

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN GOOD SHAPE

Superintendent Brinson So Reports After Tour of Inspection.

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCE LARGE

New Bern Schools Could Not Have More Inviting Prospect, Mr. Craven Says.

A matter of much interest locally as well as over the entire county is the excellent condition of the public schools in this county. During the past few weeks S. M. Brinson, who has all these schools under his supervision, has visited many of the schools and inspected the work being done in them.

In every instance he has been greatly impressed by what he found and of course greatly encouraged. Although Craven county has not as large a number of schools and pupils as some other counties in the State it ranks among the leaders with those whose records show they have accomplished good work. Some sections are sparsely settled and in these it is often necessary for the pupils to travel several miles each day in order to reach the school. Investigation shows, however, that the average attendance at even these schools during the present term has been better than ever before.

In the New Bern school of which Prof. H. B. Craven is in charge, the enrollment is larger and the attendance better considering the fact that there has been much sickness in the city during the past few months than ever before and in speaking of the prospects Prof. Craven says that he is sure that they could not be more encouraging.

Several districts have voted on a special school tax since last term and in these the length of the term has been increased, thus giving the pupils an opportunity of receiving several weeks more of the schools.

Those who are interested most in the development of Craven county's educational institutions are looking forward with much interest to the time when the work on the proposed Farm Life School will be started. Prof. J. E. Turlington, who has been selected to take charge of this school, is now in Georgia, a member of the faculty of one of that State's famous colleges. His contract with them expires next February and he will come direct to Craven county and will supervise the work of erecting the school. Plans for this institution will be drawn by a State architect and will be in readiness by the time Prof. Turlington arrives so that there will be no further delay. It is the intention of the trustees of the school to have it ready for opening by the beginning of the next term.

### PAIR DEAD IN VACANT HOUSE

Woman Murdered, Man A Suicide, Declares Coroner.

Swartwood, N. J., Dec. 10.—The bodies of Mrs. Barbara Rapke, of Newark, and Ludwig Palmer, of South Orange—the woman murdered and the man a suicide, according to the coroner—were found in an unoccupied cottage on the shore of Swartwood Lake three days after the couple left their home.

The woman lay dead in the kitchen with a bullet wound in the temple. The man's body, also with a bullet in the head, lay in another room, beside him another revolver, loaded, was on a table. Palmer, a contractor, was married. Mrs. Rapke was a widow with two children. They had been acquainted about a year, according to the police.

### NAVY RECRUITS WANTED

Effort Made to Rope in Young Men Out of Employment.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—During the past few months Uncle Sam has found it a rather hard matter to secure recruits for the navy. The demand for seamen has been much larger than the supply. Although advertisements have been inserted in newspapers and magazines all over the country a comparatively small number of answers have been received. Recently the government has established a clipping bureau at Washington and at this place thousands of newspapers are read each day and great care is taken to read the want ads.

Whenever an advertisement is found in which the advertiser wants a position, his name is clipped out and the recruiting office at once writes a letter to him, telling of the advantages of navy life and offering every inducement to get him to join. So great has become the need for recruits that papers from all over the United States are being subscribed for and several thousand of these are read every day. In a report recently sent out by this bureau they stated that on an average one hundred thousand letters have been sent out each week since the bureau started. Of this number more than one thousand come to North Carolina.

### TALKS ON DRESS

Speaker Pleads For Less Ostentation on Part of Women.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Gov. Chase S. Osborn of Michigan, a newspaper man, preached a sermon here Sunday, from the pulpit of his friend, the Rev. Myron E. Adams of the First Baptist Church. The Governor took for his theme a plea for less ostentation on the part of women church members. He suggested a uniform church dress that would be plain and inexpensive and would not frighten away poor women who now stayed away from church because they could not compete in dress with prosperous women.

"I've often wished that Protestant churches in this country would follow the habit I have observed in Spain and in South America among Catholic church-goers," he said. "There it is the custom of women to dress in plain black for church. I wish that our women would do so and then the poor would come."

### PREPARE FOR PARCELS POST

Postoffice Will Be Ready for It When Installed.

Postmaster Bassight and his corps of assistants are getting everything in readiness in the local office for the Parcel Post Law which goes into effect on January 1, 1913.

Assistant-Postmaster Hewitt stated yesterday that the local office had not received complete instructions regarding this new law and were unable to give out any definite information about it. The country will be divided into zones and a map of these different zones will be placed in a public place in the office. Persons who send packages by this new rate will be compelled to bring them to the office, the carriers not being allowed to collect them. In addition to this stamps which are to be used exclusively for this purpose must be affixed to each package.

At some of the large offices it will be necessary to equip the carriers with extra pouches or add to the number of carriers but this will hardly be the case in New Bern. The majority of the carriers will doubtless be engaged in New Bern. The majority of packages will doubtless be consigned to patrons on the rural routes.

## MUST NOT LIVE WITH HUSBAND

If She Does Daughter of Dr. McGill Will Be Almost Cut Off By Will.

### LEAVES VERY LARGE FORTUNE

There Had Long Been Ill Feeling Between Him and His Son-in-Law.

New York, Dec. 10.—The will of Dr. John D. McGill, which was proved yesterday before Surrogate John P. Egan, of Hudson County, provides that his daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Acheson Carr, is to receive the income from three-fifths of the estate as long as she remains separated from her husband, Lieut. William B. Carr, a young United States army surgeon. Dr. McGill's estate is worth several hundred thousand and possibly \$1,000,000.

"The relations of my daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Acheson Carr, with her husband must be those of a complete stranger," says the will. "Should my daughter elect to live again with this man Carr the trustees of this will shall pay her only \$1,200 annually, with no reversion to her husband for any children she may have."

The will further provides that if Mrs. Carr should have any children by her present husband, from whom she has been separated for some time, the children are to receive \$100 each and no more. If Mrs. Carr should marry another man she is to receive one-half the income of the estate.

Dr. McGill's daughter eloped and married Lieut. Carr in March 1909. He is a son of Dr. William P. Carr, of Washington. Last June young Mrs. Carr sued for a divorce in Washington. The case was dismissed because she had not been a resident of the District two years.

In opposing the wife's complaint Lieut. Carr blamed his father-in-law for his marital unhappiness. He said Dr. McGill had challenged him to fight a duel. That was denied by the doctor.

### HOLD UP NOMINATIONS

Senator Simmons Co-operating With Other Senate Democrats.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Senator Simmons said last night that he is co-operating with other Democratic Senators in the matter of holding up Presidents Taft's nominations in the Senate, but whether an agreement was reached or not, there would be no confirmations made for North Carolina positions, that he could hold up.

The Senator said in a number of cases the commission of postmasters had expired a year ago, and that holding up confirmation for a few months longer, would not inconvenience anyone, unless it be the Republican officeholders. As the matter of withholding confirmations is a matter of "senatorial courtesy," it is safe to say the North Carolina positions will be filled by President Wilson.

A rumor has been going the rounds here that Senator Simmons would not look with favor upon recommendations for postmasters made by Representative Claude Kitchin. It is learned that Mr. Kitchin will be treated with the same consideration in matters of this kind as other Congressmen from the State.

### "JIM CROW" LAW APPLIES

Negroes Can't Ride on Sleeping Cars in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., December 10.—The Supreme Court of Mississippi to day decided that the so-called "Jim Crow" law applies in this State to through sleeping cars as well as day coaches. This decision was handed down in the suit of Miss Pearl Morris, who was recently given a verdict against the Alabama and Vicksburg Railroad for \$15,000 because its employees refused to eject three negroes from a sleeping car in which she was riding. The court held that the \$15,000 damages was excessive, but suggested a verdict of \$2,000. The court's decision says that if negroes are to ride in sleeping cars in Mississippi they must be furnished separate cars.

### PROFESSORSHIP FOR TAFT

Likely Not To Practice Law in Cincinnati as Predicted.

New York, Dec. 11.—President Taft will not go to Cincinnati and practice law when he leaves the White House, but has agreed to accept a professorship in the Yale Law School. This statement is made authoritatively by a close friend of Taft, who says he is acquainted with the President's plans. The informant stated that President Taft will accept the Kent professorship of law, which has been unfilled since the death of Edward J. Phelps in 1900. Phelps was appointed to the professorship in 1881, and although he became minister to Great Britain by appointment of President Cleveland in 1885, he retained it until his death. The professorship covers lectures in both constitutional and international law.

### FROM MR. BRADHAM

Favors Bond Issue for Good Roads Under Certain Conditions.

Your editorial and article on first page of your issue of the 8th inst. possibly conveys a wrong impression of the action of the representatives of the Farmers' Union, in regard to an issue of bonds for road improvement. If you had been present, probably you would have put a different construction upon the action of the delegates. I was told that the meeting was for the purpose of asking special legislation authorizing an issue of bonds for the permanent improvement of Craven County's main roads, but in view of the fact that we have such a Statute, passed by the Legislature of 1905, it was deemed unnecessary to ask for further legislation. You state that I opposed the movement for a bond issue. On the contrary, I favor it under proper conditions, but think it unnecessary, as is explained below. Mistakes are frequent in road building and all work of this nature should be permanent. Guilford County built several miles of water bound macadam road from the proceeds of a bond issue of several hundred thousand dollars and last winter the surface froze and there is remedy only in resurfacing, which in no wise prevents the road from freezing again from base to surface. The National Cemetery road on George street is of the water bound macadam type and it is a failure. Buncombe County is trying sand and clay; it is to be inferred that its macadam is unsatisfactory. Macadam roads are almost prohibitive here on account of price of stone and gravel, which is right at hand in some sections and which costs \$2.30 per cubic yard delivered here and would be to haul from one to five miles, making this type road cost \$5,000 per mile. The sand-clay road has been unsatisfactory in this section, I think this is due to the high water level, making drainage difficult, and to the quality of sand and clay. Roads built entirely of soil, such as Neuse road beyond the A. & N. C. crossing and Beaufort road, have stood the weather and wear well. This soil abounds in our county, and by its use may be made into good roads where drainage can be had. The sand hills will need special treatment. Bituminous macadam, that is, the rock road with suitable waterproof adhesive binder, rightly constructed, is the nearest approach to permanency. This is seen on East Front Street, but the cost will run from \$7,000 to \$8,000 per mile. This is prohibitive, at present. If the rock can be left out, using sand and binder the cost will not exceed \$1,000 per mile for finished road, a saving of seven hundred thousand dollars in constructing 100 miles of road. The surface of all bituminous roads is composed of sand, very fine gravel or stone and binder, then why will binder not unite with sand alone? This very theory is now being tried on Neuse road and if it works to our satisfaction, the Main roads of our County can be built from a levy of fifty cents each year for four years, giving two hundred miles of improved roads without a bond issue, which always carries with it a sinking fund and the interest, which in the case of an issue of \$200,000 would annually amount to one half of the fifty cents suggested. The interest of a bond issue amounts to more than the principal in thirty years. Just figure this, it is amazing! Federal aid to Counties for the permanent construction of R. F. D. roads is about to be offered us. State aid will, no doubt, be forthcoming, when the next Legislature convenes; in the meantime it will be the aim of the Board of Commissioners to get the roads in condition to admit of permanent improvement by raising the base or by proper drainage. This is necessary before any road can be built. The lateral roads will receive attention by the organization of a maintenance force, acting under the supervision of a competent engineer or some intelligent road supervisor. The above was, in substance, my remarks before the Farmers' Union, on Saturday at the Court House, when called upon by President Whitford, and I was told, further action was deferred for the present, pending Federal and State aid to good roads.

Very respectfully,  
C. D. BRADHAM.  
New Bern, Dec. 9th, 1912.

### MAROONED IN GRAVEYARD.

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 11.—Ralph Hitch, of Morrison, Ill., stricken with small-pox, has been consigned to a house in the middle of a cemetery here and supplied with groceries. No one could be found to attend Hitch and he was left alone among the tombs to make his struggles for life. There is no isolation hospital here and when the nature of Hitch's illness became known a hasty search was made for a place to put him. The gardener's tool hut in the middle of the cemetery was the only available place.

## DESCRIBES TRIP OF MATTEWSON

Special Writer For New York World Tells of Twitler's Outing.

### NEW TITLE FOR G. A. NICOLL

Reporter Also a Little Fanciful in Describing Natural Scenery Around Havelock.

In an illustrated article in Sunday's New York World a special writer for the World tells of the recent hunting trip to this section made by Christy Matthewson, the noted baseball player, sometime ago. Barring such little inaccuracies as referring to George A. Nicoll as a railroad president and ascribing high cliffs, rocks and crags to the Havelock vicinity, the article is no doubt a truthful portrayal of about what happened while "Marty" was down this way for a bit of sport. The opening paragraphs follow:

Where the hunting horn echoes over vast stretches of a low, open country—wild and swampy and tangled with masses of greenbrier and smilax—lies Camp Bryan in a preserve that is flung out over Carteret and Craven and a part of Jones Counties, near the central coast of North Carolina. There are few human beings in its wide limits, but its woods, thickets and lakes teem with wild life—bear, deer, duck, geese, big bass and alligators. The openings are picturesquely called pocosins, where tough gallberry bushes grow so thick that a hunter must cut his way through. Here and there in these spaces are small pine and bay trees.

On the edge of this tract is the village of Havelock. The railroad station agent has time enough to follow the news of the outside world, and like many longing souls in remote places his mind is most occupied in leisure moments by the struggles of the clubs in the two big baseball leagues. Many such men know more about the game and the statistics of the players than the New Yorkers who crowd into the Brush Stadium on summer days. They hungrily read every scrap about Matthewson and Marquard and Joe Wood and all the rest of the diamond stars.

Matthewson is back from the wilds and brimful with picturesque stories of adventure in the North Carolina jungles—stories that breathe the free life of the open air, hardship and adventure.

"We had a wonderful time," said Matthewson. "That preserve is a wilderness filled with game. Tom Keller, who is a 33d degree baseball fan here and one of the wealthy men who maintain Camp Bryan, was also with us. It is estimated that there are 3,000 deer in the preserve, as well as hundreds of bears. There are five large lakes, including the noted Mallard marsh where thousands of geese, snipe and ducks feed. There are creatures of the wild for 100 miles around.

The reference to the rocks and crags of Havelock is made in connection with a description of the capture of an eagle.

### TO STUDY NORMAL SCHOOLS

Maryland Commission Leaves for This State.

Baltimore, Dec. 10.—To observe the normal school development of the southern States, the members of the Maryland State Normal School Commission left last night for North Carolina Normal School, at Greenville, of which Robert H. Wright, formerly principal of the Eastern High School, this city, is president.

The commission will also inspect the Western Normal and Industrial School, at Greensboro. Here they will find another Baltimorean, Herbert E. Austin, professor of science, who formerly filled the same position at the Maryland State Normal. The commission expects to return Thursday night.

In the party are Congressman Linthicum, State Superintendent Stephens and Assistant Superintendent Purdum, Senators Benson and Goolin and Miss Sarah E. Richmond, principal of the normal school.

DR. H. M. BONNER, of New Bern, will be in Fort Barnwell Wednesday, Dec. 18th at Mr. W. R. Sauls', and Thursday, Dec. 19th in Dover at Dr. S. J. Hawe's office for treatment of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. If you are in need of treatment and want glasses fitted to your eyes it will pay you to remember the date and place. Dr. Bonner is a specialist in this line and it is seldom you have a chance to be treated by a specialist in your own locality. Adv. Dec. 10-3t.

### PULITZER ESTATE TOO LOW

State Official Declares It Undervalued By Millions.

New York, Dec. 10.—Surrogate John P. Cohalan rejected the transfer tax on the estate of Joseph Pulitzer, declaring that securities held by the estate had "been grossly undervalued, possibly to the extent of several millions of dollars." William Law Stout, who represented the State Controller as special counsel, was admonished by the Surrogate to take steps to protect the State's interest in the new hearing.

The Surrogate's rejection of the report was based chiefly on the appraisal of Mr. Pulitzer's newspaper holdings. The total value of Mr. Pulitzer's estate was fixed at \$18,525,116. He held all but 10 shares of the Press Publishing Company, which controlled the Morning, Evening and Sunday World. His \$4,490 shares were appraised at \$3,016,455, which made the total value of those papers \$3,080,955. His interest in the Pulitzer Publishing Company which controlled the St. Louis Post Dispatch, was appraised at \$1,115,717.

According to the statements made on behalf of the estate by its counsel, the average net profit of the papers for four years were \$536,580 for the New York papers and \$408,457 for the St. Louis papers.

### WANTS THEM BABES ALWAYS

Strange Case of Purposely Arrested Development.

Cleveland, Dec. 18.—In a little kitchen at her home Mrs. Maud Thol has battled with an effort to keep Time from touching her babies.

Around her feet crept three children, two, three and four years old. Victims of a strange code her ingenuity devised to prevent them from advancing beyond the cradle, they laughed, kicked their feet and waved their hands as she creased over them.

The eldest boy did not creep faster with greater ease than the younger ones. He is barely larger than the average child of two years and apparently has not advanced intellectually beyond the cradle.

To further defeat their development the mother has never let them do anything except baby food. What lay beyond the door, through which a stranger never passed, they had no idea.

Neighbors say the woman never took her children away. Occasionally in the hot summer, they say, she would wheel them out in the darkness, but always guarded them closely from the gaze of any person.

"She had a strange desire to always keep them babies," Deputy Sheriff Stanley Sobczak said. "The four-year-old boy cannot talk or walk. He is not as large as my younger son, who is only eighteen months old."

Several days ago William James, clerk of the Probate Court, discovered the plight of the children and investigated. He continued the investigation until he made sure the children were not imbeciles. James and Zozak went to the house, arrested the woman and took her to the City Hospital. The children will be placed in an infant institution.

### VIOLATED GAME LAWS.

Robert Stokes, white, of Maple Cypress was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace S. R. Street yesterday afternoon on a warrant sworn out by George B. Waters, game warden of Craven county, charging him with violating the game laws by shooting quail out of season. The evidence in the case was very conclusive and the Justice found the defendant guilty and placed a fine of two dollars and the cost of the case on him. The offense was committed about three weeks ago.

### SAYS REPORT IS UNTRUE.

Superintendent Walker of this division of the Norfolk Southern is authority for the statement that there is nothing in the report that New Bern will lose the office of the superintendent of the division on which it is located.

## DEADLOCK LIKELY IN SENATE FIGHT

West Virginia Legislature May Not Elect Successor To Watson.

### BITTER G. O. P. FIGHT IS ON

In Such Event Strategic Position of Democrats Would Be Better.

Washington, Dec. 19.—On account of the bitter fight between Republican aspirants in West Virginia for the United States Senatorship there is a strong possibility that the Legislature of that State will fail to elect a successor to Senator Clarence G. Watson, Democrat, who retires March 4. In this event the Republican strength in the next Senate will be cut one vote, which will place the Democrats in a better strategic position. Not counting West Virginia, the Republicans will have only 43 votes unless they are able to get one or two more from Illinois and Tennessee.

It is believed the Bull Moose hold the balance of power and can prevent a caucus nomination. The Republicans, counting Bull Moose and Regulars, have 22 on a joint ballot.

The principal aspirants are former Senator Davis Elkins, Governor Dawson, William Seymour Edwards, both of whom are Bull Mooseers; Isaac Mann, Judge Showalter, former Senator Scott, former Representative Hubbard and Judge Mason. Judge Nathan B. Goff, of Clarksburg, is spoken of as a compromise candidate.

West Virginia Democrats in Washington declare that there is no chance whatever for a Bull Moose Democratic alliance by which a Progressive Democrat can be elected to the Senate. They assert that some of them believe the Legislature will be deadlocked and no Senator will be elected.

### REPUDIATES HIS STORY

Declares There Was No Plot to Murder Rosenthal.

New York, Dec. 11.—"Bridgie" Webber, one of the four informers whose testimony convicted Charles Becker and the four gunmen of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, returned from Havana yesterday and issued a statement repudiating in many respects the story he told on the witness stand. He said there was no plot to murder Rosenthal. On the contrary, he said, the gunmen went to the Hotel Metro-pole to frighten the gambler, but two of them got drunk, and the fatal shooting resulted.

Frank Moss, assistant district attorney, who conducted Webber's examination on the stand, said he was amazed at Webber's statement. "This is the first time I have ever heard of such a story," said Moss. "If he had said before the trial he did not know of any plot, of course we would not have called him as a witness."

Jack Rose, at his home in Queensborough, said that Webber lied when he asserted that there was no plot to kill Rosenthal, and that the murder was done on the spur of the moment because two of the men were drunk.

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