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NEW BERN, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 1912-- SECOND SECTION

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## MAIL TRAIN RUNS INTO WASH-OUT

### Engineer Eugene Knight Injured—in Hospital at Wilmington.

### NO PASSENGERS HURT. Presence of Mind of Engineer Knight What Saved Them.

The mail train leaving Wilmington on the Atlantic Coast Line at 5:50 yesterday morning and due here yesterday morning at 9:05 ran into a wash-out between Verona and Jacksonville. The accident occurred about two and one-half miles north of Verona, at a sharp curve. Engineer Eugene Knight reversed his engine, applied the air and emergency brakes and manfully stuck to his post until a moment before the locomotive left the rails and, turning completely over, disappeared under the water.

The engineer was injured in jumping and had a narrow escape from drowning, after his first escape from death. To his courage is due the fact that none of the passengers were hurt. The passengers said they owed their lives to Engineer Knight, who is now in the hospital at Wilmington with quite serious injuries, several of his ribs being reported displaced and perhaps other hurts. The fireman jumped before the engineer and was injured internally.

The combination baggage, mail and express car followed the locomotive into the water. The track was far out of position, and seemed to be floating, borne up by the cross ties. Last night, the engine and combination car were still in the water, in spite of the efforts of the wrecking crew which promptly arrived on the scene from Wilmington. A freight train that followed the passenger took the first-class coach, that remained on the rails, with the injured engine crew and some of the passengers back to Wilmington, where the train arrived at 2:30 p. m.

Conductor C. H. Farrell of the freight train left with his train on the regular afternoon schedule at 3:25 for New Bern yesterday afternoon, but condition were such that the train could get no further than Verona.

There a number of disgruntled passengers who escaped in the wreck of the morning, and who stayed in the woods without food since that time, upon promise of relief from New Bern, were picked up and came in on the Coast Line.

The cause of the washout was said to have been that the sluice-way of a mill dam on a creek had been opened the night before. That in addition to the heavy rains accounted for a large lake below Jacksonville.—Daily Sept. 26.

Successful men have wills, those who fail have wishes.

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## NAVIGATION AIDS FOR TRENT RIVER

### Six Lights and Four Buoys To be Established Above New Bern.

### INSPECTOR SO WRITES. They Are Much Needed as Channel of Stream is Poorly Marked.

Several days ago Mr. C. E. Foy, of this city, wrote Congressman John M. Faison in regard to the lights and buoys which has been authorized to be established in Trent river, but which for some reason had not been placed. Congressman Faison took the matter up with the Department of Commerce and Labor and has received the following communication from that department:

"In reply to your letter of September 14, relative to the establishment of lights and buoys in the Trent river, you are informed that establishment of 6 lights and 4 buoys in the Trent river above New Bern has been authorized and the lights and buoys will be established as soon as circumstances will permit.

"Respectfully, "E. C. Ruland, Inspector." These lights and buoys have long been needed. There is much water traffic done there and at present the channels are but poorly indicated and only an experienced navigator who is thoroughly familiar with the route can safely carry a boat up the river. From the above letter it will be seen that this condition will be improved at an early date.

## THE JOHNNY JONES SHOWS NEXT WEEK.

The Atlantic Fire Company in selecting attractions for the carnival to be given all next week, determined to procure a clean, wholesome entertainment or none at all, and in this they have succeeded. All the creations of the Johnny J. Jones Exposition Shows are new and unlike the attractions of the old style traveling Midway.

Instead of repulsive monstrosities, snake eaters, dancers and other performances that are offensive to persons of refinement, the visitor will see only clean, wholesome, high-class entertainment that will in no way offend the most fastidious.

As to quality those of the public who may feel skeptical, can rest assured that each and every one of the Johnny J. Jones exhibits are all that the various agents claim for them.

From the quantity point of view, they consist of more individual attractions, a greater number of meritorious features and more marvelous free acts than any other aggregation and all are wholesome.

Don't those early morning battles in Mexico often make breakfast late? When in doubt, "T. R." promptly puts a man in the Ananias Club.

## WENT ON TOUR OF INSPECTION

### Dr. Joyner, Mr. Brinson And Others Visit Several Farm Schools.

### CONFER WITH CLAXTON. Get Valuable Hints From Baltimore County School.

Messrs. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, D. H. Hill, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina, W. Thompson, an architect from Raleigh, S. M. Brinson, A. D. Ward and D. P. Whitford, Executive Committee of the Craven County Farm Life School, have just returned from a tour on inspection through several northern schools of the same variety. The first step was made at Washington, D. C., where they had an interview with U. S. Commissioner of Education Dr. Claxton, and his assistants and also a representative of the American Educational Board. From these gentlemen they received many valuable suggestions while in Washington they inspected the Government School Exhibit including the part relating to schools in the International Hygienic Congress, now being held at that place.

Leaving Washington the party went to Sparks, Md., and paid a visit to the Baltimore County Farm School. This school is perhaps more like the proposed Craven County Farm Life School than any other in the country. The principal of this school and his assistants did everything in their power to make the stay of the visitors pleasant and gave them all possible information. Their next visit was to the Hampton Institute at Hampton, Va. This school has done much for the agricultural and industrial uplift of the colored race.

Plans and specifications of the various schools visited were secured together with other information and this will be used when the Craven county school is being constructed. Mr. A. D. Ward stated yesterday that work on the buildings would begin at the earliest possible date and would be rushed to completion without delay.

## BENT ON BREAKING UP LIQUOR TRAFFIC

The authorities of Pamlico county are bent on breaking up the whiskey traffic in that section of the State. A few weeks ago a number of men, both white and colored, were placed under arrest on this charge and on last Tuesday six others were taken in custody on the same charge. Four of these, Scott Caroon, white, W. Rollison, white, Will Green and Bryon Thompson, colored, live at Pamlico while Henry Houston and Henry Capps, colored, live at Oriental. The men were placed in jail but with the exception of Henry Houston all gave bond and were released.

## TESTING WONDERFUL NEW STREET LAMP.

The Goldsboro Gas Company, which has the same financial backers as the New Bern Gas Company, is trying out in Goldsboro an imported gas light which is said to be a wonder. So brilliant is the illumination that it flashes that the Argus says that photographs can be taken by it. The light gives 2,250 candle power. It was tried out in Goldsboro Thursday night and on the same night two of the same kind of light were tested in New York. It is predicted that this new gas lamp will work a revolution in public lighting. They are manufactured abroad, but it will be a matter of only a short while before there will be one or more factories in this country turning them out.

## EXCURSION TO NORFOLK.

The Norfolk-Southern Railway Company has decided to operate one more excursion this season, which will be run from Goldsboro to Norfolk allowing time for a trip to Washington, D. C. The train will leave New Bern Monday, September 30, and tickets will be good to return on any train inclusive of October 3. Fare for the round trip to Norfolk will be \$2.50 and to Washington, D. C., \$8.00.

## REST ROOM STILL OPEN.

Now that the farmers have begun to come to the city to bring their cotton to market, many of them are accompanied by their wives and daughters. The Journal has been asked to remind them again of the fact that the rest room in the Circulating Library building on Middle street is still open and visitors to the city are extended a cordial invitation to make use of it while there.

## COST OF LIVING IS EVER UPWARD

### Most Marked Trend Disclosed In Bureau of Labor Report.

### PRICES INVESTIGATED. Only one Article out of Fifteen Has Fallen off in Price.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The most marked upward trend of the cost of living is disclosed in the Federal Bureau of Labor's report of an investigation of prices for the past 10 years conducted in the important industrial centres of 32 States.

Fifteen most important articles of food, as well as coal, comprising two-thirds of a workingman's needs, were investigated. In many cities the investigators gathered statements of merchants on the cost of living and specimen of these are published in the report.

On June 15, 1912, the report shows 14 of the 15 articles of food were higher than a year before, and 10 had advanced in the past 10 years more than 50 per cent. over the average retail price for the 10-year period from 1890 to 1899.

During the last decade prices of potatoes changed most and sugar the least. Their advances were 111.9 and 8.5 per cent., respectively. During the last year, bacon, which decreased just one-tenth of 1 per cent., was the only one of the 15 principal articles of food that showed a decline in price, while 9 of the 15 advanced more than 10 per cent., varying from 2.4 per cent. for milk, to 18.6 per cent. for round steak. Of the 15, only eggs, butter milk and sugar were lower, but the price of three of these four is normally lower during summers than during winters.

## SUGGESTS AN ORDINANCE

### Mr. Basnight Recommends one to Lessen Dangers From Automobiles.

Editor Journal: Only a few days ago I had an experience, at the corner of Middle and Pollock streets, just in the twilight of the evening, that I will long remember I was crossing over from the Southwest corner to the North east corner of Pollock. This course led me diagonally across both streets and just about the time I was in the center or half way across the street I heard the blast of an automobile. I looked up Middle street and saw the machine coming toward me, at a quick rate. It was then within 10 or 15 yards of me and coming directly toward me; my mind hesitated as to what to do; a quick decision, however, pushed me forward and out of danger, just as the car turned down Pollock street. The point is: In this dilemma, if I had not acted coolly, quickly and thoughtfully or if some little boy or girl had been in my place, what might have happened?

Arguing from this experience, with no motive in view, other than the very best, I believe if some kind of an ordinance was passed requiring automobiles and motorcycles to give notice by certain blasts of the horn, in approaching corners, which way they intend to go, whether to the right, to the left or straight ahead, the risk we now take in crossing the streets, would be greatly lessened. I therefore suggest that the Board of Aldermen, at its next meeting, pass the following ordinance:

"Be it ordained that every person running an automobile or motorcycle, in the city of New Bern, shall when within 50 yards and not less than 25 yards of each and every street corner or crossing slow down and give notice which way he intends to go, when reaching the corner or crossing, by the following blasts of the horn, whistle or bell: One long blast straight ahead; two blasts to the right; three blasts to the left. The driver and the owner of the machine, violating this ordinance, shall be fined \$5.00 for each and every offence and taxed with the costs." This letter is not written, nor is the above ordinance suggested, for any purpose, other than the better protection of the lives and limbs of the unsuspecting little child playing on the streets, as well as other folks while in pursuit of their every day avocation.

Some such law is perhaps, the more necessary at this time because of the fact that the street car line will soon be in operation and the dangers incident thereto correspondingly increased.

Will we act now or wait until some grave accident happens when it will be too late to repair the wrong? I understand that we now have ordinance governing the speed of both horses and machines and that they shall keep to the right. Are these laws being enforced? If these laws in conjunction with some such law as above suggested, were rigidly enforced, then don't you believe the present dangers would be considerably removed? I believe something should be done and this is why I have written this letter.

Very respectfully,  
J. S. BASNIGHT.

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## TALKS OF WEST VIRGINIA FLOOD

### Miss Johnson Tells of Her Experience at Colliers, West Va.

### LOSS OF LIFE GREAT. Property Valued at Millions of Dollars Also Destroyed.

Miss Edna Johnson, manager of the local telegraph office of the Postal Telegraph Company, has returned from a two month's visit at Colliers, West Virginia. Miss Johnson was at that place when it was devastated by a flood a few weeks ago and she yesterday told in a graphic manner to a Journal representative of the horrors of that night and the suffering which followed.

On the night of the catastrophe rain began falling about 10 o'clock. The downpour was incessant and the citizens of the place began to grow uneasy. Shortly before midnight and without any warning a wall of water descended upon the place from the creek above. Houses were washed away, trees uprooted, railroad tracks torn up as if of straw and in fact almost every object that stood in the way of the water was torn from its fastenings and washed away. Miss Johnson's mother operated a hotel and but for the fact that this building stood upon the crest of a hill it would have been washed away. However, the water rose to the first floor and the occupants were forced to move to the second. Miss Johnson then told of seeing men, women and children float by the windows, being carried to their death by the current with no possible aid at hand.

More than fifty people were killed and the property loss estimated at millions of dollars. Fifteen hundred men, employees of the great railway systems whose lines pass through the town, are now engaged in removing the debris caused by the flood and within a few weeks there will be but little trace remaining of the damage wrought by the water, but in the memory of those who saw and heard the houses topple and the screams of the dying will always remain the recollections of that night.

## AN INSTRUCTIVE ZOOLOGY DISPLAY.

The menagerie and wild beast exhibit offered by the Sun Brothers' World's Progressive Shows this season is a distinct departure. Here will be seen on exhibition the choicest selections of the zoologic creation. They are all exhibited in massive and commodious cages and so arranged that all visitors to the shows can get an unobstructed view of them.

Uniformed keepers will be in attendance to explain the different characteristics and habits of the animals. The wild beasts are looked after with tenderest care, both on account of their extraordinary value and the fact that few can be duplicated at any price.

This exhibition is not a collection of wild animals such as are commonly seen in zoological displays. Each is a splendid specimen of its kind and treated with the utmost tenderness and care.

The performing section of the Big Top performance as it is known in show parlance, is all new this season. An imperial program lasting two hours in duration is offered by artists of international reputation, including ring performers, clowns, aerial artists, sensational specialists, performing horses, trained elephants, acrobatic dogs, educated ponies, trained lions and leopards and various other features of human and animal nature, some familiar but most exclusive. The Royal Court Japanese Acrobatic Company; the renowned Cyrene Troupe; the Electric De Kamos, the Mexican Juan De Zamora Aerial Troupe, from the City of Mexico; the Great Barnetts; Miss Adel Dutton, the Equestrian Queen, are among the star headliners in this big diversity of good things.

The show will spread its tents in this city Oct. 2, one day only afternoon and night.

There is at least one place in the city where the thirsty may secure lemonades at the same old price of five cents. This is Mr. Edward Clark's cigar store. Mr. Clark states that although the price of lemons has advanced considerably he is now and will continue to sell the beverage at the same price.

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## TO INVESTIGATE DEATH OF WOMAN

### Beautiful Widow Found in Apartment With Her Head Crushed.

### LAST SEEN ON FRIDAY. Empty Whiskey Bottles Indicate Carousal Before Death.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 24.—Complete mystery surrounds the death of Mrs. Lavinda Reese, beautiful daughter of the late R. Q. Taylor, and widow of John S. Reese, who, with his wife, was a prominent figure in Baltimore society before he was sent to Bayview asylum, some time ago, suffering from locomotor ataxia, from which he afterward died.

The body, clad only in an undergarment, was found by the janitor of the Wentworth building, where Mrs. Reese had apartments, lying on a couch in the sitting room of her flat. Blood was dried round a gash in the back of the head, and cushions, couch and walls were stained with splashes of blood. Scattered around the couch on the floor were a number of empty whiskey bottles and it was said that Mrs. Reese had been imbibing heavily since Friday, the last time she was seen alive.

Furnishings of the room, including a number of bizarre pictures, indicated the Bohemian tastes of Mrs. Reese. One of these pictures, representing a man and a woman kissing, was found with one corner of its iron frame close to her head. First decision of the physicians was that the woman had been killed by falling and striking her head on the corner of this picture, but an inquest has been ordered, and the coroner has taken charge of the body. Jewels to the value of \$15,000 were found in a nearby china closet, so that it is not believed if murder were committed, that robbery was the motive.

## WASHINGTON HERALD MEN CANVASS CITY.

Messrs. William Ullman and M. F. Lewis of the Washington Herald are here securing subscriptions for their paper. They offer a page write-up of New Bern and its industries provided they get as many as fifty yearly subscriptions to their paper at \$5.40 per year; if they get a hundred the write-up is to be of two pages. They have secured the endorsement of President Cutler of the Chamber of Commerce, who believes that the publicity that New Bern will get through the Herald which has a large circulation in the East, will be worth a great deal to the matter as Mr. Cutler, almost fifty business men have already given their order for the paper.

Even the flies are beginning to fall. If a man is a hog about his eating he will attribute it to his good conscience. The singular thing about political patriots is how they all want to get paid for it.

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## COTTON DISEASE IS ANTHRACNOSE

### Government Expert so Diagnoses Trouble From Samples Sent.

### PREVENTIVE MEASURES. Nothing Can be Done to Check Speed of Disease This Season.

The trouble with the cotton in Jones, Craven and other counties, as reported in the Journal from time to time, has been diagnosed by an expert of the United States Agricultural Department as Anthracnose, according to a letter received yesterday by Mr. E. B. Hackburn, who as soon as he discovered that the blight had attacked his crop, sent samples of the diseased bolls to Washington. The letter he received was from W. A. Orton, pathologist in charge of cotton and truck disease and sugar plant investigation. Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture and is as follows:

"Your letter of September 16th to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, accompanied by specimens of diseased cotton bolls concerning which you ask information, has been referred to this office for attention. Upon examination of the diseased bolls, we find the trouble to be due to the cotton Anthracnose, a disease caused by the fungus Colletotrichum Gossypii.

"In reply I regret to advise you that there is nothing you can do to stop the spread of Anthracnose through your crop this season. You can, however, take measures now to prevent a recurrence of the trouble in future years. These are based on two facts, first, that the disease is carried to a large extent in infected seed; second, that it does not remain in the soil longer than a year. To secure a supply of uninfected seed you should select this fall enough seed for planting next year's crop from thoroughly healthy bolls. This work should be done personally, or by a fully reliable picker, and the cotton kept separate and ginned separately from the main crop. In the second place, to rid your fields of infection, you should plant no land in cotton next year which is in that crop this season.

"If you are interested in learning more of the details of what is known concerning cotton Anthracnose, we suggest that you write to the South Carolina Experiment Station at Clemson College, for their bulletin on this subject."

Mr. Hackburn has written for a copy of the South Carolina bulletin.

## JASON CIVILS DIES OF BLOOD POISONING

Jason Civils, of Cove City who was brought to New Bern Tuesday after noon and carried to Stewart's sanatorium to be treated for blood poisoning, died at that institution early yesterday morning, the disease having progressed so far that it was impossible to save his life. The body was prepared shipment on the morning train but an unexpected delay occurred and it was held over until the afternoon train. The young man is a son of Mr. W. F. Civils.—Daily 26.

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