

# New Bern Weekly Journal

No. 58 NEW BERN, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., TUESDAY OCTOBER 24, 1911 --- FIRST SECTION 34th. YEAR

## ESCAPES FROM CHAIN GANG

John Godette, Colored, Slips Manacles From His Ankles And Escapes.

Sometime during Wednesday night and while the remainder of the inmates were wrapped in the arms of Morpheus, John Godette, a member of the Craven county chain gang, in some manner succeeded in removing the shackles with which he was chained to his bunk, from his leg and hid himself away in the darkness of the night. Yesterday morning when the roll was called, Godette's absence was discovered. The overseer came to New Bern and informed the sheriff of the escape, and the police of this city and also the authorities in nearby towns were given a description of the fugitive and asked to be on the lookout for him. Shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon Chief of Police W. J. Rouse at Dover, a small town twenty four miles to the west of New Bern, saw a negro acting in a very suspicious manner and he at once came to the conclusion that it was the escaped convict. He called to the man and ordered him to halt. Godette at first started to run but doubtless thought that he might receive a load of shot from the rear and came to a stop. The officer questioned him but he stoutly declared that he was not the man wanted. However Officer Rouse thought different and pinned him under arrest and brought him to New Bern last evening and turned him over to the sheriff. The officer's suspicions proved to be correct and the negro will be returned to the camp this morning. How Godette managed to get the manacles from around his legs will doubtless ever remain a mystery as he refuses to tell how it was done.

## New Bern, Take Notice.

Mr. Editor—Please stop my ad at once. Since my last ad was placed in your paper my business has increased so I cannot hardly wait on my customers. Please stop until further notice. One fine mule for sale.—"Big Hill," the Shingle and Paper Roofing Man.

## Abductor Of Colored Girl Captured in New Bern.

Wednesday night Chief of Police Lupton received a telephone message from the Sheriff of Pamlico county asking him to be on the watch for Levi and Hattie Bryan, colored, who were wanted at Oriental for abducting a young colored girl. All of the officers were notified to be on the lookout for the pair and a short while later police officer Parker located them and placed them under arrest. Yesterday afternoon the Sheriff of Pamlico county arrived in the city and carried the man and woman back with him.

2,000 acres choice farm land at Warsaw, N. C., will be cut in to small farms and sold at auction Friday, Oct. 27th at 10 A. M. Southern Realty & Auction Co., E. M. Andrews Mgr., Greensboro, N. C.

Staple of the South is in an Exceptional Condition—Increased Acreage Under Cultivation.

This crop is one of the largest in the history of the industry, and will be approximately 14,000,000 bales of 500 pounds, or about 200,000 bales more than the record year of 1904.

While there were declines in the condition in some of the Southern states there was an improvement of 2 per cent in Texas and 1 per cent in North Carolina was noted. With an indicated good yield and the largest acreage on record. With bumper crop assured and the unprecedented heavy receipts running from 75 to 100,000 bales a day, cotton will naturally go down with its own weight. The heavy staple has very few friends at present and in consequence thereby it seeks a low level, less than the rest of production, and at present values there is very little "mourning" in it for the producer. As a writer has said "when the farmer suffers the whole world suffers." The farmer is justly entitled to a just and fair remuneration for his product, but when the market is blocked every where with cotton, the spinners and exporters are never seen for cotton as it looks lower when so much is thrown upon the market. The Exporters, Bankers and business men are willing to sit and await the farmer in holding and will make liberal advances upon all stored with them. Some plan or method should be instituted at once to prevent any further decline. If we had a crop of 15,000,000 cotton is good property at 8 cents.

Very Truly Yours,  
J. S. BALL, 99.

## EXTRA TWO WEEKS TRIP

Is Now President Taft's Plan Before Returning Home.

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 19th.—President Taft's notable swing around the circuit, now in its fifth week, will not end on Nov. 1st, as first contemplated, but will continue until November the 15th or 18th. The President will travel some three or four thousand miles more than at first intended, bringing the total mileage of his trip up to between 16,000 and 17,000 miles and breaking all known records for presidential travel. The itinerary of the original trip will be followed to Pittsburg, where President Taft will spend Tuesday, October 31. Then instead of keeping on to Washington, Mr. Taft will go direct to Morgantown, W. Va., to spend Wednesday, Nov. 1, thence to Hot Springs, Va., to rest for five days, starting west again in time to vote at Cincinnati. Following the Cincinnati trip President Taft probably will go to Hagerstown, Ky., to participate in the dedication of the Lincoln farm memorial. There are two or three tentative dates in Tennessee and then it is expected Mr. Taft will return to Washington. The dates of the supplemental trip have not been fixed beyond Cincinnati as yet.

## A Good Oil Heater.

Nothing is better to heat quick with than an Oil Stove. I have the Barler which is considered the best, priced from \$3.50 to \$7.50.

J. S. MILLER.

## Restoration of Noted Fountain.

Washington, Oct. 21—Referring today to recent publications relative to the restoration of the large fountain or geyser which for many years played at Round Knob, N. C., in right of passing trains on the Southern Railway, President Finley said: "There seems to be some misapprehension as to the restoration of this geyser. On a trip which he made through Western North Carolina several months ago, Dr. George F. Baker, of New York, noted that the geyser was no longer flowing. Inquiries having satisfied him that it would be practicable to restore it, he arranged to have the work done entirely at his expense as a testimonial of his high appreciation of the great service rendered by his friend, Colonel Alexander B. Andrews, of Raleigh, N. C., First Vice-President of the Southern Railway Company, in the development of Western North Carolina. "The work of restoration is now under way and the new geyser will soon be in operation, throwing a column of water 250 feet in the air."

## Easy Way to Put up Prices.

Acting upon the suggestion of a news item in a recent issue of the Journal, Dr. J. A. Duguid, of Vanceboro, has brought a bale of cotton to store until prices get higher. The suggestion was that every body who was able, buy a bale and keep it for the purpose of raising the price. There are at least three thousand, probably more people in Craven county that can spare enough money to buy a bale of cotton. Other counties can do their part, all over the South, until several millions of bales are taken off the market. What effect this will have in putting up prices is not readily to be seen, even to a man up a tree. Think of it! Is it not the best suggestion that has been offered?

## Some Verbal Silps.

Without being a pedant one may note many inaccuracies in the use of words in his own speech and in that of others. Perhaps "excuse" for "pardon" is the most common of these, not to consider mere malapropisms or misuses of the king's English. "Anxious" used where "eager" is meant is another frequent error, and more often "secure" is spoken incorrectly than correctly. Ordinarily when "procure" or "get" is intended "secure" is said. These instances do not come within even the category of distorted synonyms. They are simply words misapplied. Of practically synonymous terms which have different shades of meaning the misuses of ordinary conversation and of writing are innumerable. But to find fault with most of these latter words of precision would be pedantic. It is a profitable mental exercise to study at times a book of synonyms or a thesaurus. The book stores and libraries will be glad, besides, to guide the wayfarer to many books of verbal purities.—Kansas City Star.

Don't let the cold snap catch you without a heater from J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co. 67 S. Front St., Phone

## LEASE ORE LANDS CANCELLED

By Steel Trust To Forstall Dissolution of Corporation By Government.

New York, Oct. 20.—The United States Steel Corporation, in its effort to avert prosecution by the United States Government under the Sherman Anti Trust law, is to cancel the lease of the Great Northern properties containing ore which the trust estimates to be worth about \$300,000,000. Under the terms of the lease the contract cannot be abrogated until Jan. 15, 1915, when the lessee company, if it desires, can exercise its option to do so if it has given two years' notice. With the cancellation of the lease the 300,000,000 or more tons of ore in the rich Great Northern lands should be open to the independent steel manufacturers and to forego rival of the great Morgan combination which confesses to the control of more than 60 per cent of the steel trade of this country. That the dropping of this rich concession obtained from James J. Hill's Great Northern Railroad was due to an effort to checkmate the United States Government in any attempt it may make to dissolve the steel corporation as a combination in restraint of trade, was demonstrated, it was said by the report on the company made recently by H. Knox Smith, United States Commissioner of Corporations. In that report the commissioner said the Steel Trust monopoly consisted largely in its lease of the Great Northern ore lands and its arrangement with that railroad whereby all competitors in the steel trade were excluded from purchasing ore there. The Congressional committee now investigating the Steel Trust also intends it is said, to urge the dissolution of the trust from the transportation business in the ore lands, and that fact, taken in connection with the report of the Commissioner of Corporations, has caused the trust, it is said, to believe that if it divorces itself from these ore lands it will be immune to any proceeding the Government may bring under the Sherman Anti-Trust law. Under the terms of the lease the Steel Trust is to pay to Louis W. Hill, James N. Hill and Walter Hill, as trustees for the land, the exceptionally high royalty of eighty-five cents a ton, with an annual increase of 3.4 cents a ton. Of this agreement Commissioner Smith in his report says: "The only reasonable explanation of this extraordinary transaction is that the Steel Corporation desired to prevent this ore either from being mined and sold to independent producers, this possibly depressing the price of ore, or from being used by the Hill interests to build up a new and dangerous competitor in the iron and steel business, thus depressing the prices of iron and steel products. The Steel Corporation was the only concern in the iron and steel business which was strong enough financially to even consider the taking over such a large quantity of ore at such a high royalty. No figures are available to show how much ore the Steel Trust has mined from these lands since the lease, but it is known that 5,000,000 tons not mined has been paid for, and that the minimum amount the company must mine this year under the terms of a lease is 3,750,000 tons, for which it will have to pay about \$3,697,000.

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A Death Feigning Plant. That certain insects, birds, mammals and reptiles habitually pretend to be dead when danger threatens them is a well known fact, but it is generally believed that this stratagem is resorted to only by animals. In South America, however, there is a plant—a species of mimosa—which resorts to death feigning, evidently for the purpose of preventing the grass eating animals from eating it. In its natural state this plant has a vivid green hue but directly it is touched by a human finger or by any living animal it collapses into a tangle of apparently dead and withered stems.

Smart Sayings. Lord Palmerston's reply to the illiterate member who asked him, "Are there two hens in 'Ontion'?" is a specimen of his rather bolsterous chaff. "No; only one. That's why heggers are so scarce there."

Mr. Disraeli's comment upon a portrait of himself. "Is it not hideous—and so like?" exhibited a discernment not common with unflattered sitters.—"Twenty Years in Parliament."

On the Quiet. Little Marjory—Mamma, what is a spinster? Mother—A spinster, my dear, is a woman to be envied. But don't tell your father I said so.—Liverpool Mercury.

Easy. About the easiest thing in the world is to make splendid plans for the investment of the money one has not yet succeeded in getting.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Milton's Opinion. Milton was once asked if he intended to instruct his daughter in the different languages. He replied: "No, sir; one tongue is sufficient for a woman."

Fame can never make us lie down contentedly on a deathbed.—Pope.

Large increases in both exports and imports were reported for the month of September.

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Go to Bradham Drug Co. today don't procrastinate—get a fifty cent box of M-I-O-N-A stomach tablets and get rid of all that annoying gas, sourness, heartburn, bloating and heaviness, they guarantee them.

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Thousands of years before it was practiced as a religious fast the fasting was practiced as a health measure in Egypt, India and China. Contemporary to Cleveo was Aesclepiades, a Greek physician, who strongly advocated this idea, and 1,000 years after his day the Sina, philosopher and medical sage, argued the virtues of temporary abstinence on the ground that it came easier than constant moderation.

Officials of Southern tobacco States decided to fight the Tobacco Trust's plan of dissolution.

## RANK OF VICE ADMIRAL

Such a Rank Demanded For The American Navy to Preserve Its Dignity.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The humiliating position in which an American naval commander can be placed in a case involving international joint action by lack of sufficient rank has been emphasized in view of the Navy Department of the present situation of the American naval command in China. As a result, it is confidently expected that Secretary Meyer will make a strong appeal to Congress to act upon the recommendation he has already made for the creation of the rank of vice-admiral. Sound naval practice and a proper sense of pride in the American navy will be set out as the reasons for the recommendation that a vice-admiral be provided for each of the three great fleets, the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Asiatic. If Congress sees fit to approve this recommendation it may be that when Reginald F. Nicholson hoists his flag over the Asiatic fleet early next year he will do so with the rank of vice-admiral and thus be placed in a position of at least equality with the commanders of the Japanese, British and German fleets in Chinese waters.

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Snake's Method of Attack. No snake is able to jump or spring from a coil in order to strike, as often represented in pictures. It can only strike when it resembles the letter S and is lying flat on the ground. It can then only reach the distance supplied by stretching the body out straight. The two curves in the figure S supply the distance, which is about half the length of the body. No snake jumps through the air to its victim or springs clear from the ground, rising upon its tail. Such stories and pictures are all false. Neither do they coil like a rope and strike from that position. They may coil partially, but the part of the body that does the striking is ever and only that part which makes the figure S and lies flat on the ground; hence no serpent can strike when stretched out its full length.

Lamb and His Snuffbox. "One summer's evening," writes Home, "I was walking on Hampstead Heath with Charles Lamb, and we had talked ourselves into a philosophic contentment of our slavery to the habit of snuff taking, and with the firm resolution of never again taking a single pinch we threw our snuffboxes away from the hill on which we stood far among the furze and brambles below and went home in triumph. I began to be very miserable; I was wretched all night. In the morning I was walking on the same hill. I saw Charles Lamb below, searching among the bushes. He looked up, laughing, and said: 'What! You are come to look for your snuffbox too?' 'Oh, no,' said I, taking a pinch out of a paper in my waistcoat pocket; 'I went for a halfpenny worth to the first shop that was open!'"

Stoves polished and put up See Basnight Hdw. Co., Phone 99.

How a Wild Horse Bucks. Rufus Steele, in "Mustangs, Busters and Outlaws of the Nevada Wild Horse Country," in the American Magazine, tells of the glorious sport of capturing and training wild horses. "Busting" is no sport for a novice. Real busters are trained to the game from childhood. He writes: "A touch of the spur or a flick of the quirt signals the start. His knowledge of what to do must be a heritage from his ancestors, for all horses do it, and all American wild horses are sprung from horses that once carried straight heavenward. While he and you are high in the air he arches his back and stiffens his body to iron rigidity. Thus he comes back to earth. The sensation to the rider is as if his spinal column had been struck by a pile driver. The impression is not analyzed at the time, for the horse goes into the air again immediately. He swings to right or left, or he 'changes ends' completely while in the air, and you come down facing southward, whereas you were facing northward when you ascended."

A REAL BARGAIN. Owing to the fact that my business requires my attention and presence at another place, I have decided to place my house and lot on the market. The lot contains 3 acres of the best land in the vicinity of Clark. The dwelling house is new and modern, and the out houses are in the best of condition. A fine young orchard is also located on the lot, also a fine grape vineyard. I will sell this place cheap to the proper person. If interested write to or see me at once.

J. M. REGISTER, Clark, N. C.

## DROWNED BY THE BLAST

Explosion Let a Quantity of Water Into The Shaft Where Miners Were Working.

Hibernia, N. J., October 21.—Twelve men were drowned here when a blast destroyed a partition between two shafts in the iron mines of the Whatston Steel Company and let a great quantity of water, accumulated in an old shaft, flood the gallery where they were at work. All the victims are foreigners except David Slaight, foreman of the gang, who lost his life in trying to aid his men. The accident occurred in what was known as the New Langdon shaft, where sixty men were at work. Between this shaft and the abandoned one was a partition of logs. A blast fired soon after the day shift went to work weakened this barrier so that it gave way before the water in the adjoining gallery. In less than a minute the water was over the miners' heads and they were obliged to swim in the darkness toward the opening leading to a higher level. The place where they were at work was about 300 feet below the surface. Those who lost their lives were unable to swim or were pushed down by their struggling mates. Slaight, the foreman, was in a position of safety when the deluge came, but he rushed into the submerged shaft to assist the drowning men and was caught there with the other men.

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## VISIBLE SUPPLY WORLD'S COTTON

General Reports of Stocks Show Increases in Hester's Statement.

New Orleans, Oct. 21.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued yesterday, shows the total visible to be 3,133,833 bales against 2,763,079 last week and 2,745,499 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 2,608,863 against 2,236,079 last week and 2,195,499 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc. 525,000 bales against 527,000 last week and 550,000 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now stored in Great Britain and continental Europe 1,612,000 bales against 1,439,000 last year, in India 254,000 against 206,000 last year, and in the United States 1,198,000 against 998,000 last year.

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## COTTON SITUATION CONTINUES BEARISH

J. E. Latham Gives Eight Reasons For Weakness and Influences Leading to Low Prices.

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 21.—Cotton continues to decline. How low will it go, and when will the bottom be reached? This question is asked many times every day. Under the influence of small crops and speculative impulse the average price for nearly two years has been close to fifteen cents; a price perhaps never justified by the inexorable law of supply and demand. These fictitious values were very injurious to cotton mills generally and as to dealers they brought about conditions awful to contemplate in the way of defaulted contracts, etc. The reaction from prices abnormal is now being felt very keenly by the planters; not that cotton is selling below the cost of production but because of a false conclusion that these over-stimulated prices had come to stay. This is evidently a freak crop and the evidence is cumulative that the yield is enormous, probably not less than 15,000,000 bales and some expect a yield far in excess of this. The world does not know what to do with such a crop. Investors in the trade and out of the trade are watching and some of them are waiting for a favorable time to buy. When this time will come no one can foresee nor will the event be heralded by the ringing of bells, or the beating of drums. Many people have already bought at much higher prices and many farmers under the influence of sentimental reasons or poor advisors have held when they could have sold much higher than now. If the trade of the world continues as anti-factory as at present, the world's spindles will probably consume 12 1/2 or 13 million bales. But, will this condition continue? If so, the surplus in the end may not be burdensome, because mills wish to carry large reserves, the farmer will carry over some and the investor, sometimes called the speculator, will carry some. The first and the last are already taking some of the burden, but until the farmer show more confidence in the value of his product the decline will continue. When one goes to analyze the situation surrounding cotton practically all the influence are bearish.

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