

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Held Regular Monthly Meeting Yesterday But Little Business Transacted.

The Board of Commissioners of Craven county met at the court house yesterday morning and remained in session all during the day. Despite the fact, however there was but little business transacted.

One of the most important subjects brought before the board was that in regard to the Central Highway. At the last meeting of the board the chairman was ordered to purchase six mules which were to be used in the road work. Yesterday he informed the board that he had received several bids from local dealers in mules, and horses since that time and that Mr. J. A. Jones had made the cheapest bid; offering to buy the mules and sell them to the county at cost plus his expenses to the northern markets and that he would sell them on time. The board adjourned to Mr. Jones' stables where after they had looked the animals over they decided to purchase them for \$350 each. The board also decided to purchase two wagons to be used in this work.

Convicts will be used in building this highway and as they will move from place to place it is impossible for them to have a stationary camp. In view of this fact the board decided to purchase several tents to be used by them while this work is in progress.

Among the bills presented to the board was one for \$3 for cleaning up the office of the sheriff, clerk of the court and the register or deeds. This bill caused considerable discussion as there is a janitor employed at the building for the purpose of keeping it clean, it was turned down.

The following assistant assessors were named by the board: C. K. Hancock, Walter Duffy, E. E. Harper, Geo. D. Dail, Edward Clark, L. S. Wood.

B. P. S. Paint will make your old house look new, inside and out. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co. Phone 99, 67 S. Front St.

Cotton Contracts Declared Gambling.

In the United States court yesterday the case of Euro, Hines & Co. vs E W Sabiston was concluded, the jury finding for the defendant, it appearing that the cotton transaction between the parties was of a gambling nature, therefore void. The amount of the transaction involved was \$5,000.

Her Splendid Economy.

Her dinner for two cost \$15, but the man's wife argued that in the end it was economy to dine at an expensive restaurant because it gave her a chance to study the fashions. "If we ate in some cheap place patronized only by dowdily dressed women," she said, "I would have to hire an expensive woman to design my new dresses, but by eating here I get a chance to study the clothes worn by women of position and can design my own gowns."

That sounded convincing. There was no blessing on earth, the man reflected, equal to an economical, managing wife, and he settled the bill with comparative cheerfulness. Three weeks later he was given another bill to settle. That called for \$150.

"What is this for?" he demanded. "Oh," she replied, "that is the cost of a dress I copied in the restaurant the other night."—New York Sun.

In The Tolls Again.

Wilmington, April 29—A young white boy by name of Robert Smith, son of a New Bern grocer, was arrested here Saturday upon the charge of forgery. He purchased some groceries from local grocery store, and presented for payment a twenty five dollar check, receiving twenty dollars in change. Check purported to be given by National Biscuit Company. The boy is locked up and has wired his father.

(Young Smith was arrested in this city a few weeks ago for the same offense and is now out under a bond of \$100 for his appearance at the next term of Craven county Superior Court.)

Spring Peas Going Out.

Something like four hundred baskets of Spring peas were shipped from here yesterday, and the shipment will be a great deal larger today. The rain Sunday night and warmer weather following will make the peas fill out rapidly. The crop is reported fairly good and the prices so far has been perfectly satisfactory. Beans are said to be badly damaged by late frosts.

We sell the White Mountain Freezers. Send us your orders. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co. Phone 99, 67 S. Front St.

COTTON CASES NOW ON TRIAL

Monday's Session of the Federal Court Consumed in Taking Evidence in One Case.

The second week of the Spring term of Federal Court now setting in this city began work Monday on the famous cotton cases.

The first case called was that of Euro Harris & Co., of Norfolk; E. W. Sabiston, of Onslow. The plaintiff alleged that Mr. Sabiston agreed and contracted to deliver to them on a specified date a certain number bales of cotton at a stated price, and that that defendant had failed to perform his part of the contract.

Evidence for both sides was concluded and court took a recess until this morning 9:30 o'clock, when argument by the attorneys will be given. The plaintiffs are represented by Moore & Dana, of this city. The defendant's counsel are Col. P. M. Pearsall and T. D. Warren, New Bern; C. B. Aycock, Raleigh, E. M. Koonce, Jacksonville, and Rudolph Duffy, of Catherine Lake.

These cases are attracting considerable attention as those involved, either as principals or witnesses, are some of the most prominent people of this section.

PILES! PILES! PILES!

Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared for Piles and itching of the private parts. Sold by druggists, mail 50c and \$1.00. Williams' M'fg. Co. Propa., Cleveland, O.

Norfolk-Southern Stockholders Hold Meeting

New York, May 1—The stockholders of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad in annual meeting today voted to join with the Norfolk & Western and Virginia Railways in guaranteeing not to exceed \$2,000,000 in bonds of the Norfolk terminal railway for the erection of the proposed new union depot here and elected the following directors, for the ensuing year: Frederick Bull, T. L. Chadbourne, Jr., Geo. C. Clark, R. R. Colgate, E. C. Duncan, C. Foy, Rathbone Gardner, George J. Gould, John Y. Waterbury, Oakleigh Thors, S. L. Schoonmaker, Frank A. Sayles, Marsden J. Perry, S. M. Nelson, Frederick Hoff, E. T. Lamb and Caldwell Hasty.

(It will be noted with interest that among the above directors are two prominent North Carolinians, Mr. C. E. Foy of New Bern and Mr. E. C. Duncan of Raleigh. Editor.)

Stop fighting flies, by Screening your house with our Screens. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co. Phone 99, 67 S. Front St.

Baking Contest.

At a cake baking contest held yesterday afternoon at Edward Clark's store conducted by Mr. S. C. Healy representative of N. K. Fairbanks & Co., demonstrating the merits of cottolene, several valuable prizes were awarded to ladies who excel in cake baking.

The Second Man.

A teacher said to her class, "Who was the first man?" "George Washington," a little boy shouted promptly. "How do you make out that George Washington was the first man?" said the teacher, smiling indulgently. "Because," said the little boy, "he was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen." But at this point a larger boy held up his hand. "Well," said the teacher to him, "who do you think was the first man?" "I don't know what his name was," said the larger boy, "but I know it wasn't George Washington, ma'am, because the history book says George Washington married a widow, so of course there must have been a man ahead of him."—New York Press.

Cities of Refuge.

In the tumultuous days of old, when every man's hand was against every other man and every other man's hand against him, when the principle of "due process of law" was practically unknown and private vengeance was the rule of the day, it was absolutely necessary that there should be some place to which one could fly for safety. Such were the "cities of refuge," of which there were six in Palestine. He who succeeded in reaching such a city when pursued by his would-be destroyer was safe until his right to protection was judicially decided. In all probability there were cities of refuge in other countries than Palestine.

RIOTERS THREATEN CANTON

All Foreigners Warned to Flee by Their Consuls. 200 Killed by Gunboats.

Hongkong, May 2—The anti-Manchu uprising at Canton is spreading to the neighboring towns.

Consuls throughout the Cantonese district are arranging to send the foreign women residents to this city for safety. The consuls have issued a warning that all foreigners should seek safety in flight. Dispatches to Hongkong tell of the capture of the three largest Cantonese towns, San-Shui, Wes-Chow and Woo-Chow, which they sacked and partially burned.

Two hundred of the rebels were killed when Chinese gunboats shelled their ranks. The railway service between Canton and Kow-Loon has been suspended, the rebels being in possession of many points along the line. Dispatches received say that the prefect of Shunt-Raleigh, E. M. Koonce, Jacksonville, and a magistrate has been killed at Sam-Shui, a few miles inland from Canton, and that the town of Fat-San has been partially burned. The troops are reported to be still in control at Canton, but numerous outbreaks are occurring there. The viceroy of Canton is still refuged in the Admiralty, which was attacked by several hundred rebels. The latter were repulsed with the loss of more than a score slain. The worst fear now is the rebels will carry out their threat to burn the city. The rebels are also reported to have sacked the towns of West-Chow, and Woo-Chow, in the West River district. Heavy loss of life is feared in all the towns captured by the rebels in revenge for their defeat in Canton. Persons arriving here from the affected district say the fanaticism of the rebels has reached a frenzy and that they are committing all sorts of barbarities.

The Trouble With the Meat.

Stepping into a small restaurant, a grocerly old man demanded of the waiter a certain piece of meat he had in the show window. "But," said the waiter, "we—" "No buts," replied the old man. "You bring me what I ask for or I won't get anything here at all." Rather than lose a customer, the waiter did as he was told and, getting the piece of meat, took it back to be cooked. After a long wait the meat was brought to the customer, who, instead of thanking the waiter, said, "Look here, young man, what is the matter with this meat?" "Nothing is the matter with it, sir, except that the point on it has formed a few blisters from the heat." "Why, what do you mean by that?" asked the old man. "Simply this," replied the waiter. "Those pieces of meat you saw in the window were not made to eat. They were made for advertising purposes, but you insisted, sir, upon having one of 'em."—Philadelphia Times.

Ice Companies Consolidate.

The Peoples Ice Company which has been operating in this city for about a year has dissolved, the stockholders of said company having accepted stock from the New Bern Ice Company for its property, which practically amounts to a consolidation.

Other Charges Against Young Smith.

Wilmington, May 2—It has developed that Robert Smith, alias Frank Aycock the boy who passed a worthless check purporting to be signed by the National Biscuit Company on a Wilmington grocer Saturday got other merchants in a similar manner. He went to the grocery store of S. W. Sanders and presented a check signed by the Coca Cola Bottling works in payment of a small bill of groceries that he had purchased, the groceries amounting to over \$5 and he got the change for \$23. The manager of the store became suspicious after the boy left and investigation showed the check was a forgery. He then rushed out to see if the boy could be located and was fortunate in finding him in another grocery store only a few blocks distant, and it was also fortunate for the other grocer, Thomas and Company, for a clerk in the store was in the very act of passing \$35 over the counter, this being the change after deducting \$6 for groceries, when the manager of S. W. Sanders' store ran in and grabbed the boy. A few moments later he was turned over to the police. He says his home is now in New Bern, but he formerly lived in Fremont. A partner of the boy is reported to have been operating in a small way in another part of the city, but he has not been arrested.

100 pairs High-Grade Tans and Patent Leather ladies Oxfords worth from \$3.00 to \$4.00 to close out quick at \$1.49. The Greatest Bargain Yet. J. J. Baxter.

MODERN TYPE LIVERY STABLES

Daniels-Newberry Live Stock Company's New Stables Completed. Some New Ideas About Livery Business.

The completion of Daniels-Newberry Live Stock Company's new livery and sale stables at New Bern is a class of stables that New Bern has never possessed before. These stables are a model of convenience, utility and neatness amounting almost to luxury.

Fronting on South Front street, almost opposite the Gaston Hotel, the building is forty-three feet wide, two stories, faced with gray pressed brick, the office windows being heavy plate glass. There is but little ornamentation but the frontage impresses one by its appearance of solidity and permanency.

The whole structure which is built of brick, is 132 feet long, the front as before noted being of two stories. A wide entrance opens from South Front street with a floor of roughened concrete, passing on into the stables proper, the arrangement of which will be described later. On the right of the entrance is the office of the firm, large, well-lighted, well ventilated and equipped with such furniture as is needed. On the left is another room not so large but in every way as complete, which will be furnished and kept in condition as a waiting room in which ladies may rest while their rigs are being made ready. There are three rooms in the upper story to be used for storage and display of harness, robes, and other paraphernalia of the livery business.

The entire building is intended to be as nearly as possible fire proof, and particular attention is paid to sanitation. The apartment for stock is lofty in height, admitting a free circulation of air which is scientifically regulated by ventilators and each stall is ventilated by a window furnished with a sliding iron shutter. A large sky-light is placed midway the roof under which is located, what is called the "mule pen" Open stalls with iron lopped partitions, range "one" side while on other are large box stalls. Everything looks neat and orderly and clean. The walls and wood work are all whitewashed and the floor is littered with pine saw dust, all of which gives forth a pleasant and healthy smell. The watering troughs and washing vats are made of concrete and are supplied with running water.

At the rear is an addition, built of iron, 150 feet long every arrangement and equipment as complete and perfect times as the main building. Something like sixty horses can be cared for in the stables, each having a separate stall.

The firm expects to do a considerable business in the sales line as well as boarding etc., but especial attention will be given to the livery end. Horses will be kept to suit the needs of all, the timid and the more assured, both will be provided for, and special drivers for both ladies and gentlemen will be furnished.

The gentlemen comprising the firm are too well known in this section to need introduction. Mr. L. G. Daniels established a large business in Pamlico county selling stock, vehicles, etc., to which he has added greatly since coming to this city a few years ago. During his residence in New Bern Mr. Daniels has taken an active interest in local affairs, investing his money and using his influence for the betterment of the community.

Mr. A. O. Newberry resided here several years ago, finally going to Newport, where he has built up a large livery, and sales business which has proven to him successful.

Chickweed.

Like the plantain, which the Indians called "the white man's foot" because it sprang up wherever the whites penetrated, the chickweed seems to follow the track of the white colonist, and in New Zealand the Maoris call it "the mark of the paleface." The little flower is a sort of barometer. It opens when fine weather is coming, remains closed if rain is in the air.

DIED.

Last evening at 7 o'clock at her residence, No. 62 South Front street, Mary E. wife of B. G. Credle, The funeral service will be conducted from Centenary Methodist Church this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and the interment will be made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

In this city Tuesday morning, May 2nd, after a long illness, Mrs. Mary Ellen Dappe.

The deceased was born in Carbon county Penn. and was 47 years of age. She was the widow of the late Nelson Dappe, who preceded her to the grave only a few months ago. Eight sons and daughters survive.

Funeral this afternoon, at 4 o'clock from residence No. 25 avenue A, conducted by Rev. J. B. Hurley.

SOUTH'S POLITICAL SWAY

Through Evil And Good Report South Remains Democratic.

Leslie Weekly April 27—In the make-up of the committee of the House of Representatives, the political ascendancy of the South is shown in a striking way. The Democrats have a majority of sixty-eight in that chamber and, of course, were entitled to the leading places on its committee. Of the chairmanship of the important committees of that chamber, Southern members hold twenty-eight and those of the rest of the country have only seven. If Missouri, which was a slave State in 1890, be counted as part of the South, that section also holds the speaker, and in the present aspect of affairs, he is one of the most promising of all the presidential possibilities of his party for 1912. But in giving the South three-fourths of the choice places on the House committees, nobody will accuse the dominant party in that chamber of any unjust partiality toward Dixie. The great bulk of the Democratic votes in Senate and House comes from the South. That section furnishes practically all the electoral votes which Democratic presidential candidates have been receiving in recent canvasses.

Through evil and good report the Southern States cling to the Democratic party. Although the South disliked Bryan, it gave him a practically solid vote in three campaigns. With the possible exception of two or three States, the South will undoubtedly give its electoral vote to the Democratic presidential candidate of 1912, whoever he may be. Moreover, the South holds the brains as well as the bulk of the Democratic party. In the Senate, Rayner of Maryland, Simons of North Carolina, Tillman of South Carolina, Bacon of Georgia, Foster of Alabama and Bailey and Culberson of Texas are the leading spirits in their party in that chamber. In the House, Underwood of Alabama, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Henry of Texas, the head of the Committee on Rules, Clayton of Alabama, the chairman of Judiciary Committee; Adamson of Georgia, chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and Hay of Virginia, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, are among the ablest and most prominent men in their chamber.

If we call Missouri a Southern State, we must concede to the South the possession of one of the finest orators and most picturesque personages of recent times. This is the speaker Champ Clark. The South emphatically deserves the recognition which it has received in the organization of the House committees. Moreover, the South will undoubtedly have more sway in the Democratic national convention of 1912 than it has had in any similar gathering since 1860.

House of Jones.

Jones painted his house last year. It looks dull, dead, no life to it. Smith painted his house 10 years ago. It looks clean, nice, and don't need repainting, because he used L. & M. Paint, and added three quarts of Oil to each gallon.

The Oil gave life and preserved it. Besides—adding the Oil reduced its cost 40 cents a gallon less than other paint.

Thirty-five years use in N. A. & S. A. Longmire & Martinez, Manufacturers - The L. & M. Pure Paints, Varnishes and Paints for every purpose, for sale by—Gaskill Hdw. & Mill Supply Co., New Bern, N. C.

ARAPAHOE ITEMS.

Arapahoe, Pamlico County, May 1.—Our people are all busy in their farm work.

Our merchants are progressive, but the hope of their prosperity rests upon the farmer.

Our little town continues to put on new life.

Our merchants are all doing good business.

The crops in this section are some weeks behind time because of the cold, but the weather is very refreshing now after such a refreshing rain as we had last night.

Our Free Will Baptist friends had a grand reunion here beginning last Friday closing last night, it was well represented by delegates from New Bern and other places. They had good audiences at every service.

Miss Viola McLaughorn was the guest of Mrs. Clara Reel, of this place since last Thursday. She will return home today.

Mr. Albert Rawls, who went to Colorado and other western states five years ago won and married a charming little western girl, and returned home some time ago to see his people and friends, has accepted a position with the John L. Roper Lumber Co.

FREE WOOL IN FIVE YEARS

Mondell Roasts Democrats—More Reciprocity Talk. Talbott Back Again.

Washington, May 3—Free raw wool at the end of five years will be the promise of the House Democrats when the wool schedule is revised, according to indications. Nine of the 14 Democrats on the Ways and Means Committee favor immediate free wool. The other five, led by Chairman Underwood favor a reduced duty.

Exactly two score out of the 291 members of the House were on hand today when the gavel fell for the sixth successive day of talk on the Democratic free list bill.

Representative Mondell (Rep., Wyo.) denounced the Democratic tariff policies as "bare-faced attempts to gold-brick the farmers."

More Canadian reciprocity is proposed in a resolution introduced in the House today by Representative Ames (Rep., Mass.) which reads:

"It is the sense and judgement of this House that negotiation with Canada should be instituted at this time with a view to establishing closer commercial ties and freer trade relations with that country."

Representative Talbott returned last night after about a week's stay in Atlantic City, and says he was much benefited, physically, by his sojourn there.

Rheumatism Relieved in Six Hours

Dr. Detchon's relief for Rheumatism usually relieves severest cases in a few hours. Its action upon the system is remarkable and effective. It removes at once the cause and the disease quickly disappears. First dose greatly benefits. 75c and \$1.00. Sold by Bradham Drug Co.

Election Held Yesterday.

Yesterday was election day in this county, the voters voting on the Farm Life School and the Special Court. During the past few weeks these two projects have been greatly agitated and it was expected that much interest would be manifested in the election, but such was not the case in this county. There was no crowds lounging around the polls, and but for the fact that there were several adherents of both questions out among the voters urging them to cast their votes for the projects it would have been almost impossible to tell that anything out of the ordinary was occurring.

The vote outside of the city could not be obtained last night, but the indications are that the Farm-Life School was carried by a large majority while the special court was defeated.

Following is the vote of the different wards in the city:

| For School | Against School |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1st ward 36 | 12 |
| 2d ward 104 | 13 |
| 3d ward 64 | 11 |
| 4th ward 63 | 23 |
| 5th ward | 1 |
| R. Prec't 27 | 1 |
| Total 294 | 60 |

Following is the vote of the different wards in the city:

| For Court | Against Court |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1st ward 19 | 38 |
| 2d ward 35 | 91 |
| 3d ward 20 | 54 |
| 4th ward 8 | 0 |
| 5th ward 19 | 0 |
| R. Prec't 5 | 24 |
| Total 178 | 223 |

NEW CENSUS FOR THE CITY

Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen Act on Various Matters.

The regular meeting of the city council was held last night and the usual routine business dispensed of as well as several new matters taken up. The reading of the minutes by city clerk Patterson recalled the recent McIver "imbroglio" and was interesting from the fact that the city attorney had not "come back" and the city at present is without legal guidance.

Hon. Chas. R. Thomas and Mr. L. I. Moore appeared before the meeting to speak for the paving of East Front St. Mr. Thomas explained that it was for the interest of every citizen that this street be improved for themselves and for visitors. In the discussion it developed it was the full intent to pave the street, that there was money to do it, and that the alarm was a false one and started from the joking remark of an alderman to a river shore physician.

Mr. L. I. Moore, in behalf of the Atlantic Coast Line asked that the crowd of boys that daily boarded trains on Queen street be restrained for so doing by the presence of an officer, and a motion was made that such action as necessary be taken.

The late New Bern census came up for discussion, and it was stated that the Hill Publishing Co. now making up the city directory, say that their figures indicate a population of over 17,000. It was remarked that the first official census showed 16,500 people. No one had any confidence in the late national census and it was suggested that the city imitate Baltimore and have a police census. Mr. Moore offered to aid in taking up a public subscription to have a census taken, as the late count was a severe injury to the city. It was finally decided to let the new board take up the matter.

The matter of Hancock street paving was not acted upon, the railroad was in no hurry and there was no city attorney to act for the city.

The report of the streets proposed to be used by the Neuse-Trent Traction Co. for the street railway was read and the report was ordered put on file, the question of using George street being a matter to be taken up with the War Department.

The report of the committee of three in regard to the condition of the water and light plant was referred back to the committee to specify in regard to the items mentioned. It was stated that two new bored wells were required for a sufficient water supply.

The board took a recess until Friday night, when the new board will take its seats, when duly declared elected.

Crop Conditions in North Carolina.

Raleigh, May 4th.—Reports made by the fertilizer inspectors to the state agricultural department indicate an increase in acreage of cotton 8 per cent; of corn 5 per cent; a decrease in acreage of tobacco 8 per cent; large increase in amount of fertilizer to be used on corn; wheat, slight increase in acreage, condition about as last year. All report great damage to the fruit crop from frosts.

There is a different atmosphere and an air of refinement at The Athens.

New Law Goes Into Effect.

The new baggage checking law went into effect Tuesday. This law enables the holder of a mileage book to present his book to the baggage agent and have his baggage checked without having first to go to the window and exchange mileage for ticket. It protects the railroads by providing that the mileage holder must use the mileage to the point to which the baggage is checked within 24 hours after checking the baggage or else forfeit that part of his mileage.

Attempted to Sell Auto.

Several days ago a genteel appearing young man arrived in this city in an "E. M. F." roadster. During the day he visited several prospective automobile purchasers and attempted to sell them the machine at a very reduced price. One of these gentlemen was very much impressed with the appearance and price of the car and was on the point of purchasing it. However, before the deal was completed he decided to make some investigations in regard to the ownership of the automobile. This was done and the result was that it was found that the machine did not belong to the man who was attempting to sell it. The deal was of course called off and later on in the day both the car and the man who was trying to dispose of it disappeared. The machine had been purchased on the installment plan and only one or two payments had been made on it.

Bully.

An Irishman and his English friend were out rabbit shooting. They had been very unsuccessful and were retreating downhearted when they saw a hare dart out of the hedge.

Mike, in amusement, failed to shoot, and the hare escaped.

"Why didn't you shoot it?" asked the Englishman.

"Shure," said Mike, "I didn't see it till it was out of sight."—London Ideas.