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NEW BERN, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1913—SECOND SECTION

35th YEAR

SAYS FARMING IS IN ITS INFANCY

"We Are Just Getting Started," Declares the Chief of the Bureau of Soils.

IS AN AUTHORITY ON SOILS

Asserts That Generous Harvests Await Farmers Who Follow Instructions.

Washington, Jan. 7.—"Agriculture in this country," says Professor Milton Whitney, chief of the bureau of soils of the Department of Agriculture, "is in its infancy; we have hardly more cleared the ground and got the fences up. When we settle down to the real business of farming and get a thorough knowledge of the soil of each field, as the people of the longer settled countries of Europe have done, we shall have fewer failures to pull down our average of productivity. There never have been greater opportunities offered for American farming than at the present time. In the East and South especially are cheap and productive soils awaiting re-settlement and re-occupation."

Dr. Whitney believes that farms in all parts of the Union which have long since been abandoned may be developed so as to yield generous harvests for those who are willing to follow the instructions laid down by this bureau.

"The work of the soil survey," says Dr. Whitney, "began in a very small way in 1889, and 62,595 square miles of territory have been surveyed and mapped. Over 900 different types of soils have been mapped and classified, and thereby it is now known for what crops the different types are adopted and how they should be treated to obtain the maximum yield. Within the next twelve years every type of soil in the country will have been mapped and classified."

FREIGHT COMMITTEE MEETS

Prepares Data For Submission To

A. G. L. Officials.

Last evening the committee composed of L. H. Cutler, C. L. Ives, R. A. Nunn, Clyde Eby, J. B. Blades and J. Leon Williams, who were appointed some time ago to secure information relative to the amount of shipping going out and coming into New Bern each year with a view of placing the same in the hands of the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Company as requested by the latter before they would render their decision in the matter of entering the city from the North, met in the Chamber of Commerce rooms for the purpose of compiling this information and making preparations to go to Wilmington to place the matter before the railway officials.

All the reports made by the various local concerns were compiled and put in condition to be presented to the railway officials.

The Secretary was ordered to write to the officials and make an appointment with them for an audience and as soon as a reply is received the committee will leave for Wilmington.

CAPT. LONGSTRETH HERE.

Captain C. Longstreth, owner of the yacht *Arrawan II* which arrived in port a few weeks ago from Philadelphia, returned yesterday from that city where he spent the Christmas holidays with his family. Captain Longstreth stated that he would probably remain at this port for several days before going on a cruise through the Sounds of North Carolina.

COLLISION IS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Searching Probe Into Chesapeake Bay Accident of Last Friday Is Announced.

SIXTEEN LOST THEIR LIVES

All Facts To Be Brought Out As To Whether Indrakula Did Her Duty.

Washington, Jan. 7.—A searching investigation is to be made by the Federal authorities into the collision in Chesapeake Bay Friday morning between the British steamer *Indrakula*, outbound from Baltimore, and the Julia Luckenbach, inbound from Tampa, by which the Luckenbach was sunk and 16 of her company perished, including Capt. H. A. Gilbert and his wife, and after which the *Indrakula* was beached to save her sinking.

As soon as Gen. George Uhler, supervising inspector general of the Federal steamboat inspection service, learned that the *Indrakula* would be towed to Norfolk or Newport News for repairs, he ordered Captains Bray and Tapley, at Norfolk, to conduct the Government investigation of the causes and circumstances of the collision.

At the same time General Uhler ordered Captains Wright and White, the Baltimore local inspectors, to pursue an investigation of their own and submit their findings to the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The inspectors at New York were telephoned to take affidavits from the members of the Luckenbach crew who were rescued by the Dutch steamer *Pennsylvania* and taken to that port. These affidavits will become a part of the case.

General Uhler announced that the investigation would be sweeping. It is to include every phase of the collision and the facts are to be brought out as to whether or not Captain Smith, of the *Indrakula*, refused to stand by the Luckenbach, as he is obligated to do, if he can, by every civilized law of navigation.

OLYMPIA

(Special to the Journal)

Olympia, Jan. 8.—The holidays are over and those who have been spending the occasion with friends and relatives here and those who have been visiting at other points have returned home.

Miss Carrie Whitehurst has returned from a visit with friends at New Bern. Ebe Bunting of Frankford, Del., is visiting his brother, Curtis Bunting, of this place.

The East Carolina Lumber Company who are building a tram road in this county are making much progress with the work. A large force of laborers are employed in the task and the contractors hope to have the work completed within a few weeks.

Carl Bunting and sister, Miss Margaret, spent yesterday with C. B. Bunting at New Bern.

Miss Sallie Holton a student at the Atlantic Christian College who has been spending the holidays here with her parents has returned to Wilson to resume her studies.

Miss Mary C. Johnson has returned to Lebanon to resume her duties as teacher of the select school at that place.

Lucille, the twelve year old daughter of Mr. M. W. Carmen of Bellair, died yesterday morning at one o'clock of hemorrhagic fever. The funeral and burial took place yesterday afternoon at three o'clock at Lima.

AGITATE LAW TO PROTECT BIRDS

Movement to Protect Feathered Songsters Finding Favor in This Section.

TO GET LEGISLATORS TO ACT

All Bird Tribes Decreasing Every Year—Action Needed To Save Them.

A movement to protect song birds is finding much favor in several communities in this section at this time, and it is expected that several legislators will go to the coming General Assembly with the purpose of having an act passed for their preservation. Petitions asking for such laws are being circulated in several communities.

Carteret county has taken the lead in the matter and Senator Davis and Representative C. S. Wallace have assured their constituents in that country that they will champion the bill. If an act covering the entire State is not passed, several counties in the East will ask for protection of the feathered singers on their own account.

On the banks from Cape Lookout to Hatteras many mocking birds yet remain, besides other species, and on the mainland robins are plentiful, but every tribe of the bird yearly decreases, as is the case for many miles inland and the citizens of the section are determined that they shall be protected.

TWENTY DROWNED

Dreadful Loss of Life When Freight er Is Rammed By Tramp.

Newport, N. Va., January 4.—Eight survivors of the steamer Julia Luckenbach, rammed and sunk in Chesapeake Bay early Friday by the British tramp *Indrakula*, arrived here yesterday and told how 20 of their number had gone down without a chance for life. The fortunate eight, after a six-hour battle with a terrific gale, were taken from the rigging of their sunken ship by the Danish steamer *Pennsylvania* and brought here.

The Luckenbach, from Port Tampa to Baltimore, was about to anchor off the Tangier Gas Bouy, at the mouth of the Potomac early Friday, when the *Indrakula* caught her and cut her practically in two. She went down immediately and only the men on deck had a chance for life. The unfortunate eight, after a six-hour battle with a terrific gale, were taken from the rigging of their sunken ship by the Danish steamer *Pennsylvania* and brought here.

The survivors had scarcely reached the topmost parts of the rigging of the ship and for six hours they fought for life, while some of their number exhausted, dropped off one by one to death.

With a wind blowing at cyclonic velocity and waves beating against them, the hardest hit had fast until their clothes were torn to shreds, and they were on the verge of exhaustion.

Chief Engineer Chas Knudson, was one of those in the rigging. He endured the gale until his hands were bleeding from gripping the ropes. He became exhausted, let go and went down before assistance came.

The Danish steamer *Pennsylvania*, which came to their assistance, could not reach them at first because of the heavy sea. After many unsuccessful attempts, life lines were run to the struggling men and in two hours they were taken off one at a time. They were taken on board the *Pennsylvania* very much exhausted, and had to be given first-aid treatment.

DEATH OF MRS. JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Josephine Williams, aged 65 years, died Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at her home 34 Johnson street. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence, conducted by Rev. B. F. Huske, assisted by Rev. J. B. Hurley. The interment was made in Cedar Grove cemetery. The following served as pall-bearers, D. F. Jarvis, J. L. McDaniel, J. S. Basnight, J. J. Tolson, J. R. Pigott and D. Cuthrell. Mrs. Williams is survived by the following children: Mrs. Addie Kilpatrick of Norfolk, Miss Nita Williams and Daniel W. Williams of New Bern, Gilmore and Zeb Williams of Richmond, and Rev. Joseph Williams of Elmiston, Md.

DEED.

In this city Jan. 13, 1913, Elizabeth H. Gaskins in the 70th year of her age, surviving are the husband William S. Gaskins, one son, C. W. Gaskins, one sister, Mary B. Gordon, all of the city, one brother John C. Gaskins of Merritt, Pamlico county, N. C. The funeral was conducted from the residence Jan. 13 at 10:30 a. m. Rev. J. B. Hurley of Centenary Methodist church and Rev. B. F. Huske of Christ Church officiated. Interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

(Newspaper photo copy)

STRONG SPEAKERS COMING

Able and Distinguished Men Will Address Laymen's Convention.

L. B. Padgett, State secretary for the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, arrived in the city yesterday morning. He will be here until tomorrow. Then he will go away for a few days after which he will return and remain until after the Laymen's Convention to be held here Feb. 6 and 7.

He stated that he had just received a letter from J. Campbell White, giving the information that Dr. C. F. Reid, one of the strongest men of the Methodist denomination, and Mr. Patterson of Atlanta, an especially gifted layman of the Episcopal denomination, would be on the list of speakers at the New Bern convention.

Mr. White will also be here as will W. E. D. Doughty of New York, educational secretary and Lt. Col. E. W. Haldorf of Washington, vice chairman of the general executive committee.

Mr. Padgett states that there will be the strongest array of speakers at the New Bern convention that has been seen since the great convention at Greensboro several years ago.

The uniformers on the New Bern Orient Street Railway Company's cars have been furnished with new blue uniforms and caps. The uniforms were ordered through the Hill Tailoring Company.

Cars stayed long enough, however, to be able to write some impressions of this country.

TO PUT AN END TO JAIL DELIVERIES

Commissioners Order Heavy Oak Boards Placed Across The Joists.

FASTENED WITH LONG NAILS

Several Other Matters of Importance Disposed Of By County Board.

One of the most important matters taken up at the regular monthly meeting of the Craven County Board of Commissioners which was held in this city Monday, was the matter of putting the county jail in such condition that it would be impossible for any prisoner to make an escape.

During the past few months a number of the prisoners have succeeded in gaining their freedom from this institution and in the majority of the cases each took the same course, climbing on the steel cage in which the colored prisoners are confined, then knocked a hole in the ceiling and from there crawled to the roof from which it is an easy matter to reach the ground.

An investigation was made and it was found that the ceiling was very thin and could easily be knocked down. After considerable discussion the Commissioners decided to place heavy oak boards across the top of the joists and to fasten these down with large wire nails. This will make it almost impossible for any one to break through to the roof without the use of a very heavy hammer and the noise caused by knocking off these boards would awaken every inmate of the jail.

Mrs. T. E. Warren, widow of the late keeper of Neuse river bridge, appeared before the Board and made application for the position of bridge tender. Since the death of her husband she has been having the work done by a man whom she employed and his work has proven satisfactory. The Board had some hesitancy in giving Mrs. Warren the position on account of the fact that if the man she now has employed or any one whom she would employ at a later date should suddenly be taken ill or was to quit it would cause a great deal of inconvenience. However, after considering the matter the position was awarded to her. The pay for this work is thirty-five dollars a month.

D. P. Whitford, who is president of the Craven County Farmer's Union and who lives in No. One Township, made a very interesting talk about the present condition of the roads in No. Two Township and asked the Board to take some action toward bettering the condition. The Chairman of the Board explained to Mr. Whitford that at present the fund available for the use of road work in this township was depleted and the work could not be done at present, but that at an early date, or in fact as soon as the taxes could be collected, this fund would be increased, and the work in this township should be done without any further delay.

The Commissioners have had so many complaints from persons who say that their property has been improperly assessed that at yesterday's meeting they passed resolutions condemning the present method of listing and assessing taxes and placed a copy of these resolutions in the hands of Representative Gilbert Whitford with a request to urge the repeal of the present law and to urge a law which will be more thorough and concise in the vital points.

TO SEIZE THE ALCAZAR

Deputy Marshal Goes To Lookout Cove Today Armed with Papers.

United States Deputy Marshal Samuel L. Lilly left last evening for Beaufort. Today he will go to Lookout Cove and seize the steamer Alcazar which came to grief on the North Carolina coast during a storm two weeks ago. The vessel was libeled in the United States Court at Wilmington several days ago by the Merchants and Miners' Steamship Company of Savannah, Ga. Bond in the sum of \$8,000 was adjusted and the bond was taken down. Following this, the papers necessary for seizing the vessel were forwarded to Marshal Lilly with orders to serve them.

NEWS OF HAVELOCK.

(Special to the Journal)

Havelock, Jan. 7.—Miss Lillie Godwin, who was accidentally shot in the left hand on Christmas day with a toy pistol and who has been in New Bern undergoing treatment from a physician, has returned home very much improved.

Miss Sallie Russel went to Harlowe last Wednesday where that evening she attended a party given by one of her friends.

Mrs. A. D. Rooks and little daughter have returned from a visit with relatives and friends at Fort Barnwell.

Rupert Soller, a student at the East Carolina Teachers' Training School at Greenville, returned yesterday to resume his studies after spending Christmas here with relatives.

Mrs. James White has returned from a visit with relatives at Vanceboro.

The Pamlico county Farmers' Union will meet next Saturday, January 11, with the local at Grantsboro. Many matters of importance are to be taken up at this meeting and every member is urged to be present. Plans for the work during the present year will also be formulated.

LAW BREAKING ON THE INCREASE

More Infractions of Internal Revenue Laws in 1912 Than in 1911.

EASIER TO MAKE ARRESTS

Illicit Distilling Seems To Be Decreasing, Retailing On Increase.

In looking over the record for the past year kept by the local United States Commissioner of the number of arrests for violations of the Internal Revenue Law it is found that there is an increase above those of the previous year and there is an approximate estimate of thirty five per cent over the violations five years ago.

Commissioner Charles B. Hill says that the deputies are not working any harder now than they were when prohibition first went into effect but the violations are more numerous and are easier to locate. Referring to his record he found that during the year 1911 there were twenty-three violations of the Internal Revenue Law by retailing without a government license. One defendant was charged with retailing and illicit distilling and with with illicit distilling.

In 1912 thirty-two persons were arrested by the revenue officers for retailing spirituous liquors without the government permit, two for retailing and illicit distilling and one for wholesaling spirituous liquors.

The district over which Commissioner Hill has jurisdiction is composed of the counties of Craven, Jones, Pamlico and Carteret and portions of Onslow. It is noticeable that there is comparatively little illicit distilling. This condition is mainly due to the heavy penalty which the government places upon offenders of this section of the law.

In the opinion of the government officials illicit distilling is decreasing but the number of retailing cases grows larger each year, and in addition to this it is noticed that during the past year there was one case in which the defendant is charged with wholesaling. In this latter case, if the evidence is true, the defendant succeeded in placing more than a hundred and twenty-five barrels of whisky in this city within a period of six-months or at the rate of nearly barrel a day.

The number of government licensed allowing the holder to retail whisky and spirituous liquors in the city of New Bern is not as large as it was two months ago but in other parts of the county and also in adjacent counties is considerably larger at present than at the former period.

Both the local and the government authorities have done their best to rid New Bern of whisky dealers and much credit is due, especially to the local police, for their work. At present New Bern is one of the driest towns in the State but in other parts of the county and at its south end, will be a large fountain.

The dining room will be at the southwest corner of the building, behind the drawing rooms, and will look upon a large fountain and sunken gardens. A wide corridor will connect the library and the drawing rooms.

The art gallery will not be as high as the main building, and will be about 100 by 35 feet. It will be one and one-half stories high. This building will contain Mr. Frick's valuable collection of art treasures, in which are some of the rarest and most valuable pieces in the world.

One of the features of the sunken garden, which will be close to Fifth Avenue, shut off from the curious by a stone garden wall, will be a pool, sixty feet long and fifteen feet wide. This will be in the centre of the garden and at its south end, will be a large fountain.

Andrew Carnegie and Charles M. Schwab are the only persons who have homes in New York on larger plots than Mr. Frick.

WORKING UP CORN CLUB.