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SEVERAL TOUCHED BY CHECK FLASHER

Said He Came South for Health But It Appeared He Was After Swag.

CHECKS WERE WORTHLESS

Thirty or Thirty-five Years Old, Weighed About 175 Pounds, Wore Frock Coat.

A smooth swindler who gave his name as L. A. Gerling of Madison Ohio, has been "working" this section during the past week and in consequence is a hundred dollars or more better off than before his visit, while a number of his victims are making all possible efforts to locate him and get their money back.

Gerling's first appearance was at Morehead City. There he stated that he was from the north and had come to that place to spend the winter months and that as soon as he could secure a house his family would follow him. After looking around he decided to rent a residence owned by J. B. Blades of this city. He called on W. L. Arendell, who has charge of the property for Mr. Blades and took a six months' lease, giving him a check drawn on the bank at Madison, O. for \$140 on rental account. Mr. Arendell sent the check to Mr. Blades and Mr. Blades sent back to Mr. Arendell a check for ten dollars as his commission for handling the transaction.

Gerling next hired J. H. Mann to clean the place up and get it ready for occupancy. Mr. Mann employed three negroes and set to work. When the task was completed Gerling gave him a check for \$15. Next he visited J. B. Morton's store and purchased goods amounting to \$65 and tendered a check for \$100. He was given the cash after the purchase price of the goods had been deducted.

On the same day Gerling met Rudolph Dowdy, representing the J. S. Miller Furniture Company of this city and purchased goods from him to the amount of \$25 and gave Mr. Dowdy a check for \$40 and received the \$15 change.

Realizing that it was time for him to visit pastures new, Gerling left Morehead City on the following day and came to New Bern and registered at the Gaston Hotel. He visited J. S. Miller's store while in the city and after giving another order succeeded in getting another check cashed. That afternoon he decided to leave and called at the hotel office for his bill. Here he explained to the clerk that he needed a little cash and succeeded in securing \$30 from the hotel people in addition to a free board bill.

Ten days or so after his departure from Morehead City the checks he gave there were returned marked "No Funds" and yesterday the gentlemen in this city who had been swindled, received the checks given them with a similar notice. Gerling wore a long frock coat while here and appeared to be a man of thirty or thirty-five years of age, weighing in the neighborhood of one hundred and seventy-five pounds. Every effort will be made to apprehend and bring him to justice.

SURVEYING FOR HARBOR.

A party of government surveyors is at Cape Lookout Harbor surveying for the proposed harbor of refuge to be established there by the government. The men are living on a comfortable house boat and have a quantity of paraphernalia with them. The work of surveying this harbor will require about two months. The crew is in charge of W. H. Hanks of Washington, D. C.

DAUGHTERS WILL GET OUT MAGAZINE

New Bern Chapter Will Present First Subscription Number of New Periodical.

IT WILL APPEAR IN JANUARY

The Battle of New Bern, Fall of Hatteras, Etc., To Be Portrayed.

Commenting on the article in yesterday's Journal on the Confederate gunboat Neuse, Mrs. L. V. Archibell of Kinston, editor of Carolina and the Southern Cross, the recently launched Confederate publication, says:

"It is interesting to note that the descendants of Confederate veterans still hold and cherish relics of the Confederacy. It is a significant fact that the story that is handed down with the relic will lose much of its accuracy if left alone to the memory for its preservation. In the short article on the ironclad gunboat Neuse published in today's Journal there are mistakes that can be easily corrected now, but in a few years this and many other stories will have passed beyond our reach. This gunboat is mentioned in the editorial of 'Carolina and the Southern Cross', published in November, with a promise of other particulars about it at another time.

"Just here it may be proper to call attention to the fact that the U. D. C. division of North Carolina has undertaken for years to collect and preserve Confederate history. In some chapters the work has been satisfactory but in others there has been a disposition to put off to a more convenient season that which should have been done some time ago. Realizing the necessity of cooperative effort our State division adopted 'Carolina and the Southern Cross' as the organ for the U. D. C. auxiliary, hoping to use the magazine as a teacher under the supervision of the adult chapters.

"The history of the Confederacy will be arranged in chronological order and the stories will be correlated in a manner to invite the notice of busy people, who ought to know the history of our State.

"New Bern Chapter, U. D. C., will undertake to present the first subscription issue, for January, and the State division may depend on a printed record of one period of the war that they will be glad to own and treasure for future ages. It will contain accounts of the fall of Hatteras, the capture of Roanoke Island, and the Battle of New Bern. Also side lights on these battles, sketches of New Bern, men of that period, a biographical sketch of Gen. L. O. B. Branch and other articles of interest.

"The subscription list of 'Carolina and the Southern Cross' must grow daily, to get this history into the hands of the people who love 'The Old North State'. The Daughters of the Confederacy have undertaken a great work. They ought to get all the help they ask for.

POINTER FROM CHARLOTTE

The Charlotte Observer says: "Baron De Graffenried was unquestionably the founder of New Bern. Those now opposing any honor to his memory on the ground that he subsequently did not acquit himself well toward the colony might take note of the course followed by Charlotte in the case of Governor Tryon. When one of the two principal streets here was named for him he enjoyed immeasurably more good-will than at a later date, but the name abides even unto this day."

GOOD PROGRESS ON NEW SCHOOL

Pupils of Fort Barnwell Will Soon Have Commodious Quarters.

SECOND FLOOR LARGE HALL

To Be Used as Auditorium and as a Recreation Room For The Children.

S. M. Brinson, county superintendent of public schools, visited Dover and Fort Barnwell yesterday inspecting the work being done in the schools at those places. The Dover school has the enviable reputation of being one of the best schools in the county and Superintendent Brinson found the work there going on smoothly. There has been some sickness in that neighborhood and a few of the pupils have been absent for several days on this account. The average attendance, however, is good. The school is in the hands of an efficient corps of teachers and they are doing excellent work.

At Fort Barnwell the school is at present located in a small frame building and the list of pupils has increased so rapidly during the past year that there is but little spare room. This condition will be remedied after the first of next year. A commodious building is now being erected by the county to be used for the school house. This is a two story structure. On the first floor will be located four large class rooms while the second floor will be taken up with a large auditorium which will be used for commencements and other exercises and also as a recreation room for the children during bad weather. Work on this structure was begun some time ago and is being pushed forward just as rapidly as possible and will be completed some time during the next month and will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the second half of the present term.

AIRMAN QUILTS

To Please Wife Lieutenant Elyson Will Stop Flying.

Richmond, Nov. 22.—Lieutenant Theodore G. Elyson, in charge of the navy aviation station at Annapolis, will have to quit flying and come down to the more material things of earth and water. Such is the edict of his wife, formerly Miss Helen Mildred Glenn, of New York, whom he married secretly in Washington on November 15.

It develops that Miss Glenn imparted this bit of information to one of the guests at the Crenshaw-Robins wedding here several weeks ago. She was one of the bridesmaids on that occasion, while Elyson figured in the role of a groomsman.

Although the two were very attentive to each other at the reception which followed the ceremony at St. Paul's, there were few who guessed that they were to be married so soon themselves.

According to the law laid down by the young aviator's wife he must eschew the role of birdman within a year's time or else stand the consequences.

Lieutenant Elyson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Theodore Elyson, of Richmond, and is a nephew of Lieutenant-Governor Elyson.

He was regarded as an expert on submarines and devoted most of his time to things under the water before he was promoted to his present aerial position.

DID NOT DIE, SUES DOCTOR

Jeweler Says He Sacrificed Business On Strength Of Diagnosis.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 22.—Because he did not die, A Goldblatt, a jeweler, brought suit against his physician, Dr. G. B. Rohrer, for \$15,000.

Goldblatt alleges in his complaint that Dr. Rohrer told him he had cancer of the stomach. Believing that recovery was impossible and wishing to leave his property in cash, Goldblatt states that he sold his jewelry business at a sacrifice, which he estimates at \$15,000, and waited for death to claim him.

Becoming impatient at his continued presence among the living he consulted other physicians and was told that he was perfectly well.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

The following charters were issued Friday by the Secretary of State: The Lackawanna Naval Stores company, with offices at Jacksonville, Oahu county, with \$50,000 paid up capital and authorized to \$100,000. The incorporators are J. C. Foster, of Norfolk, largest stockholder, Frank Thompson and Charles E. Warm, Jacksonville, C. W. Billinger, New Bern, and Herbert McClannay, of Wilmington.

OWNS VALUABLE CIVIL WAR RELIC

Section of Armor Plate of the Gunboat Neuse Much Prized by J. K. Willis.

THE HISTORY OF THE VESSEL

It Was Built With Too Great Depth—Got Stuck in Mud—Burned.

J. K. Willis has at his marble works on Broad street a very unique souvenir of the war between the North and the South and one which he prizes very much. It is a section of armor plate taken from the sides of the Confederate gunboat, Neuse, after it had been sunk in the river of the same name a few miles below Kinston.

T. C. Willis, father of Mr. J. K. Willis, assisted in constructing this vessel. Work on the boat was begun in 1862 and was not completed until 1864. It was a vessel of tremendous proportions and was fully equipped with its fighting paraphernalia was, it is said a very formidable-looking man of war. The builders of the vessel intended that it should draw but a few feet of water and by doing this could safely navigate the shallow waters of this section. However, when completed and equipped with the heavy guns, it was found that she drew a considerable depth of water. Regardless of this she was launched and as fortune would have it did not stick in the mud at that time.

A short time later orders were received by the captain of the vessel to bring it to New Bern to be used at the pleasure of the hundreds of Confederates who were lined on the banks of the river and every available dock. The first two miles of the trip were made in safety but near the end of the third mile from Kinston the vessel stuck in the mud and although every possible effort was made she could not be floated.

After holding a consultation the captain and his officers sent a message to the general in charge of the maneuvers in this section and asked what disposition should be made of the vessel, that it was impossible to get her out of the mud. Rather than let the vessel fall into the hands of the Federal forces it was set afire and destroyed.

AFTER ANOTHER BILLION.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Preparations to take another billion dollars from Uncle Sam's till at the coming session of Congress were made when the subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee met to frame appropriation bills.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills, which furnish funds to the Federal departments, the White House and Federal Courts, were taken up. Secretary of State Knox was asked to appear this afternoon before the committee to state the needs of his department, including money for extension of the "dollar diplomacy" policy.

TRAPPING THE QUACKS

Postoffice Department Inspectors Swoop Down on Them.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Simultaneous arrests of 175 manufacturers of alleged "quack" medicines were ordered by Postmaster-General Hitchcock yesterday in 72 different cities scattered through 22 States.

The arrests are the result of months of investigation by postoffice inspectors and are aimed at firms which manufacture "medicinal preparations injurious to health" and are using the mail. Neither names of the firms nor the cities in which the arrests were to be made were made public at the Postoffice Department.

Because of the fact that the arrests are made under secret indictments and that there may be difficulty in serving some of the warrants if the names of the indicted firms are made public, the department refused absolutely to name the defendants.

The department's drag net is out for every conceivable sort of medical quack—the "specialist," maternity doctors "healers" and "cure" vendors.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock has been accumulating evidence for months and inspectors have been probing the activities of all medical advertisers in the various newspapers throughout the country. It was understood that chemists of the Department of Agriculture have been co-operating in the gathering of evidence for the crusade.

Practically all of the indictments, it was stated, either charge the sending of obscene matter through the mails or using the mails to defraud. The coteries of medical quacks throughout the country have been reaping a rich harvest ever since the Supreme Court held that the pure food law could not be used to prosecute patent medicine manufacturers for "misbranding," except when their labels make false statements as to the quality, quantity or materials used in their composition.

TWO CASES TAKE UP WHOLE WEEK

Very Poor Headway Made on Superior Court Docket the Past Week.

CALENDER IS RE-ARRANGED.

Warren vs. Smith and Others Decided Yesterday in Favor of Defendants.

The first week of the two week's term of Craven County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases came to a close yesterday afternoon. At the opening of the day's session the jury in the case of Warren vs. Smith and others, a civil action from the Vanceboro section involving a note given as collateral for a loan, was taken up. The argument in this case was completed on the previous day and after the jury had been charged they retired to their room, returning a short time later with a verdict in favor of the defendant.

In the case of Ippock vs. Gaskins and Wiggins, tried earlier in the week and in which the verdict rendered was in favor of the defendants, the plaintiffs' counsel asked that the verdict be set aside. After reviewing the case Judge Bragaw refused to do this and an appeal to the Supreme Court was taken.

Owing to the fact that only two cases had been disposed of during the week, Judge Bragaw stated that he would be compelled to revise the docket in order to get to some cases that had been standing for some time. Accordingly the following docket was arranged for the second week:

Monday, Nov. 25.

Pocomoke Guano Co. vs. Vanceboro Supply Co.

Arnold vs. Styron, et al.

Jones vs. Vanceboro Steamboat Co.

Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Stanley et al vs. Whitfield.

White vs. A. & N. C. R. R. Co. et al.

Tom Hill vs. A. & N. C. R. R. Co., et al.

Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Carter vs. Black.

Pate vs. C. G. Blades.

Peterson et al vs. John L. Roper Lbr. Co.

Taylor vs. Jordan.

Friday, Nov. 29.

Hyman vs. N. S. R. R. Co.

Nelson vs. N. S. R. R. Co.

Angillie Scale Co. vs. N. S. R. R. Co.

Cutler Blades Hdw. Co. vs. N. S. R. R. Co.

Whitford, Adm. vs. North State Life Insurance Co.

Hyman vs. N. S. R. R. Co.

Arnold vs. N. S. R. R. Co.

Anderson vs. Harrington, et al.

Garrison vs. Dill & Fisher.

All other are continued until the next term.

EGGS SOARING.

New York, Nov. 21.—Fresh eggs at 70 cents a dozen wholesale are looked for here in the very near future. Small lots of today's laying from Long Island and nearby Jersey points are already bringing 75 cents a dozen at retail. On the Produce Exchange today the wholesale price of eggs was 55 to 60 cents, and it was the general impression that the 70-cent mark would be reached by next week.

WILL REBUILD.

It is understood that the John L. Roper Lumber Company are rebuilding the large dry sheds which were destroyed by fire at their Oriental plant a few weeks ago and will resume operations there during the next few weeks. The plant was closed down a short time after the fire and a number of the employees came to New Bern and were placed at work in the local plant.

NEW COMMISSION HOUSE

Harry Sultan has opened up an office at No. 61 South Front street and will conduct a fruit and produce commission business. Mr. Sultan has had much experience in this line of work and will doubtless work up an excellent trade in New Bern and vicinity. He has a complete stock at present and will be able to supply his customers at any and all times.

DESCENDANTS WILL HELP.

Descendants of Baron De Graffenried who are now residing in the State of Georgia, have heard of the monument that the citizens of New Bern intend erecting to the Baron De Graffenried Colony, who founded this city and have expressed their intention of assisting in the work with subscriptions. This will increase the fund now in hand and it will be only a matter of a short time before the required amount is contributed. Edgar Watson is conducting his house to house canvass for subscriptions and is meeting with much success. A list of contributions made during the past few days will be published in the Journal tomorrow.

PRISONER MAKES SAFE GETAWAY

Robert Smith Knocks Hole in Ceiling, Opens Trap Door, Climbs to Roof.

DESCENDS IMPROVISED ROPE

Makes a Bee Line for Parts Unknown and Officers are Searching in Vain for Him.

Robert Smith, a young white man convicted at the October term of Craven County Superior Court on a charge of the larceny of several boxes of cigars from M. L. Jacobs & Company and sentenced to a term of twelve months in jail, has again demonstrated the fact that the county jail cannot hold a prisoner who has made up his mind to escape.

Friday morning Smith was in his cell. This morning Smith is "Somewhere", while the sheriff and his deputies are using all known methods to locate the escaped criminal and return him to durance vile.

During the wee sma' hours yesterday morning Smith who was confined in a room on the second floor of the building, knocked a hole in the ceiling, presumably with a chair as that was the only implement in the place which he could have used for the purpose, drew himself and a quantity of bed clothing through the aperture and after removing a trap door, reached the roof. There he made a rope out of the bed clothing and lowered himself to the ground.

The discovery of the escape of the prisoner was made yesterday morning by Jailor Riggs and a search at once begun for the man but he had lost no time in shaking the dust of New Bern from his feet and could not be located.

During the past six or eight months a number of men have made their escape from the jail, on one occasion using the method employed by Smith. Several of these have been recaptured while the others are yet at large.

LIKE SHELL STREETS

Bridgeton Commissioners To Use Them on Large Scale.

A week or two ago the Commissioners at Bridgeton decided to shell B street. Several months ago two blocks of another street were shelled and they proved so satisfactory that the Commissioners decided to improve other sections of the town. They now have enough shells in sight to put on about one block and after this supply is exhausted if more shells can be secured the work will be continued. Before the shells are placed, the roadway is rounded up and put in condition to receive them. They are then placed on the road several inches deep and as the town does not own a steam roller the regular traffic is allowed to crush them. This is done within a few weeks and the road is then in excellent condition and will remain in that condition for several years.

BRING TURKEYS TO MARKET.

Many turkeys were brought to New Bern yesterday from points all over the county and offered for sale on the local market. Dealers are paying fifteen cents per pound for the fowl and they are being retailed at twenty cents per pound. This price is rather high but regardless of this there are many being purchased for Thanksgiving Day dinners. Numbers of ducks and geese are also being offered for sale at prices somewhat lower than that at which turkeys are sold.

WATCH PAVING WORK.

Since the work of paving Neuse road began there are many persons who go out each day and watch the operations. The shell foundation for the bitulithic material has been placed on a greater part of the road which will be paved and the large force of convicts who are engaged in the work are making rapid headway. Four layers of the paving material will be placed before the road is completed. This dries very quickly and the road will be opened to traffic soon after the last layer has been placed. In the meantime the Trent and Oaks roads are being used for traffic.

DEVOTE WEEK TO HOME MISSIONS

Arrangements About Complete for New Bern's Observance of Centenary Celebration.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM

Week Ends Sunday Night Dec. 8 With Mass Meeting at Centenary Church.

Arrangements are about complete for New Bern's observance of Home Mission Week. As a demonstration to the world of what Home Missions have accomplished and are intended to accomplish twenty-five hundred towns and cities are this week holding special Home Mission exercises. New Bern is in hearty sympathy with the celebration only the conditions here were such that it was deemed advisable to have the special week's program two weeks later than the time selected for the general observance.

The program has been completed and shows that the observance is interdenominational and commands the support and participation of representatives of all the Protestant denominations. It is as follows:

Dec. 1st—Sermons by pastors, Subjects, Our Country's Debt to Christ and Units in Making Our Country God's Country.

Dec. 2nd—Ladies meeting in the Presbyterian lecture room. Devotional meeting 3:30 p. m. conducted by Mrs. Scott, followed by 10 minute reports from each church.

Dec. 3rd—Ladies meeting in the Presbyterian lecture room. Devotional meeting 3:30 p. m. conducted by Mrs. Slover. City Problems by Miss Windley, Country Life, by Miss Nunn.

Dec. 4th—Baptist church. Devotional exercises at 7:30 conducted by one of the pastors.

The Frontier by Mr. Lapeley American Indians by Mr. Dick.

Dec. 5th—Baptist church. Devotional and song service 7:30. The Island Possessions by Mr. Brinson.

Immigrants by Rev. Mr. Phillips.

Dec. 6th—Baptist church 7:30 p. m. Devotional exercises. The Church as a Social Agency, by Rev. Mr. Huske.

The Church as a Religious Force by Rev. Mr. Hurley. The Church in a Unified Program of Advance, by Rev. Mr. Rogers.

Dec. 7th—Presbyterian lecture room. Devotional 3:30, conducted by Mrs. Gailon.

The Saloon and Temperance Reform, by Mrs. Green. Social Conditions and Movements, by Miss Hendren.

Dec. 8th—Methodist Church, 7:30 p. m. Mass meeting. Devotional exercises.

Our Country's Opportunity for Christ, by Dr. Carter.

Unity in Making Our Country God's Country, by Dr. Summerell.

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