

# New Bern Weekly Journal.

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NEW BERN, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., TUESDAY AUGUST 6, 1912--FIRST SECTION

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## POSTMASTER EDWARDS EMPTIES HIS PISTOL AT BEN R. WARREN

Vanceboro Stirred Saturday Night By Sensational Shooting Affair.

THREE OF THE SIX BALLS TAKE EFFECT.

Warren Under Care of Physicians--Not Known Whether Wounds are Fatal.

Saturday night at 8 o'clock at Vanceboro, Ben R. Warren, the livid man, was shot by postmaster J. F. Edwards. Only three of the bullets took effect and two of these merely pierced the skin, indicating that the pistol which Edwards threw away after the shooting, was of a cheap quality. The third bullet, however, pierced Mr. Warren's right side and may prove of a very serious, possibly fatal nature.

There had been feeling between the men for some time and it broke out as fresh when the postmaster, as it is claimed, refused to send Warren his mail.

The two men had the difficulty which resulted in the shooting in front of Warren's stables. After some words Edwards struck Warren with a stick. Then he pulled out the pistol and began shooting. Warren walked off about a hundred yards and fell. His son B. B. Warren, had come up in the meantime and gone to the aid of his father, whom he assisted to his feet and accompanied to Dr. Johnson's office. At the time of the shooting Warren fell and his son picked him up and carried him inside. It is charged that after Warren fell and before his son got to him Edwards walked up to his prostrate form and kicked him. Both men are said to have been drinking.

Sympathy at Vanceboro is almost all with the wounded man. He is a small man and his assailant is a man of large size. Warren had no weapon of any sort, not even a pocket knife.

Among the many rumors which were flying around the streets was one that Edwards had been heard by several to say that he would kill Warren.

Used a Gun.

Another shooting scrape, and one with a humorous side to it, occurred about the same time the Edwards-Warren encounter. Will Dudley, a negro, called Mr. Dick Cleave an insulting epithet and later followed it up by throwing a lighted cigar cracker into Mr. Cleave's room, giving quite a shock to Mr. Cleave who responded with a load from his shotgun which, however, did not take effect.

Mr. McGowan Gets Patent.

Mr. Noah McGowan of Craven county has recently had patented a device for ascertaining the level of land. It is very simple, and bids fair to replace all other instruments for this purpose. Mr. McGowan is spending a few days in New Bern, demonstrating his device, and endeavoring to interest farmers in it.

Immortalized.

Brown--That's the cuckoo from a clock I used to have. I have the highest respect and admiration for it, because it is the only thing that ever dared to butt in while my wife was talking!--Puck.

## ESSEX IN PORT, LIKE NOAH'S ARK

The schooner Essex, Captain Dixon, arrived Saturday morning from Mid-dleton, Hyde county, looking like Noah's ark. She had on deck cattle, hogs, chickens and all sorts of stock. Buyers appeared as soon as the vessel got a line on the dock.

The power boat Reliance is at the market dock with still more watermelons, though large ones are bringing but seven cents and small ones four cents. Schooner Agnes arrived yesterday morning from Hobucken, Hyde county, and sailed in the evening with a cargo consisting of lathes and cement.

The gas screw boat Janet, belonging to Mr. L. T. Smallwood, of Oriental, has recently been admitted by the local custom house authorities. She was built at Atlantic, on Core Sound, and is 47 feet over all, with a tonnage of 10 gross and seven net.

Good Start On Building.

A good start has been made on the foundations for the two-story brick building to be erected by Mr. W. A. McIntosh, on the northeast corner of Craven and South Front streets. Trenches were being dug yesterday and seemingly the excavating had so far advanced that the masons could go to work. The building will be large enough for two fine stores, one of which will be used as a warehouse for the New Bern Iron Works, of which Mr. McIntosh is treasurer, and the other will be rented.

## LIGHTS BETTER IN FEDERAL BUILDING

For the past four or five months there has been a noticeable improvement in the lights in the government building. The custodian is to be congratulated on this great change for the better. Really, there is now no excuse for complaint. There has been a great deal of "kicking" and fault-finding in the past some of it merited, and now that everything has been made all right it seems that a word of commendation should be given those responsible for the improvement.

The Editors In New Bern.

New Bern--the end of the waterway trip--was a happy host to the editorial party. Automobiles whirled the men and women of the party about the bustling, growing city and the points of interest were briefly shown the visiting party. New Bern wants the press association to meet with them another time and promises a big reception. From the little while spent there last Friday, New Bern would be a good place to go for a stay of days. --Charlotte Observer.

NOTICE.

The school committee of the Ninth Township will meet at Jasper Friday, Aug. 16, at three o'clock. Persons desiring places as teachers should send their applications to the committee.

M. W. CARMON, Chairman.

## THE INLAND WATERWAY.

The Charlotte Chronicle in telling of the recent meeting of the Press Association in Morehead City, after describing the trip to Cape Lookout on the Seminole, says of the trip to New Bern on the Pamlico:

The other trip was through the inland waterway to New Bern and a committee from New Bern went along to assist in hospitable treatment. This time the revenue cutter Pamlico carried the party. This waterway, constructed by the government at a cost of \$500,000, shortens the water distance to New Bern nearly a hundred miles. The canal constructed to connect Bogue Sound and the Neuse river is 17 miles long, ranging from 100 to 200 feet wide and the average depth of water is 10 feet and it is proposed to deepen the canal to 12 feet. This waterway is a section of the inland waterway extending from Boston to Morehead and coastwise vessels can thus make the trip without getting in reach of the dangerous reefs of the coast. This waterway is 43 miles in length and is a memorial to the services of Senator Simmons and Congressman Small. It is one of the big things accomplished for North Carolina by two men who are watching for the interests of their constituency.

New Bern was the last point in the excursion and the visitors were made to feel at home. Automobiles were provided and everybody took a ride. The points of interest were shown and the little while spent in the growing town was truly a happy time. The trains that night carried the newspaper men back to their desks and work. Every one felt better and ready for another year of service in the interest of the development of this--the best State of the Union.

## LARGE NUMBER OF MOTOR CARS HERE

Over a Hundred Sold In Comparative Short Time Sales Increase.

FIRMS WHICH SELL THEM

Interest In Automobiling Stimulus to Movement for Better Roads.

It is conservatively estimated that there are over one hundred motor cars in New Bern--that is, that have been sold here within a comparatively short time. The sales are rapidly increasing. In fact, the dealers are unable to supply the demand. Prompt deliveries are out of the question, for the 1912 output of the factories is entirely exhausted. Many New Bern people who delayed ordering early in the spring are now anxiously waiting for their 1913 models.

The firms here handling the cars are: Hyman Supply Co., who have the Cadillac, E. M. F., Overland and Forders; The New Bern Motor Car Co., who sell the Ford, and the New Bern Garage Co., selling the Buick in all the different models.

This interest in automobiling is a great stimulus to the good roads movement. It does more to bring about improvement in the highways than anything else. The gasoline car will greatly help the county fair, as a number of motor vehicles are expected to be provided to carry visitors out to the grounds.

The C. S. Hollister company, wholesale grocers, have just purchased a new "Flanders 20" touring car from the Hyman Supply company for use of their salesmen who make runs to nearby towns. Yesterday at noon their new chauffeur--to whom the machine was being turned over--was being driven to the new power plant into action presumably for the first time. He would cheerfully crank the engine, attempt to start the car, place his foot upon the accelerator pedal, and just as soon as the engine began to wake up the would-be driver would get so excited that he unconsciously removed his foot from the accelerator, when the engine would promptly choke and go out of commission with a wheezy sigh. A more experienced "chiffonier" arrived upon the scene, loaded the machine with passengers, including the amateur chauffeur, and proceeded upon the way rejoicing, without further trouble.

Other wholesale houses have also purchased machines for their salesmen. The salesman are tickled with the idea. It enables them to make quicker and more enjoyable trips, and then there is some "class" to a nice auto.

Notice.

The annual picnic at Lee's Chapel will take place Aug. 8. There will be speaking for the Sunday school and also for the Farmer's Union. Everybody is cordially invited to come. Bring your baskets and let's all have a good time.

## BEEF PRICES GO TO NEW RECORD

Situation Growing Steadily Worse, Says Live Stock Exchange Man.

MORE CATTLE NEEDED

Congress or the State Legislatures Will Have To Get Busy Soon.

Chicago, Aug. 3.--The warning issued to consumers after the "dissolution of the Beef Trust" that meat prices would be higher has been fulfilled and beef, at the local stockyards is selling at the highest prices ever attained here.

The figures represent a new world's record for altitude in beef prices.

A scarcity of cattle was given as the cause for beefs selling at \$9.85 per 100, and a prediction of \$10 cattle for next week was made by dealers today.

Charles S. Jones, president of the Live Stock Exchange, has issued a plea for raising more cattle to supply the increasing demand.

"The situation is serious," he said. "Congress or the State Legislatures must soon take some action to encourage cattle raising."

Prevailing high prices, according to butchers, have been reached by a gradual climb. The following reasons for the unprecedented meat prices are given by President Jones.

Increasing population, due to immigration; crowding of people into the cities; opening by Congress of Western breeding and grazing lands to settlement; abandonment of cattle raising in corn-growing States and selling of calves for slaughter by dairymen.

New York, Aug. 3.--Red ink marks on the bills of fare in many restaurants notified patrons that the price of all meats had been advanced 5 and 10 cents a portion, due to the unprecedented high price of cattle on the Chicago market.

The management of a catering company maintaining a chain of restaurants all over New York and impractically every city in the United States served notice that beginning tomorrow there would be a 5-cent increase on all meats and an advance on the prices of many other dishes. For instance, in this restaurant potatoes that have been served as side dishes with steaks will cost 10 cents a portion. Other side dishes also will be charged for, and it was rumored that eventually bread and butter will be served at an added charge.

The advance in restaurant prices follows the remarkable upward shoot of wholesale and retail meat prices since the so-called "dissolution of the Beef Trust."

## MOTOR TO SOUTH GEORGIA AND BACK

Mr. George R. Fuller and family, Miss Minnie Oxley and Mr. Fuller's father, Mr. A. W. Fuller, of Abbeville, Ga., arrived by automobile Saturday night from Abbeville.

Mr. Fuller and party left here nearly three weeks ago. The second night they were in Florence, S. C. Later they touched at Atlanta, Macon, Augusta and other cities. They went to the southern part of Georgia and there at Abbeville Mr. Fuller's father joined the party.

Returning they came through Greenville and Spartanburg in South Carolina and Charlotte, Salisbury and Greensboro in this State. They spent Friday night of this week in Hillsboro. Leaving there at six o'clock yesterday morning they came on to Raleigh, reaching the capital in time for breakfast. At 12 o'clock they were in Goldsboro for dinner and at seven they were back in New Bern.

They had no accidents of any sort on the way down. And on the return trip three punctures formed the sum total of their troubles.

## To Reach The PEOPLE

In the rural Districts of Craven, Jones, Onslow, Carteret and Pamlico counties, advertise in the

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## Endorsement of His Party.

The State and National conventions and recent votes upon the tariff question in the Senate and House certainly endorse Senator Simmons' course and demonstrated that he has the confidence of his colleagues.

The national platform did not refer to specific duties upon any commodity, but does declare for a reduction to a revenue basis and so distributed as to fall equally upon every section and all the people. This is certainly fair. For if the South must pay to support the government she is also entitled to her share of the benefits to be derived from the tariff. The Times stands for free trade and a direct tax, but that being impracticable at this time and the revenues to support the government must of necessity be raised through a tariff, why should we hand our raw materials to those who favor protection and allow them to send the finished product back to us at several times its value in account of production afforded by the tariff?

The South pays 70 millions of dollars out on account of the tariff and gets nothing in return.

The Senate and House agree with Senator Simmons on Canadian reciprocity. His position is that if Canadian wheat shall be exchanged free, why can't Canadian flour also come in free, and this will break up the flour trust, and if iron ore is turned in free why not steel manufacturers to break up the steel trust and so on.

The cost of high living is due to the protection on the manufactured products which has enabled manufacturers to charge the limit on the products of their factories irrespective of whether the raw materials were admitted free. --Wilson Times.

## SUGGEST DUNCAN AS NEW N-S HEAD

Beaufort Man is Much Talked of as Suitable Man to Succeed E. T. Lamb.

OTHER RAILROAD TALK.

There is Possibility That Baltimore and Ohio Will Get Norfolk-Southern.

"How about E. C. Duncan for the new president of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad?" That is the suggestion which a good many New Bern people, and doubtless people all along the line are making now. Persons who are familiar with what Mr. Duncan has done in the development of the Norfolk-Southern say that he not only deserves to be placed at the head of the road by reason of what he has done in building it up but also because he has the executive ability, energy and financial connections that would enable him to fill the place more acceptably, probably, than any one else that could be had.

The Norfolk-Southern is much discussed nowadays anyway. In addition to the gossip about the presidency of the road much is being said about the future of the road so far as it may be guessed from developments in connection with the vacant presidency. From the fact that A. W. Thompson, 3rd vice-president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, is spoken of as the new president of the system, some are gathering the deduction that the Baltimore and Ohio is going to come into the affairs of the Norfolk-Southern. This is a consummation which would be generally welcomed as a powerful system and a great upbuilder of the territory served by it.

Brings Home Some Fine Corn.

Postmaster J. S. Baughn paid a visit to Mr. John Fields, at Fields Station Friday. He returned with a stalk of corn with four fully developed ears thereon. Mr. Baughn said that Mr. Fields took him through a field containing fifty acres of the finest corn he ever saw. No stalk had less than three ears, while some had as many as six.

## NEWSPAPER PRESS FOR SALE.

Cottrell press from which the Journal was formerly printed is for sale by the E. J. Land Printing Co. Is in fair condition now and with a little overhauling could be made to give many years' service. Will take up to 2-column folio. Anyone wanting a newspaper press and not willing to incur the expense of buying a new one would do well to look into this proposition. E. J. Land Printing Co., New Bern, N. C.

## A STROLL IN GHENT INSPIRES CONFIDENCE IN CITY'S GROWTH

Inspection of New Suburb Calculated to Dispel All Pessimism.

STREET RAILWAY LAID ON SPENCER AVENUE

Lined With California Poplars, It Runs Two Miles Down Boulevard

Any pessimistic individual who has doubts about the rapidly approaching substantial growth of New Bern is advised to take a stroll or a ride out along the line of the new New Bern-Ghent street railway line. Starting at the Union station, the tracks have been laid down Graves street to Craven, then on down to South Front, and along that street to Middle. Turning in front of the Elks Temple, the road runs out Pollock street to McCarthy's Circle Crossing the Coast Line tracks, on Queen street, the line enters Spencer avenue, named after the founder of this beautiful suburb, Ghent. Mr. Spencer was a man who had traveled, and he named his town site Ghent, after the beautiful European city of that name--not copying Norfolk. Lined by beautiful California poplars, the track now extends some two miles due west down the middle of this boulevard. Spencer avenue is 80 feet wide, and grass covered from side to side. A 12 foot driveway will be built along side the walks.

The next street north is Rhem avenue, or "the boulevard," named in honor of the original owner of the land. There are three of these avenues running parallel with the car track, while the cross streets are numbered, a la New York.

The track upon which Ghent is laid out comprises over 500 acres. The entire plot is fifteen feet higher than the ground upon which the postoffice stands being the top of the watershed between the Trent and Neuse rivers.

Not far from the city light and water works is the site of the contemplated park. A car barn will be built there, 40 x 100 feet on the ground plan. The 70,000 brick necessary for the erection of this structure have already been shipped.

As to the new railway that will shortly be in commission, it is high grade in every particular. Cypress and light-wood ties, 70-pound rails and good ballasting make it the equal of any heavy-service road-bed in the country.

The cars, which will be running within three weeks, it is promised, are now being finished in Cincinnati by the Gould company. There will be four of them, of the latest storage battery type.

The New Bern Ghent Street Railway company is a close corporation. The following well-known men are responsible for it: Mr. F. Sitterding of Richmond, Dr. E. C. Armstrong and Mayor McCarthy of New Bern, and J. W. Bryan, Jr., of Norfolk. In fact, there are two companies--the street railway company and the land company. Mayor McCarthy merely represents Mr. Sitterding in the railway company.

Wanted to Help Them.

Miss Foy--George was reading a book called "How to Propose Without Getting Excited." Mal--Yes, Helen sent one to every young man she knew.

## Get it at Baxter's

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