayor McCarthy and others spoke on this and the sense of the meeting was that there were too few voters in these wards for such large representation in the city council. It was a relief of the "parous" times of 1898 and conditions had changed said S. H. Lane. This will reduce the board to ten members and the wards will correspond in number to those at a Congressional election.

The third section acted on was in regard to the compensation of the city tax collector. At four per cent this now amounted to \$2,600 and under the assessment it would be \$3,000. On motion the fixed salary of \$1,800 was voted for and ordered entered in the proposed bill.

S. H. Lane moved that all offices be limited to two terms, for the good of the city and as Democratic doctrine, but this was not acted on.

Prof. H. B. Craven made a motion in regard to collection of city taxes, making a system of discounts and penalties. Considerable discussion ensued on this and the action finally taken was that Representative Nunn be requested to consider the matter upon the basis of a discount of 3 percent for payment of taxes in September, 2 per cent in October, 1 per cent in November, and after January 1st an interest charge of 6 per cent per annum be made.

Wm. Dunn Jr. was made a committee of one to take care of the bill and have it reach Mr. Nunn at Raleigh.

Sing a Song of Sixpence.
The London Globe attempts an explanation of the rhyme "Sing a Song of Sixpence." Here it is: "The four and twenty blackbirds represent the four and twenty hours. The bottom of the pie is the world. The top crust represents the sky. The opening of the pie is the dawn of the day, when the birds begin to sing; and surely such a sight fit for a king. The king in his counting house counting out his money is the sun. The money the king is counting represents the golden sunshine. The queen, who sits in the parlor, is the moon. The honey she is eating is the moonlight. The industrious maid who is working in the garden before the sun has risen is the day dawn, and the clothes she hangs out are clouds. The bird that so tragically ends the song by nipping off her nose is the hour of sunset."

A Good Example.
Old Mr. Moulton frankly confesses that he is not a member of any church. "But I go regularly," he invariably adds, "and what's more, I get to the meeting house on time. It's part of my religion not to disturb the religion of other folks." Youth's Companion.

The School Board Meets.

The Board of Trustees of the New Bern Academy and Graded Schools met Friday afternoon in the Superintendent's office.

Reports were made by several Committees, and Sup't. Craven reported a number of matters concerning the school and its work.

The officers elected for this year were: T. A. Green, President, W. M. Watson, Vice Pres.; and T. A. Green, C. S. Hollister, C. W. Monger Executive Committee.

The White Whales.

The white whale, as before, is an arctic cetacean and closely allied to the narwhal. It is pure white in color, twelve to eighteen feet long, whale-like in form, with a large mouth and numerous sharp pointed teeth.

The whale which swims with extraordinary speed by flapping its huge tail under its body and then striking out with its forelimbs who have studied it in its natural environment say that it is able to carry the weight of fifteen tons, often pursuing its prey far up the northern rivers. It is gregarious and may be seen at times in herds of forty or fifty.

These herds not infrequently gather around bays in the Arctic seas, and the natives of Greenland often capture them with harpoons. The flesh of the white whale, in fact, is considered a source of food supply to these. From it also is derived one of the best grades of commercial oil. The skins are tanned and the bones used in the making of "walrus hide," a very strong leather.

COUNTRY GOUGED BY COFFEE TRUST

Entire Trade Controlled By One Group of Financiers.

Washington, Feb. 24—Charging that the general public is being gouged to the extent of \$35,000,000 a year by a huge international trust that controls the world's coffee supply, Representative George W. Norris, of Nebraska, yesterday introduced resolutions in the house calling upon the state department and the department of justice to advise congress what can be done to relieve the people of the United States.

Representative Norris said:

"I find the coffee trade of the world is controlled by a group of international bankers of London, Brussels, Paris, Berlin and New York acting with the government of Brazil and the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo. This combination has been known to exist for a long time but only lately has it assumed its tremendous and universal power been known. Likewise my investigation has demonstrated to my satisfaction that extreme discrimination is being exerted against the United States simply because this country is thought to be able to stand the tax better than others and because we are the largest consumers of coffee."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

Torpedo Fleet Will Practice.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24—Plans for the spring and summer practice of the Atlantic torpedo fleet have been announced by the Navy Department. During March, April and May the first and third submarine divisions, with the Castine and the Severn will conduct submarine exercises in Chesapeake Bay.

The vessels will leave the Norfolk navy yard for Solomon's Island, Md., on March 1. The entire Atlantic torpedo fleet will be concentrated in the vicinity of Tangier Island in the Chesapeake Bay about March 15 to witness the spotting practice to be carried out by the Atlantic fleet with the San Marcos, formerly the battleship Texas, with the Atlantic fleet in July and August.

Died From Terror.

Perhaps the most remarkable death from fear was that of the Dutch painter Pentman, who lived in the seventeenth century. One day he went into a room full of anatomical subjects to sketch some death's heads and skeletons for a picture he intended to paint. The weather was very sultry, and while sketching he fell asleep. He was aroused by bones dancing around him and the skeletons suspended from the ceiling clashing together. In a fit of terror he threw himself from a window, and, though he sustained no serious injury and was informed that a slight earthquake had caused the commotion among his ghostly surroundings, he died in a few days in a nervous tremor.

In May the destroyers of the Atlantic torpedo fleet will be called upon to operate under war conditions in exercises which will be announced later. The third submarine division including the vessels of the first division temporarily attached to the third, and the Severn and Castine will go to Cape Cod for combined operations with the Atlantic fleet in July and August.

WILLIAMS' KIDNEY PILLS

Have you neglected your Kidneys? Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your kidneys and bladder? Have you pains in joints, side, back, groins and bladder? Have you a flabby appearance of the face, especially under the eyes? If so, Williams' Kidney Pills will cure you. Druggist, Price 50c. Williams' Mfg Co., Proprietary, Cleveland, O.

Fixing the Lesson.

Person Saunders was a little perturbed one Sunday morning over some worldly matter and made a mistake in the reading of the Scriptural lesson. He read the second lesson where he should have read the first. As he neared the end of his reading the person saw that he was in error. He saw that his congregation knew he was in error. How, then, to conclude? To conclude in the orthodox way—"here endeth the second lesson"—would hardly do, as it was not the second lesson, but the first. Nor, could it, on the other hand, be called the first lesson, since properly it was the second? Person Saunders after a moment's thought, wisely and frankly concluded:

"Here endeth the wrong lesson."—New York Press.

It Depends.

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"How would you like to stand with shells bursting all round you?" the general demanded.

"Well," replied the actor, "it depends on the age of the star."

Advance Guard of Mardi Gras Visitors

New Orleans, Feb. 24—The advance guard of Mardi Gras Carnival visitors put in an appearance in New Orleans yesterday, and from now until the first of the week every arriving train and boat will bring the quota of pleasure-seekers to the city. The number of visitors this year is expected to reach record-breaking figures, owing partly to the added attraction of the automobile show and speed contests which will begin tomorrow. The carnival proper will open Monday and will reach its climax the next day with the arrival of Miss and the royal review.

EXTRA SESSION SEEMS ASSURED

Situation Affords Opportunity For Senators To Get In Some "Underground" Work

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The statement is going the rounds that Senator La Follette is protesting loudly against the passage in the House in a single day of three appropriation bills.

The Wisconsin insurgent is said to have served notice that these measures must not be carefully considered by Senate committees before they are reported, but he and his political associates intend that they shall be looked into carefully and discussed after the bills are taken up in the Senate.

Altogether the situation affords ample opportunity for certain Senators to get in what is called legislative circles "underground" work—they can delay matters and score without appearing to unnecessarily delay progress of bills and agreements favored by the Taft Administration.

Landslide at Culebra.

Colon, Feb. 24—Work on the Culebra section of the Panama Canal is practically at a standstill as a result of a landslide which carried half a million cubic yards of earth into the cut. Engineers say that as a result of the numerous landslides, the plans for the Culebra section may have to be changed.

The change in plans will include the entire removal of Gold Hill from the side of which the landslides come during the wet season.

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An Expert.

"How's your daughter coming along in business college?"
"She's a little bad yet, but she's careful. I read several letters she wrote on her typewriter, and every 'I' is dotted and every 'E' is crossed."—Toledo Blade.

Retail Merchants Perfect Organization

Wednesday night the retail merchants of this city completed the organization of the New Bern Branch of the Retail Merchants Association of North Carolina. Every business man in New Bern is vitally interested in this organization. Every member of the association (and nearly every retail merchant is a member) has agreed to immediately give to the secretary a list with the names of every customer with his credit rating.

The name of every person who is now on the merchant's books will go to the secretary's office rated according to his standing with each individual merchant. This information will be kept on file in the secretary's office, and from it will be compiled a credit book which will immediately be placed into the hands of each merchant who is a member of this association. Thus any merchant at a future date can tell the credit rating of any person who has had credit in New Bern.

There are other features. This organization is connected with the State and National Association. If a stranger comes to New Bern from any point where he should have read the first lesson, he saw that his congregation knew he was in error. How, then, to conclude? To conclude in the orthodox way—"here endeth the second lesson"—would hardly do, as it was not the second lesson, but the first. Nor, could it, on the other hand, be called the first lesson, since properly it was the second? Person Saunders after a moment's thought, wisely and frankly concluded:

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Notice.

All kinds sawed shingles for sale. Bricks laths, 2 good gentle road or work horses, one new, one horse wagon, all must be sold. A bargain for some one as I am selling out. First come, First choice, also one hundred thousand cut shingles. See

BIG BILL, the Shingle Man, 1524 S. Front St.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NEGROES

House Committee Decides to Report Favorably on Appropriating \$5,000 For It.

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Democrats of the joint committee on Congressional apportionment have decided to transfer Catawba county from the 9th to the 8th district and Wilkes from the 8th to the 7th. Hoke county was placed in the 7th and Avery county in the 9th. There was a heated discussion over the changes. Senator Lemmon, of Union county, objecting to Wilkes being transferred to the 7th, but the committee concluded that this was the best solution of the problem in order to make all the districts safely Democratic.

The Senate voted to increase the expense allowance of the superior court judges from \$250 to \$750, in addition to the \$3,250 salaries, and also to increase the salaries of the superior court judges to \$4,000 instead of \$3,500, as now. Many new bills were introduced, including one by Senator Brown to increase the area of Hoke county by taking additional territory from Robeson.

Senator Ivis introduced a bill to prevent insurance companies from expending extravagant sums in competition for new business.

The House received favorable reports on bills to make the pay of the supreme court reporter \$1,500 and the supreme court justice \$4,500. Also a bill to safeguard the interest of the state in turnpikes and roads through conviction labor, the bill carrying an appropriation of \$3,500.

The Senate passed on second reading a lengthy argument the bill increasing the pension fund for old soldiers from \$450,000 to \$704,000.

Representative Williams, of Buncombe, procured the reduction of the tax on agents for pianos and organ, from \$100 to \$50 with a provision that will prevent duplicate licenses for agents.

Judge Ewart tried to get through amendments to section 71 as to cigarettes, increasing the license tax on dealers gradually so that it will be from \$250 to \$500 minimum, up to \$2,500. Carr, of Durham, Connor and others opposed this and the amendment was lost. To retain, license tax was left at \$5 and the section adopted. An amendment to increase the tax on cigarette manufacturers was adopted, making the tax \$2,000 instead of \$1,000, the vote being 36 to 25.

Section 75 was amended so as to exempt ex-Confederate soldiers from license taxes for peddling eye glasses.

DIED.

In this city yesterday morning at 3 o'clock Mr. Lonnie Everett, Bell age 27 years. The funeral will be conducted from Centenary M. E. Church this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Hurley. The interment will be made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

At his residence 34 East Front St. Friday, John Randolph Parker aged 62 years 5 months. Funeral services at his residence this afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. J. B. Hurley. The interment in Cedar Grove cemetery.

Sour Grapes.

One sneers at cursing when one has no more hair. One slanders, apples when one has no more teeth.—Karr.

GRACEFUL AND ATTRACTIVE WOMEN.

If you are thin and want to be plump; if you have wrinkles in your face that you are not proud of, if your skin is sal low or subject to pimples or blackheads take MI-O-NA stomach tablets for two weeks and notice the change.

Nine tenths of the thin people are thin because the stomach is not active; it is not mixing thoroughly with the natural digestive juices the food put into it, and in consequence is not extracting from the food enough nourishing matter for the blood to distribute to every part of the body. If the stomach does not do its work properly the nourishment in the food you eat is passed along without giving to the body and flesh building elements.

MI-O-NA stomach tablets quickly build up the stomach so that it extracts from the food all the elements necessary to form good solid flesh.

If you are thin try a two weeks treatment of MI-O-NA stomach tablets; two weak meal will work wonders.

MI-O-NA stomach tablets are guaranteed to cure indigestion, loss of appetite, chronic or money back. Sold by Bradham Drug Co. and druggists everywhere at 50 cents a box.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON

Hester's Statement Shows 4,913,301 Bales up to Date—Statistics.

Raleigh, Feb. 24—The House Committee on penal institutions decided to report favorably on appropriating \$5,000 for it.

New Orleans, Feb. 25.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued last Friday shows the total visible to be 4,913,301 against 4,037,485 last week and 4,608,276 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,793,301 against 3,895,485 last week and 3,286,276 last year;

of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,118,000 against 1,138,000 last week and 1,322,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton here is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,888,000 against 2,395,000 last year; in Egypt 251,000 against