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NEW BERN, N. C., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1912—FIRST SECTION

35th YEAR

ANCIENT VOLUME IS RESURRECTED

Book Over Hundred Years Old and Bound in New Bern is Discovered

TO BE EXHIBITED AT FAIR
In Excellent Condition, Every Page Legible—John C. Sims Binder

It is generally supposed that printing and book binding is an art that has been introduced into the city during the past fifty years. However, such is not the case. More than one hundred years ago there was a printing and book binding establishment operated in New Bern, the only one in the State at that time, which turned out work that even now is holding its own with the present day products. Mr. George Green, clerk of the Federal Court, has in his possession a sheep skin bound volume of "A Treatise on the Duties of a Sheriff, Coroner and Constable" which was printed at New Bern in the year 1806 by John C. Sims. Despite the fact that the volume is one hundred and six years old, it is in excellent condition, every page being legible and on all appearances good for another century of usefulness.

In perusing the contents of the book one is impressed with the laws which were in force at that time. The sheriff was paid no specified salary but received pay only for what work he performed. In a chapter regulating the fees paid, are found the following: For pillorying a person, five shillings. For every arrest, five shillings four pence. For putting a person in the stocks, six shillings. For apprehending any criminal, ten shillings and for every execution and decent burial of any felon, five pounds. These are, only a few of the long list of fees and if the Sheriffs of that day attended strictly to business they doubtless made more money than those who today hold that office.

The following is an extract from the first paragraph to the instructions given to constables: "As constables were originally instituted for the better preservation of the peace, they may by the common law arrest felons and all persons that go abroad in the night and sleep by day or keep suspicious company. A constable is without order or warrant to give twenty lashes to any slave apprehended going armed. If a constable takes a man that has dangerously wounded another and then the party wounded dieth and the offender escapes it is felony in the constable."

The volume contains more than three hundred pages of matter that cannot fail to interest the reader. Some of the instructions to the officers contained in it seem ludicrous to us today but were at that time rigidly enforced. The book will be among the historical exhibits to be seen at the Eastern Carolina Fair.

NEW STREET CARS COMING

The Neuse Transportation and Street Railway Company of New Bern was chartered Friday with a capital of \$100,000 authorized and \$300 subscribed by Messrs. Clyde Eby, C. L. Ives and A. T. Dill for the operation of transportation lines by boat, automobile, street and otherwise.

Last night the directors of this company met at the Elks Temple and elected the following officers: A. T. Dill, president; W. C. Willett, vice-president; and H. B. Craven, treasurer. The four large sightseeing automobiles which the company will put on between this city and the Fair grounds during the week of the Fair, will arrive here on next Friday and will be in commission by the following Sunday.

HORSE SHOW WILL BE BIG FEATURE

Directors of This Part of Fair Are More Than Pleased With Enthusiasm Shown

MANY ENTRIES ALREADY MADE

Including Local Persons and Those From Nearby Towns and Rural Districts

The directors of the "Horse Show" attraction for the coming Fair are more than gratified with the marked enthusiasm displayed by the public, demonstrating as it does by the many entries that have been made in the several different contests, that this particular feature appeals strongly to them; most particularly the children's pony riding and driving event, and the contest of riding and driving by both ladies and gentlemen.

These entries include both local parties and many from nearby cities and suburban districts; a full list of which will be published in these columns on Tuesday next.

All those who anticipate competing and have not already entered are especially requested by the committee to do so not later than Monday the 21st, so that the first entry list may be a creditable one.

An evidence of the interest that is being aroused in the Horse Show is the fact that it is not an infrequent sight to see men and women, boys and girls riding horseback, getting better acquainted with their mounts, improving their horsemanship and in general cultivating their chances for carrying off the much coveted blue ribbon.

Individuals wishing to enter are requested to mail their entry blanks duly signed or advise with Miss Nettie Fowler or Mr. A. O. Newberry for further information.

WILSON STILL FAVORITE

New York, Oct. 18.—With the world's series now a thing of the past, Wall Street has turned its attention to the election, and speculation on that event is now in order. This speculation, however, is decidedly limited owing to the fact that many who would ordinarily place large wagers on the results have been hard hit by the late doings at Fenway Park and the Polo Grounds.

Those who in the palmy days of racing were known as the "talent" have suffered a severe shock to the pocketbooks, and the men who won on the ball games and expected to parlay on the elections find trouble getting down their bets.

However, those who were of the same mind in regard to the merits of the Red Sox are not all agreed as to the outcome of the Presidential and State elections, and a few small bets have been recorded. Quotations still make Wilson an overwhelming favorite in the former contest, at odds of 4 to 1, while President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt are at even money against each other and 1 to 3 against the New Jersey Governor.

After the world's series wagers are all settled it is expected that election betting will take on more activity.

THOMAS AT WARSAW

Rose Hill, N. C., Oct. 17.—Hon. Chas. R. Thomas made a great speech at Warsaw Saturday in behalf of Senator Simmons. He took up every charge that Kitchin and his followers have brought against him and completely vindicated the public and private record of the South's leader in the Senate. Mr. Thomas has known Mr. Simmons from boyhood up to this hour. Many declared his speech Saturday the best they ever heard in defense of any man.

CLAIMS HE WAS AN AGENT ONLY

Capt. Noah Lee, However, Admits That He Procured Liquor For Man and Accepted Money

BUT DIDN'T KEEP THE CASH

Turned That Over to the Man (Identity not Disclosed) From Whom He Received the Whiskey

Capt. Noah Lee of Arapahoe, who was placed under arrest in this city last Tuesday on a warrant charging him with retailing spirituous liquors, was given a preliminary hearing before Mayor McCarthy yesterday afternoon.

The prosecution's chief witness was Tom White, a colored man, White swore that he had bought whiskey from the defendant and it had been delivered to him on the gas boat Fanny Brevard which is owned by Lee. When the defendant was placed on the stand he emphatically denied the sale to White. He admitted he had secured a bottle of whiskey for another colored man earlier in the day but said that he only acted as an agent, receiving no money for himself but taking the money given him and turning it over to the man from whom he received the whiskey.

Mr. R. B. Nixon appeared for Lee and he presented the case to the court in a very able manner.

The Mayor continued the case until today in order that he could look up some points of law in regard to the defendant's admission that he had acted as an agent.

MRS. ROOSEVELT BOSS.

Her First Display of Authority at Colonel's Bedside.

N. Y. World.

Her first display of authority was made when Mr. Roosevelt began to suggest that it was time for luncheon. "And I want meat, too," he said. But Mrs. Roosevelt smilingly shook her head. Her husband seemed inclined, for a moment to argue the question out with her, but with a boyish grin he yielded and ate instead of meat three poached eggs, a cluster of red grapes and two glasses of milk.

The eggs had been brought to the hospital earlier in the day by Wilson Brooks, who described himself as Grand Chief of Records for the Improved Order of Red Men and "chief assistant secretary" of the Rump convention last June.

"These eggs aren't a day old yet," he said, "and they were laid by hens that were fed on oatmeal, the same oatmeal I eat myself."

Some of the books the Colonel asked for today are known to relate to bullet wounds, and there was no attempt at the hospital to disguise the expectation that by tomorrow morning Colonel Roosevelt would call himself into consultation with his surgeons. He has taken the liveliest interest in every examination that has been made of the wound, craning his head forward to see as much as possible and asking a perfect torrent of questions. His interest in the hourly records of his condition has been as deep, and it has been remarked by the hospital attendants that his interest has not been because he himself was the patient as much as a desire to know how clinical records were made.

PLAN TO DEFINE "DEMOCRAT" AGAIN

State Committee To Consider Much Vexed Question Again This Week

MEET IN RALEIGH ON OCT. 24.

Previously Adopted Strict Construction Is To Be Modified Somewhat

Raleigh, Oct. 19.—State Chairman Charles A. Webb of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee has issued a call for a special meeting of the executive and advisory committees to be held in Raleigh October 24 to reopen the question of what shall constitute the "Democratic ticket" as it shall apply to qualification of Democratic voters to vote in the primary for United States Senator.

Chairman Webb has secured an agreement from all three of the Senatorial candidates and from a large number of the members of the committee for this to be modified. He does not announce just what modification is agreed to, but it is understood that the plan is to require the voting of the national, legislative and a majority of the remainder of the State ticket and to vote for opponent to the man scratched. There have been only 3 members of the committee who wrote to Chairman Webb opposing the proposed modification and insist on retaining the present strict construction.

SCHRANK FAMILY ACTED INSANELY

Taint Goes Back Three Generations in Ancestors of Would-be Slayer of Roosevelt

ACQUAINTANCES SO STATE

Grandfather Guarded Closely in Last Few Years of Life—Father Unsound

New York, Oct. 17.—That for three generations there has been insanity in the family of John Schrank, assailant of Colonel Roosevelt, is the statement of persons who have known him all his life.

The grandfather of the attempted murderer was a rich Bavarian brewer, who had to be guarded closely during the last few years of his life. The same unsoundness cropped out in Schrank's father and Serhank himself, with always been taciturn and moody, spending much of his time brooding.

John Schrank was brought to this country by his uncle and aunt, Dominick and Anna Flammang, 20 years ago. Flammang opened a saloon at 370 East Tenth street and the boy was known to his schoolmates as John Flammang. When 15 years old he went behind the bar, and in 1902 the uncle gave the place to his nephew.

There was surprise when the name John Schrank, instead of John Flammang, was put up by the new proprietor, but he explained that this was his own name.

Thomas Harris, president of the Liquor Dealers' Association said that Schrank was member of the organization and was always considered to be a little bit "off in his head". Schrank's aunt, Anna Flammang, died in 1907, and Schrank was so overcome with grief that fears were entertained for his sanity.

In 1911 Schrank's Uncle Dominick died, leaving everything to him. It is believed he inherited about \$25,000.

Last year Schrank met financial reverses and got a job in the saloon of Edward Haberstro, in Brooklyn; was discharged and brought suit for \$11 wages. The suit was decided against him and he threatened the life of the judge.

The police know the name of the man who lent Schrank the \$350 with which he started out to chase Roosevelt, but as it is admitted he had no idea of the use the money was to be put to, his identity is withheld.

MRS. ASTOR "MODEL MOTHER"

Nurses \$3,000,000 Baby and Gives Him Every Attention.

New York, Oct. 18.—"A model mother" is the eulogistic characterization given today by her many friends in this city of Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who is at present devoting herself to the welfare of her young son at the beautiful Force country home near Bernardsville, N. J. So beneficial has the outdoor life there been found to the \$3,000,000 heir of the heroic victim of the Titanic disaster that Mrs. Astor has decided to remain a fortnight longer than she originally planned. She will not open the famous Astor city home at 840 Fifth avenue until November.

Baby John Jacob Astor, who is now 2 months old, is waxing plump and lusty on the ozone and pure milk that are the proudest boasts of Bernardsville.

The young widow, who nurses the baby and gives personal attention to all his wants, is said to be very happy. She is rearing John Jacob as an outdoor baby, and those who have watched her say that she has adopted very sensible ideas for his comfort. They gave hearty approval when she vetoed the suggestion to make the young heir to millions a bottle-fed baby.

Of course, there are nurses, but young Mrs. Astor outlines the daily program for her son, and during the daylight hours she supervises every detail. At night she rests as much as possible, and is rapidly recovering her own strength and health.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

In an attempt to end his life, Edward Shipp, white, residing on Queen street, Friday night swallowed fifteen grains of morphine and drank about a quart of whiskey. Shortly after doing this he became unconscious and a physician was summoned. After working over him for more than an hour the physician succeeded in removing enough of the poison from his stomach to save his life.

BOUND OVER TO U.S. COURT

Wilbert Rollison, white, of Pamlico was arraigned before United States Commissioner C. B. Hill yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with retailing spirituous liquors without a government license. After hearing the evidence of several witnesses Commissioner Hill found probable cause and bound the defendant over to the next term of Federal Court under a bond of one hundred dollars. He gave bail in this amount and was released from custody.

CONSIDER A NEW FISHERIES LAW

Legislative Committee of State Association Holds Important Meeting Here

HOLDS LENGTHY DISCUSSION

Decides to Recommend That Legislature Pass Bill Defeated at Last Session

A very important meeting of the Legislative Committee of the North Carolina Fisheries Association of North Carolina was held in this city Wednesday. This was the first meeting of the committee since its organization last December and much business of importance was transacted. Mr. C. Ed. Taylor, of Southport, was elected chairman and Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill, State Geologist, was made secretary. Mr. George N. Ives, of this city is president.

Two sessions of the committee were held and after a full discussion it was decided to recommend to the association that the Legislature be asked to pass practically the same law as recommended at the last Legislature by the committee named at the 1909 Legislature to inquire into the fish industry. The bill recommended by the committee of the General Assembly was amended and finally the entire measure was killed.

The main idea of the General Assembly committee and the committee of the association is that the fishing industry should be placed in the direct charge of a Fish Commission to be composed of a State Fish Commissioner, the State Geologist and the State Geologist. The idea would be to give the commission much power and the Fish Commissioner would also have considerable power in dealing with questions that arise in each community where fishing is carried on to any extent. The State Geologist Board is in charge of the forests, mines, etc., of the State and it could very easily take oversight of the fishing industry.

Under the present existing conditions there is no doubt that the fishing industry in North Carolina is fast declining, one of the chief reasons for the present scarcity of fish being the fact that each year millions of small, immature fish are caught and sold by the barrel.

A HERO AND HIS WIFE.

Baltimore Sun.

"She is a good housekeeper, you know, and she might scold me, if she found the room not in the best order." Thus Colonel Roosevelt, the hero of San Juan and the stalwart leader of a grand army of progressive and aggressive warriors, to the doctors and the trained nurse on the eve of a lay's visit. That lady was not a queen, but she is a monarch, and Colonel Roosevelt like a small culprit of youthful age who has been in the jam closet, and hears the mother coming, hastens to set things to right, to escape the censure of his wily wife.

The Colonel is still a boy in many respects, and we imagine that his "housekeeping," like that of most boys, would not escape the criticism of a careful feminine observer. His anxiety to put things shipshape before the real "leader" appeared seems to indicate that even the most truculent of chieftains recognizes a power behind the throne. The Colonel is a good "scolder" himself when he gets ready, but even he has to admit the quiet but majestic domination of the angel of the house. And, between ourselves, there are many other grown boys besides the Colonel who make a mighty show of bravado before the public, but hate like smoke to have their legs caught between disorderly housekeeping, and read them the lecture familiar to them from their earliest years.

AWAITING IDENTIFICATION.

Charles Edwards, the colored man now confined in the Craven county jail charged with cutting Amos Dillahunt, also colored, at Fort Barnwell last Sunday morning, will be held until Dillahunt can come to New Bern and identify him. It was thought at first that the latter's wounds would prove fatal but reports say he is recovering rapidly.

DEATH OF MISS ARNOLD.

Miss Elmira S. Arnold, a former resident of New Bern but who a few years ago moved to Portsmouth, Vw., and took up her residence with one of her nieces, Mrs. J. W. Stallings, died at that place early yesterday morning after a lingering illness brought on by a complication of disease chiefly which was heart trouble. The remains were brought to New Bern yesterday afternoon accompanied by Mrs. Mr. Stallings and Miss Nera Huddleston, another niece, and will today be interred in Cedar Grove cemetery. The funeral service will be conducted from Centenary Methodist church this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Hurley.

CUT UP A STILL NEAR VANCEBORO

Revenue Officers Destroy Fifty-Gallon Outfit and Place Negro Under Arrest

JAILED IN DEFAULT OF BOND

Plant at Full Tilt When Found and Barrow Only Person in the Vicinity

One of the most important arrests made in this section by revenue officers during the past few months was made near Vanceboro Wednesday night when Deputy Collector J. E. Cameron and Deputy Marshal Samuel Lilly located and destroyed a fifty-gallon still and placed Needham Barrow, colored, under arrest, charged with being the operator.

The officers left this city Wednesday afternoon in an automobile and arrived at the place near which the still was found shortly before 8 o'clock. After reconnoitering and looking over the ground they located their man and closed in on him without delay.

The plant was in full operation at the time and Barrow was presumably in charge as he was the only person found in that vicinity. He was taken into custody and placed in the waiting automobile, while the officers cut up the still and secured several gallons of its product which will be used as evidence.

Barrow was brought to New Bern, arriving here about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and placed in jail. At 10 o'clock he was taken before United States Commissioner C. B. Hill for a preliminary hearing. The warrant under which the arrest was made charged the defendant with operating an illicit distillery, retailing spirituous liquors without a government license and aiding and abetting by carrying material for the operation of an illicit distillery. Barrow pleaded guilty to all charges and was bound over to the next term of Federal court under a bond of \$300.00 in default of which he was committed to jail.

WILL PAY MORE ATTENTION TO RAISING PORK.

Mr. W. C. Ernul, of Askin, came to the city yesterday with a wagon load of fresh pork which he disposed of on the local market. Mr. Ernul said that in the future he would devote more of his time to raising hogs and corn, and that previously the farmers had not given this matter proper consideration and had failed to raise enough meat even for their own needs, and were often forced to buy. Farmers are beginning to realize the folly of such a course, Mr. Ernul says, and in the future will raise their own meat, also some to sell.

SPEAKS FOR SIMMONS.

Former Congressman Charles R. Thomas addressed a large crowd yesterday at Maysville in the interest of the candidacy of Senator F. M. Simmons to succeed himself in the United States Senate. A gentleman who was present said that Mr. Thomas made a powerful presentation of the arguments why Senator Simmons should be returned to the Senate. He was introduced by Mr. B. B. Collins.

DECORATING EXTENSIVELY.

That the business men of the city are taking an interest in making their places of business more attractive during the week of the Fair is evidenced by the fact that the decorators who are now in the city doing this work have booked a large number of orders and have already placed several of the buildings in gala attire. New Bern will be a blaze of light and color that week and will rival any other town in the State in this line. Every business man should have their building decorated for the occasion.

COMMENCE WORK TO DEEPEN SLIP

That at Foot of Craven Street to Be Dredged to Depth of Twelve Feet

DREDGE TRENT ON THE JOB

After Dredging Boats Drawing as Much as Twelve Feet of Water Can Safely Dock

At the September meeting of the Board of Aldermen the committee in charge of docks and wharves was instructed to ascertain from the government the cost of dredging the slip at the foot of Craven street so that boats of all sizes could dock there at any time. This was done and at the last meeting the committee was given power to act. The contract was made without any delay and yesterday the United States dredge, the Trent, began the work.

At present the deepest point in this slip is seven feet. This is at the farther end and at the nearer end, the water is barely two feet deep. It is the intention of the Board to have the slip dredged to an all-over depth of twelve feet, making it possible for boats drawing as much as ten feet of water to safely tie up there even at low tide.

Many interested spectators watched the work in progress yesterday. A large scow is being used to carry the sand and mud down the river and it is surprising to see how quickly it is loaded. An enormous orange shaped scoop is used in the work and each time that it rises above the surface of the water after making its descent it brings up many queer objects ranging from sunken logs to discarded bicycle tires. One gentleman ventured the suggestion that there were at least five cords of wood brought up during the day. As the top layer of mud is taken away but few of these obstacles will be found. It will probably be a week or ten days before the work is completed.

RELIED ON STRENGTH.

Colonel Roosevelt Seldom Had Guard After Leaving White House.

Chicago correspondent N. Y. World. Although he realized fully the danger of an attempt at assassination to which he was exposed, Colonel Roosevelt gave little heed to his personal safety and seldom had the protection of a bodyguard after he left the White House. He relied almost on entirely his own strength and agility to defend himself.

Colonel Roosevelt was asked recently whether he took any precaution to defend himself. He replied that he never worried about his own safety. "When a man I do not know comes up," he said, "I take one quick look at his hands. If both his hands are insight and empty I think no more about it. If a man attempted to draw a weapon—well, I'm pretty quick myself."

Colonel Roosevelt has a philosophy of his own, which has in it a tinge of fatalism.

"When I was in the Spanish War," he said, "if there was a charge to be made or a fort to be taken I never stopped to think of danger to myself. After the charge had been made or the fort taken, I might have stopped to think that I had a close call, but that was all."

It was the same way, he explained, in his other affairs. He often gave a hint of his views in his speeches, saying that a leader in public life should serve to spend and be spent, and that whatever fate befell him he should not complain if he were broken or cast aside." He cared not "a rap," he said, what fate befell him.

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