

CRAVEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Held Regular Monthly Session Yesterday. Complaints Made by Tax Payers. Election of Officers.

The Craven County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly session at the court house in this city yesterday. The session started off in a tranquil manner, but within a short while the scene was rather a stormy one. During the past few meetings of the Board there has been a number of complaints made by tax payers who claimed that they had been charged exorbitant taxes. Yesterday, however, a number of persons appeared before the board and stated that they had been compelled to pay charges that they were not entitled to pay.

Chief among the complainants was Mr. J. Leon Williams. Mr. Williams asked the board to relieve him of a tax of \$150 placed on the carnival company which exhibited here during the Agricultural and Stock Exhibit. Mr. Williams went into details in regard to the bringing of this attraction to New Bern in order to draw a crowd to attend the exhibit. He stated that he had not made a single penny from this carnival and that he did not think that the board should make him pay this tax. Attorney E. M. Green read a section of one of the State's laws in which it is stated that an attraction of this kind can be taxed when the receipts go to an individual. Several prominent men made short talks before the board and urged that this tax be taken from Mr. Williams. Mr. Green stated that as attorney for the board he would not err from his duty in so much as to consenting to this section. However, he finally consented to referring the matter to the Attorney General and being guided by what he said was the proper thing to do. The general opinion of the committee with the case is that if the Attorney General is familiarized with the existing circumstances he will relieve Mr. Williams of this tax.

Mr. John W. Stewart then appeared and asked the board to relieve him from paying the county attorney's fee of \$10 and the court fee of \$5 on a tract of land which had been sold and which belonged to him. Mr. Stewart stated that when he purchased the tract of land in question, he was not aware that the county had any taxes charged against it, and that not until notice of the sale with the costs attached had been served on him was he aware of the existing circumstances. Mr. Green stated that he had been compelled to look over a number of old records in this case and that his services were worth \$10 and that he had charged that amount on the bill Mr. Stewart then stated that he was more than willing to pay the taxes on the land, but that he did not feel that he should be taxed with this other cost. The board took the matter up among themselves and finally decided that Mr. Stewart would have to pay both the taxes and the costs placed on the bill by the county attorney.

The board authorized the issuance of \$15,000 county bonds and \$10,000 No 1 township bonds to be used in the erection of the Craven County Farm Life School. These bonds are to draw 5 per cent interest.

At the opening of the session the county officers were elected and the bonds of each were examined and verified. The same officers were elected.

Practically the entire of the afternoon session was spent in looking over and passing upon the bills.

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Determined to Have a Fair.

The following was clipped from Tuesday's Raleigh Times:

"New Bern seems determined to have a permanent fair, and we hope she will succeed in the undertaking. The success of the fair just held shows what can be done. The citizens of New Bern and that section will find a fair a paying institution from many standpoints. It will advertise their section as nothing else can and will stimulate their every resource."

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PRICE PAID FOR HUNG JURY

In McNamara Case. More Arrests Expected. Labor Officials Must Explain.

New York, Dec 5.—That the arrest of twenty or more steel workers now in New York for participation in bomb explosions in hotels, office buildings and bridges in or near the city in the past few years will follow the confessions of the McNamara brothers, is the prediction made here by George D. Tottner, president of the Central Federated Union. "There has got to be a lot of explaining by labor officials," said Mr. Tottner, "and there's going to be a house cleaning of the International Structural Iron Workers." Mr. Tottner said there had been great change in the sentiment of labor unions toward William J. Burns since the confessions were made. "I have been denouncing him nightly," he said. "Now, I would like to go down on my knees and apologize to him."

Los Angeles, Dec 5.—District Attorney John D. Fredericks has informed the Associated Press that Bert H. Franklin, a detective employed by the McNamara defense, and now under arrest on a charge of attempting to bribe George N. Lockwood, a venireman, with \$4,000, actually paid to Robert F. Bain, the first juror sworn in the case, \$400 and promised \$3,000 at the end of the trial if he would vote for acquittal or cause a disagreement of the jury.

Annual Bazaar at Pollockville.

The annual bazaar of the Methodist E. Church, Pollockville, will be held on Thursday Dec. 14th. There will be on sale fancy work and articles suitable for Christmas presents. Refreshments will be served. Invitation extended to all to come.

Genuine Sugar Cane.

A sample stalk of sugar cane grown in Duplin county, N. C., was left at this office yesterday by Mr. A. D. Ward, whose former home was in that county. Mr. Ward had a large bundle of these stalks sent in to exhibit to his friends and says that they had been grown there for many years. It is exactly the same as the Louisiana product and grows to a height of about seven feet, while the Louisiana cane reaches a much greater height. The quality of the syrup secured from this variety of cane is much superior to the usual sorghum raised in this locality and doubtless is very fine, used in buckwheat cakes on a cold winter morning.

Just Received

1 solid carload of Brass and Iron Beds, we can give you good strong Iron Beds as low as \$2.50 each, 2 inch post for \$3.00 that beats anything you ever saw for the price.

J. S. MILLER,
The Furniture Man.

The Lodge of Sorrow.

The annual Memorial Services of the Benevolent and Protective Order Elks were held in The Athens theatre Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The stage was beautifully decorated and lighted and the program given was most excellent for its music and addresses, all the details being carried out as published in advance.

The commemoration was for fifteen members who have died since the lodge was organized, and during the last year three were added, being Enoch Wadsworth, Edward Wallace, and James Redmond. A glance at the list of fifteen will show how well known they were to the daily life of this city. Some changes were to be noticed in the arrangements, only the officers were seated on the stage, and the lamps symbolical of the departed brothers were lighted one by one as the names were called instead of being distinguished which is perhaps a more pleasing tribute to their lasting memory.

Miss Small Entertains.

Miss May Belle Small delightfully entertained the Up Town Bridge Club at her home Saturday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Isabelle Simmons, of New Bern. The home was tastefully decorated with Christmas colors, and dainty refreshments were served. Several visitors were present.—Washington, (N. C.) News.

Vestry Elected at St. Cyprian's.

Monday night at the annual meeting of the members of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, the following Vestrymen were elected for the ensuing year:

For Vestry—J. H. Fisher, Wm. Pasture, H. H. Styrton, Robert Green, H. P. Kennedy, A. Richmond, Wm. Hill, C. M. Saunders and I. H. Smith.

BULK OF PHILIPPINE TRADE

Comes To This Country. Interesting Report of Trade Conditions In Islands.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Brig. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, in his annual report repudiates the recent reports that Germany was running off with the bulk of the trade with the Philippines Islands. According to the report there was imported from the United States in the last fiscal year merchandise to the value of \$19,483,658, a gain of \$8,708,357 over the previous year. While trade with the United States grew at this volume it increased with other countries combined only \$4,057,735. Cotton and manufacturers constituted 20 per cent. of all the imports. One-half of the imports from the United States were in the nature of cotton and manufactures. Great Britain was second and more than \$1,000,000 below the United States. Despite free trade with the United States the exports to this country dropped \$2,024,615. The installation of postal savings banks in the Islands has brought forth considerable gold and silver from Philippine merchants according to the report. In the 414 banks in operation all over the Islands deposits to the amount of 2,099,474.49 pesos were made. Of this amount 80 per cent. was deposited by Filipinos.

Gen. Edwards makes the recommendation for the deposition of all the friars from the Islands. He says that unless they are disposed of they will eventually become a heavy drain upon the finances of the Philippine government. He recommends that they be sold to tenants where there are tenants to purchase them and to any other purchasers where they are unoccupied. Two hundred and seventy-seven million cigars were manufactured in Porto Rico during the last year, according to the report. This was \$1,000,000 in excess of what were manufactured last year. Porto Rico has developed as a fruit, growing and exporting country, too, is the last year. The exports of fruit in the last year were increased by one third, the total shipments reaching in value \$2,000,000. The exports of the island amounted to \$29,918,387 and the imports, mostly from the United States, amounted to \$38,686,397.

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School Dedication at Swansboro.

Thursday Dec. 7th, will be Educational Day at Swansboro, the new Graded School to be formally dedicated. Governor Kitchin to be speaker of the occasion. There will be a parade of school children with other interesting ceremonies. The new school building is a fine one and the Swansboro people are entitled to rejoice and celebrate its opening. The public is invited to come.

IN MEMORIAM.

Died at his home, Jones County, N. C. Nov. 9th, 1911, Dr. C. J. Mattocks in his 71st year.

With Masonic honors his body was laid to rest at Trenton, N. C., Nov. 10th.

For several years the Doctor's health was poor, disabling him for the active duties of life, yet he remained keenly alive to passing events, and the love and care of his beautiful country home. He did not without a pain or struggle and his spirit ripe and pure winged its flights up to its celestial home. He said he was ready and anxious to go, as the burdens of life had become full with pains and sufferings with no hope of earthly relief. He leaves a wife and an only son, as his immediate family to mourn his departure, which is largely assuaged by the fact of relief of their loved one from earthly suffering, and his present happy greetings of his Savior, the Host of heaven, and the loved ones gone before.

Dr. Mattocks was a man of high ideals of honor, a popular and successful physician and business man, and made fast friends of those with whom he lived. He took great pride in educating John, his only son, and never tired in lavishing his care and affection on both wife and son. Modest and gentle as a lady, his conversation was ever pure and refined, and his finished attire made him a model of neatness. We shall miss him in the family, social and business circles of life here, but trust in a Savior's love to meet and greet him, when we too shall pass over and beyond.

Peace be to his ashes.
J. W. SANDERS.

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OHIO FARMERS HERE SATURDAY

Will Arrive Over Norfolk-Southern Railway at 11 o'clock.

Several weeks ago the Land and Development Department of the Norfolk-Southern Railway Company announced that they would bring another delegation of Ohio farmers to eastern North Carolina for the purpose of looking over the conditions with a view of locating.

Yesterday information was elicited from the local office of the Norfolk-Southern Railway Company that the special train bearing this delegation left Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 5th, and that it would arrive in New Bern Saturday morning, December 9th, at about 11 o'clock. After spending several hours in this city the party will go on to Kinston there they will look over the conditions of the land in that section and then return to New Bern Saturday night and the party would be disbanded and those who wished to do so return to their native state at once.

When the Ohio delegation visited this section several weeks ago they were more than pleased with the hospitality of the people and the condition of the land and it is hoped that the visitors who will arrive here Saturday will be as favorably impressed. Announcement of the reception of the delegation in this city will be made later.

Basket Party at Ernul.

There will be a basket party at Ernul school house Tuesday night, Dec. 12th, 1911. Everybody is invited to come.

DIED.

Tuesday afternoon, Vance Lee infant son of Geo. A. and Mary E. Taylor, Funeral services today at 3 p. m. at the family residence 87 Middle St. conducted by Rev. E. P. Carter.

How To Get Rich Quick.

Take one million cats and get rich quick. This is the advice of the Liberte of Paris to its readers. The prescription is quite simple. A million cats will supply you with twelve million kittens a year. The skins are worth a little over 28 cents each, so there you have a daily gross revenue of about \$1,000. To skin the cats you will have to employ 100 men, who will charge you \$2 per 50 cats. Your net revenue will thus be reduced to about \$3,000 a day. It should cost you nothing to feed your cats. Start a ratery. Rats breed four times as fast as cats, so the cats can have a daily diet of four rats apiece, which is simple. To feed the rats is perfectly simple. Give them the skinned cats. One cat will be ample for four rats. The scheme works out simply and automatically. The cats eat the rats, the rats eat the cats and you have the skins.—N. Y. Sun.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

Mostly Discussion Municipal Matters. License for Palmists and Fortune Tellers.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular monthly session Tuesday night, a quorum being present. Foreman Gardner, of the Colored Fire Company made petition that the board assist in paying balance due on the company's wagon, \$30. On motion, \$50 was allowed with understanding that the company raise \$40. Water and light committee was given or let to draw money as needed to pay wages for work done on new boiler being set up. Alder man Simpson was allowed to purchase at \$15 per 1,000 paving brick left over.

The matter of fixing Metcalf to the dock was referred. Quite a discussion took place on the matter of the Atlantic Coast Line's track on Queen street, as to whether, in paving the street the railroad was conforming to city grade crossings. L. I. Moore for railroad, said that everything possible would be done to meet the city. The matter was referred. C. E. Price who was burned out some months ago on South Front street was released from payment of personal and stock tax, as his property was destroyed about time of hitting. On motion a license tax of \$50 annually was placed on palmists and fortune tellers. Bids on the 11 police uniforms were opened and F. M. Chadwick was awarded the contract at \$22.

Mr. J. B. Blades appeared before the board and invited it to attend the meeting at the court house on Wednesday night and hear reports of the Fire Preventative Association. Regular and audited bills passed, board taking recess.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TREATS

Trusts, Regulating Without Destroying Them. Favors Federal Incorporation.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Sounding the administration campaign slogan, President Taft on Tuesday presented to Congress his first message, devoted entirely to trusts, which the following is a summary.

The president proposes the creation of an executive bureau or commission to supervise corporations chartered under Federal law.

He would give it powers similar to those possessed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

He opposes the repeal of the Sherman law as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court.

He declares that no more effective a decree has ever been entered by a court than that dissolving the Tobacco Trust. He renews the recommendation for the enactment of a general law providing for the voluntary formation of corporations to engage in trade and commerce among the states and with foreign nations.

He asserts that the "attempt and purpose to suppress a competitor by underselling him at a price so unprofitable as to drive him out of business, or the making of exclusive contracts with customers which they are required to give up associations with other manufacturers and numerous kindred methods for stifling competition and afflicting monopoly, should be described with sufficient accuracy in a criminal statute on the one hand to enable the government to shorten its task by prosecuting single misdemeanors instead of an entire conspiracy, and, on the other hand, to serve the purpose of pointing out more in detail to the business community what must be avoided."

He says that Federal incorporation will not exempt any concern or its officers from prosecution under the Sherman Act, and could be framed so as to prevent "vexatious and unnecessary invasion by the states," but yet permit control by States with respect to purely local business.

He believes that as the offense against the Sherman law becomes better understood and the committing of it partakes more of studied and deliberate defiance of the law, we can be confident that juries will convict individuals and that jail sentences will be imposed.

He holds that "mere size is not sin against the law."

He says the Sherman Anti-Trust Act is the expression of the effort of a freedom-loving people to preserve equality of opportunity, and declares it must be enforced unless we are to banish individualism from all business.

He finds that under the Sherman Act seven suits were brought during Harrison's administration; eight in Cleveland's second term; three under McKinley; forty-four under Roosevelt and thirty-seven so far during his own term.

Piano Recital at Maysville.

A piano recital will be given by the music pupils of the Maysville Graded School Friday evening Dec. 8th, seven thirty o'clock.

A very interesting and attractive program has been prepared by Miss Sigmon.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The following program will be rendered:

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| PART I. | |
| King of the Carnival | Deshayes |
| Misses Gladys Collins and Sigmon | Sigmon |
| Song, The Invitation | Tyrolann |
| Sea Breeze | Penimore |
| Evelyn Eubank | |
| Love and Happiness | Sartorio |
| Annie Louise Hay | |
| Pink Pearls | Spaulding |
| Hazel Mattocks. | |
| Rustic Dance | Schnecker |
| Ethlyn Focuse and Helen Stanley. | |
| The Dutch Company | Lawson |
| Clara Focuse. | |
| Morning Prayer | Streebagg |
| Ethlyn Focuse. | |
| Song, The Adventures of "Miss Pussy" | Koogle |
| Little Blue Eyes | Necke |
| Annie Belle Collins. | |
| Farmer Boy | Immer |
| Helen Stanley. | |
| Song, Slumber Dearest | von Plotow |
| Sounds from the Ringing Rocks | Walters |
| Miss Julia Mattocks. | |
| The Dancing Sprites | Bohm |
| Madie Belle Hay. | |
| Electric Flash Galop | Groedelers |
| Misses Viola Shaw and Sigmon. | |
| In the Row Boat | Schnecker |
| Edna Shaw. | |
| Intermezzo Russe | Frankie |
| Jessie Eubanks. | |
| Song, "John Brown's Ten Little Junes" | |
| Reading | Selected |
| Miss Willie Collins. | |
| PART II. | |
| Comedy, A Corner in Hearts. | |
| Rudolph Blankenburg was inaugurated as Mayor of Philadelphia. | |

FIRE PREVENTATIVE ASSOCIATION

On Its Inspection of New Bern. Will Suggest Fire Ordinances For Local Adoption.

There was a public meeting at the court house last night, at which the members of the Fire Preventative Association made reports of what they had seen and done about the city during their inspection Wednesday. Every member who spoke mentioned the courtesy shown him while here by the citizens, and how help in every way was extended to assist the inspection.

Mr. B. Blades called the meeting together and explained its purposes. J. Leon Williams secretary chamber commerce welcomed the association in behalf of the chamber. A. D. Ward welcomed the visitors in behalf of the citizens. M. G. Hunter of Raleigh was introduced to preside and after a few complimentary remarks as to his reception in this city, he introduced R. S. Busbee of Raleigh who made an excellent presentation of what was needed to prevent fires, and naming as the chief things that made fire risks, uncleanly premises, flues, ashes, matches and heating apparatus. He spoke of the pressing clubs in this city as endangering several buildings. B. J. Smith spoke on the ordinances that the Association would send to the board of aldermen, and suggest their adoption here. A principal ordinance he suggested was cleanliness of streets, alleys and premises. E. G. Cox spoke on the special risks of fire from flues. H. T. Nelson of Richmond, made summary of the inspection made here, and said unusual conditions were found. Ashes were found in boxes, barrens basements and cellars. Old wooden buildings were in the center of some blocks, that were dangerous fire traps.

Col. Walker Taylor of Wilmington made an address that was practical and humorous.

The meeting was one no citizen should have missed.

HAVELOCK NEWS.

Havelock, Dec. 7.—Most everybody in our neighborhood is sick with colds. We hope they will all soon be better.

Misses Sallie Russell and Maud Wood returned home Sunday night from Riverdale and reported a very good time, especially at the Croatan basket party.

Mr. D. L. Taylor spent Tuesday in New Bern on business.

Miss Pennie Mason returned home Sunday, after spending Thanksgiving with her parents at Newport.

Mr. G. A. Russell spent Thanksgiving with his family at Cherry Point.

Mr. Richard Russell spent Sunday at Mr. Mitchell's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Garner returned home Sunday from visiting at Newport.

Misses Jones and Watson from Slocums Creek, were visitors at Croatan Sunday.

Mrs. Nannie Bell and little son Ollie, from Cherry Point, left on the morning train last Thursday for Aurora, where they will visit relatives.

Mr. J. S. Morton from Harlowe, was in our midst a short while last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. M. F. Russell went to New Bern Saturday to purchase a gasoline boat; he returned with it Sunday.

Miss Bettie Mitchell, from Cherry Point was a visitor at Mr. Wynne's last week.

Mr. R. L. Broadus, of Pine Grove, was in our town for a while Tuesday afternoon.

Beat wishes to the New Bern Journal "DOTTY."

BRIDGETON ITEMS.

Dec 5.—We are having some very cold weather now.

There was a surprise party given last week at Mr. M. L. Pugh's on C. street in honor of Miss Elsie Pugh of Oriental who was visiting her uncle.

Thursday night the ladies of the Methodist Church will have a basket party at the Tolson house on C. street. There will be a cake for the prettiest girl, everybody is invited to come out and help out the worthy cause. Come out and see who gets the nice cake.

Next Saturday and Sunday will be Quary Conference here at the Methodist Church. Rev. J. E. Underwood, P. E., our new elder will be here. Everybody is cordially invited to come out.

Mr. Wess Smith who has been here at work for some time left Monday for his home on Brown Sound.

Mr. M. L. Pugh has moved in the concrete house on C. street.

The Junior Epworth League gave a social at the home of S. D. Parker on B. St. last night. They all enjoyed they had a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Ballard were in our town Sunday visiting relatives.

M'NAMARAS GET PRISON SENTENCE

For Life and 15 Years. Comes Within Parole Law In Seven Years. Confession of James.

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—James B. McNamara was sentenced yesterday by Judge Bordwell to life imprisonment in San Quentin prison.

John J. McNamara was sentenced to 15 years in the same prison.

Both men were heavily ironed when they appeared in court to take punishment for dynamiting the Los Angeles Times building, thereby causing the death of 21 men.

The promises alleged to have been made to counsel for the McNamara brothers by the big business men of Los Angeles who wanted the famous murder case disposed to the municipal election in this city were fulfilled by District Attorney Fredericks and Judge Walter Bordwell when James B. McNamara, confessed slayer of 21 working people, was sentenced to San Quentin Prison for the rest of his natural life in explanation of his crime, and his brother, John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironwork was sent to the same prison to serve a term of 15 years.

If the men live, however, and prove exemplary prisoners, they will come under the operation of the State Parole law within seven years.

The confession of James B. McNamara, penned in his own hand is as follows:

I, James B. McNamara, defendant in the case of the people, having heretofore pleaded guilty to the crime of murder, desire to make this statement, and this is the truth:

On the night of September 20, 1910, at 5:45, I placed in Ink alley, a portion of the Times Building, a suit case containing 16 sticks of 80 per cent. dynamite set to explode at 1 o'clock in the morning. It was my intention to injure the building and scare the owners. I did not intend to take the life of anyone.

I sincerely regret that these unfortunate men lost their lives. If the giving of my life would bring them back I would gladly give it. In fact, in pleading guilty to murder in the first degree I have placed my life in the hands of the State.

JAMES B. McNAMARA.

Mrs. Pickett and Southern Poets.

The South is developing many new writers these days, but the old ones are not forgotten, and all magazine readers below Mason and Dixon's line—and above it too—will welcome Mrs. La Salle Corbell Pickett's new series of articles on famous literary people and places of the South, now appearing in Lippincott's. The first paper, "The Sunrise Poet"—whom every Southerner will recognize as Sidney Lanier—is in the December issue. "Corn," one of Laddier's most famous works, is reprinted from an early number of Lippincott's, in which it originally appeared.

Papers on Edgar Allan Poe and Henry Timron will follow.

Don't say "they haven't got it" till you've tried us. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

New Bern Boy One of Three.

In the recent examination held by the Government to obtain photographers for governmental service there were four hundred applicants who took the examination. These were from all sections of the country. The Board of Examiners found three out of the four hundred that they deemed as having passed the examination and entitled to a position as photographers for the government. Of these one came from California, one from Michigan and one from North Carolina. The North Carolinian being a New Bern boy, Mr. Eugene Tucker, who is well known here. The Journal offers its congratulations to Mr. Tucker. His work will begin December 11th.

William J. Burns renewed his appeal on Samuel Gompers.

President Gompers said the McNamara sentences fitted the crime which the two men confessed.

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