

## NEWS & OBSERVER PLANT DESTROYED

Spectacular Fire Destroys Building and Equipment of Raleigh Newspaper.

ORIGINATED IN BASEMENT  
Loss Estimated At Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars. Partially Insured.

(Special to the Journal)

Raleigh, April 24.—Fire which originated in the basement of the News and Observer plant late this afternoon almost completely destroyed the building and its equipment, the damage is estimated at seventy-five thousand dollars with insurance of forty thousand dollars.

The News and Observer building was located on Martin street right in the business section of the city and was only two doors from the Bland Hotel, which is conducted by Bland and Cherry. So quickly did the fire spread that within a few minutes the entire lower floors of the structure were enveloped in flames. The fire companies of the city were on the scene in a few minutes after the first alarm sounded but they were greatly handicapped in fighting the flames by a low water pressure.

Slowly the fire spread until it reached the roof burning everything within its path. All the machinery including six linotype machines and the stereotyping outfit were destroyed. A complete filling system of cuts which was valued at several thousand dollars, was also burned. The loss to the building is estimated at thirty thousand dollars and to the contents forty five thousand dollars.

As soon as it was seen that the building would be destroyed, the editorial and mechanical forces were transferred to the plant of the Raleigh Daily Times and the News & Observer will be issued from that plant until its own building can be rebuilt and a new plant equipped.

The fire occurred just at a time when the crowd was returning from the baseball park and thousands of persons blocked the streets and witnessed the spectacular conflagration and the police had trouble in keeping the spectators back so that the firemen could fight the flames.

The Bland Hotel was damaged only by smoke which filled that locality while the blaze was in progress.

The News & Observer building was a practically new structure, having been completed and occupied only a few years ago. It was four stories and was thought to be absolutely fireproof, and was one of the most completely equipped plants in the State. In the basement was the Hoe perfecting press on which the paper was printed and also on this floor was the mailing room. On the second floor was the business offices and editorial rooms and the other floors were taken up with the composing room and the stereotyping room.

## COMMITTEE AT WORK ON BOOK

Information and Data For Advertising Pamphlet Is Now Being Compiled.

WILL "BOOST" THIS SECTION.  
Thousands Of Copies To Be Distributed In The North And West.

At a meeting of the Advertising Committee of the Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday night a committee composed of C. D. Bradham, H. B. Craven, R. E. Snowden, T. D. Warren and M. Howell was appointed to get up the data for a booklet which will be used in advertising New Bern.

Wednesday afternoon this committee met in the office of the Peps-Cola Company and thoroughly discussed the work before them. Each member of the committee was given some special subject to take up and explain in this booklet and they were instructed to begin work on this as soon as possible so that the "copy" could be placed in the hands of the printer as soon as possible.

Every member of the committee is thoroughly enthused with this work and will devote their best efforts to getting up and compiling data which will place the advantages and resources of New Bern before the public in an interesting and favorable manner.

The advantages of this section for the farmer, the immense timber, possibilities, fishing and oyster, industry truck growing and manufacturing will be the chief objects discussed and the gentlemen who have each of these departments in charge are thoroughly capable of performing their work in an entirely satisfactory manner.

When the booklet has been issued from the press, thousands of copies will be mailed all over the north and west, especially in sections where the

## MRS. DUKE SEEKS SOCIAL CONQUEST

FAMOUS SOUTHERN BEAUTY IS ENROUTE TO LONDON WILL ENTERTAIN.

New York, April 24.—James B. Duke formerly known as the "American Tobacco King," and his wife, who was Mrs. William Inman, of Atlanta, famous throughout the South for her beauty and wit, sailed yesterday on the Mauretania for England, where they are to make their home for an indefinite time.

Mr. Duke recently secured Dorchester House, which was the residence of Whitelaw Reid, in Park Lane, London, and it is understood that Mrs. Duke will entertain extensively.

According to several intimate friends Mrs. Duke, shortly after her marriage to Mr. Duke, promised that she would attempt the social conquest of London. It was said that the guarded announcement that Mr. Duke had secured Dorchester House, which has been the scene of many notable gatherings, and is considered one of the most magnificent show places in England, confirms the intention of the trip.

"She always had that ambition," one said to-day, "even when a girl. After her marriage she laughingly admitted that hitherto the only barrier in her path was the lack of money, and that she was sure the Duke millions would prove to be the 'open sesame' to the social gates of London."

At Mr. Duke's offices a statement was given out by his secretary that, while his stay in England would be indefinite, the "Tobacco King" had no intention of becoming an expatriate, and that he would retain his marble palace at Fifth Avenue and Seventy-eighth street, for which he paid \$1,600,000 and later remodelled and furnished at a cost of several millions.

It is understood, however, that while Mrs. Duke is devoting herself to social conquest, Mr. Duke will be busy with the affairs of the British-American Tobacco Company, the chairmanship of which he accepted shortly after the dissolution of the tobacco trust.

The British-American Tobacco Company is known as the "world-wide tobacco trust," by reason that it owns or controls companies doing business in the United States, Canada, Denmark, Germany, China, India, Africa, Egypt, Jamaica, Ceylon, Belgium and Sweden.

## BRIDGETON MAN WILL BE JAILER

J. D. McGOY, PRESENT JAILER HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION.

After May 1 Craven county's jail will be presided over by E. J. Bayless of Bridgeton. J. D. McCoy, the present jailer, has handed in his resignation to take effect on that date.

Mr. McCoy succeeded M. C. Williams as jailer and took charge of the institution shortly after Sheriff R. B. Lane took charge of the Sheriff's office.

Mr. Bayless is one of Bridgeton's most highly respected citizens and bears an enviable reputation for integrity and ability.

## AUTOISTS VISIT MAYSVILLE.

Nelson P. Angell Drives His Automobile There On High Gear.

During his Hupmobile automobile tour from New Bern to Maysville, a distance of twenty-one miles, on roads that were dry and full of dust and having the machine in high gear during the entire trip was the feat performed yesterday afternoon by Nelson P. Angell of the firm of Angell and Hooker.

With Mr. Angell were Oscar A. Kifer and H. K. Land, Business Manager of the Journal. The machine used in making the trip is a five passenger, thirty-two horse power touring car and its ability to cover ground under very unfavorable conditions was demonstrated in this trip.

The Hupmobile is not a new machine on the market by any means, but only recently has an agency been opened in this city. During this time a number of the cars have been sold to local citizens and the machines are fast growing in popularity.

Samuel Parsons has sold his residence corner of Craven and New streets, to George Harriet and has moved with his son at 22 Metcalf street. Marvin Lewis, who has been living in the Parsons home at New and Craven, has moved into his new home on National avenue.

Governor Craig has appointed J. B. Blades to represent New Bern at the Southern Sociological Congress which meets in Atlanta, Ga., today for a four days session.

price of land is known to be high and the possibilities few for the manufacturer and farmer. It is hoped that the booklet will be ready for distribution by the latter part of next month.

## CLAIM CHARGES ARE GROUNDESS

Fish Dealers Deny That There Is a Trust Here Controlling Eel Bait.

"NO TRUTH IN STATEMENT"  
Dealer Gives Instance Where Man Has Been Coming Here For Years to Trap Eels.

George N. Ives, A. L. Willis and Tolson & Smith, local fish dealers, have sent the Journal a signed statement to the effect that there is no truth in the charge of Ernest H. Lueders that there is a fish trust here or that his representative is not allowed to buy herring for eel bait.

O. R. Hawkins of Hyde county called at the Journal office yesterday afternoon and added his testimony to that of the fish dealers who sent the signed statement. He said that there was one town in this section where there was a fish trust, but every thing was wide open here. He said he had been in the eel trapping business in these waters for three seasons and had never had any difficulty in buying herring for baiting his traps.

The statement of the fish men is: "We notice in your issue of this morning that a party named Ernest Lueders of New York, claims that he wants to start an eel industry in this city, but that he is prevented from doing so because there is a fish trust that controls the herring needed for bait, etc."

"Now, we have never before heard of such a party, but if he had taken the trouble to have called on either of the undersigned, instead of getting his information from a colored fisherman, he could have obtained a better knowledge of the conditions in our market."

"There is absolutely no truth whatever in his statement that there is a fish trust in this city. Anyone who wishes fish can obtain them in the open market here. The citizens have never been debarred the privilege of buying fish directly from the fishermen and a half dozen or more colored hucksters get their supply of fish in the open market here."

## MENINGITIS CURE NEAR

Dr. Simon Flexner Explains Advance Made in Fighting Disease.

Baltimore, April 24.—Optimistic about the prospect of discovering a cure for all forms of meningitis in human beings, Dr. Simon Flexner, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, told the members of the Medical and Surgical Faculty of Maryland last night that he had already cured such diseases in monkeys.

As the monkey is closely related to man physiologically, Dr. Flexner expressed the opinion that it would not long before a cure for the disease in the human body would be affected.

The occasion was the one hundred and fiftieth annual meeting of the State society. Officers will not be chosen until this morning's session. Dr. A. C. Harrison, the president, will probably not be re-nominated, the custom being for the president to serve only one term.

Dr. Hiram Woods recited two cases of blindness brought about by wood alcohol. In one instance, a patient rubbed his leg with wood alcohol to cure rheumatism. The optic nerves were affected and in a short while the patient became totally blind. In the second instance, Dr. Woods stated that a man had drunk about a half pint of liquor which he thought was whisky, but which really was composed almost entirely of wood alcohol. The patient soon lost his sight.

## THE ELFRIDA AT NORFOLK

Naval Reserve's Boat Is Undergoing Repairs.

The North Carolina Naval Reserve training ship, the Elfrida, is now at the Norfolk navy yard undergoing repairs and several weeks will probably elapse before she will be returned to this port. The Elfrida, with the Washington Division of Naval Reserves on board, ran aground while enroute to Washington, D. C., where the crew intended participating in the inaugural parade. She was so badly damaged at that time that it was absolutely necessary to carry her to a well equipped ship yard to be overhauled. The torpedo boat, Foote, which was formerly located at this port, is now at Washington, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Davis and Mr. H. R. Sauls and daughter Miss Bessie of Fort Barwell arrived in the city yesterday for a short visit. The trip was made in an automobile.

## PICNIC AT MAYSVILLE WAS WELL ATTENDED.

The Brotherhood Lodge No. 284 of Maysville held their annual picnic at that place yesterday afternoon and the event was attended by a large number of people from all over that section. The dinner was an affair that will long be remembered by those who participated and the oratory of several prominent Old Folks was also greatly enjoyed.

## BRIDGETON HOLDS SECOND PRIMARY

W. H. WHITFORD IS NOMINATED AS MAYOR OF THAT TOWN.

The citizens of Bridgeton, just across Neuse river from this city, held a second primary Thursday night for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Mayor, E. J. Bayless who was nominated at the first primary held several days ago, having withdrawn to accept the position of jailer in this city.

There were three candidates for this office, W. H. Whitford, Rev. I. W. Rogers, pastor of the Christian church in this city, and T. W. Holtan. On the first ballot the vote stood as follows: Whitford 22, Holtan 22, and Rogers 10. Rev. Rogers withdrew after this ballot and on the second ballot Whitford received 32 votes and Holtan 22.

The election will be held on May 6 and the Mayor and other officers will be elected at that time. Mr. Whitford is one of Bridgeton's most progressive citizens and the people of that place feel that they have selected wisely.

## DISPENSARIES TO BE OPENED SOON

Hookworm and Other Intestinal Diseases Will be Treated Without Cost.

IN CHARGE OF A SPECIALIST

Will Begin On May 19 and Continue Until the Latter Part of June.

The Craven County Board of Commissioners have received notice from the State Board of Health that the free hookworm dispensaries which are to be operated in this county for a period of six weeks, will open at Vanceboro, Monday, May 19, and will be conducted at different points in the county until the latter part of June. The dispensaries will be in charge of Dr. G. F. Leonard of the State Board of Health and he will be assisted by W. C. Jenkins, microscopist. Not only will the dispensaries treat the dreaded hookworm disease but will also treat any other disease due to intestinal parasites.

Examination, treatment and medicine will be furnished absolutely without cost to the patient and the people of the county are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. This is the second time that such a dispensary has been conducted in Craven county and on the former occasion several thousand persons were treated and were greatly benefited. Not only will the dispensaries be open to those who wish to be examined and receive treatment but Dr. Leonard desires that every citizen of the county who is interested in this work visit the dispensaries at any time and make an inspection of the work.

The dispensaries will be open at the following places on the dates mentioned: Vanceboro, Mondays, May 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23. Maple Cypress, Tuesdays, May 20, 27; June 3. Jasper, Tuesdays, June 10, 17, 24. Riverdale, Wednesday afternoons, May 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18, 25. Croatan, Wednesday afternoons, May 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18, 25. Havelock, Thursdays, May 22, 29; June 5, 12, 19, 26. Cove City, Fridays, June 13, 20, 27. Tuscarora, Fridays, June 13, 20, 27. New Bern, Saturdays, May 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28.

Wherever possible the dispensaries will be conducted in the school house or some other public building but where neither can be secured it will be conducted in a tent which the State furnishes for this purpose. In this city it will be conducted in the court house.

## SEIZED WITH ACUTE ATTACK.

T. R. Crawford, a salesman at Copley's department store, was seized with an attack of acute indigestion yesterday afternoon and for a time was in a critical condition. He was carried into the drug store of the Wood-Lane Drug Company and his needs temporarily attended to pending the arrival of a physician who soon succeeded in bringing the patient around all right.

## BUY L. & M. SEMI-MIXED PAINT.

It's the very best quality paint. It wears best and looks best. It costs the least money. It's used for thirty years and has proven these facts: It's White Lead—White Zinc and Linseed Oil. Just mix 3 quarts of Linseed Oil with each gallon of L. & M. Semi-Mixed Real Paint, and make 1 1/2 gallons of pure paint ready for use at a cost of \$3.49 per gallon. The L. & M. Semi-Mixed Real Paint is sold by GASKILL HARDWARE CO. (Adv.)

## NEGRO MURDERER IS APPREHENDED

Had Roamed The Woods For Two Days Without Food Or Water.

TRIED TO REACH NEW BERN  
Boarded Eastbound Train And Walked Into The Arms Of Waiting Officers.

After having roamed the woods for two days, during which time he had not a mouthful of food or a drink of water, Jacob Dove, the negro who on last Tuesday afternoon shot and killed Simon Hicks, also colored, at Pink Hill in Lenoir county, was apprehended on the east bound train near Caswell Thursday night while attempting to reach this city where he has relatives.

Immediately after the crime was committed Dove ran for the woods and although a diligent search was made for him at that time he was not located. His description was sent to the officers in all the towns in Lenoir and adjoining counties and the conductors on all the trains were also notified to be on the lookout for the fugitive as it was known he had relatives in this city and it was thought that he would make an attempt to get with them and go in hiding.

Late Thursday afternoon Sheriff Taylor of Lenoir county received a telephone message stating that Dove had been seen headed toward Caswell and it was thought that he intended boarding the train at that place. That night Sheriff Taylor, accompanied by Policeman Bursell of Kinston boarded the eastbound train and secreted themselves in the baggage car. At Caswell Dove boarded the train and strange to say walked into the baggage car and into the arms of the waiting officers.

He made no resistance and was immediately taken from the train and held at Caswell until the westbound train came along when he was taken back to Kinston and placed in jail. Yesterday he was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Peebles and probable cause being found was committed to jail without bond for his appearance at the next term of Lenoir county Superior Court.

The shooting, it is believed was caused by jealousy between the two men over a woman, Betty Murrill at whose home the tragedy occurred. Dove did not deny the killing and was not the least perturbed when witnesses described the affair.

## LIST YOUR TAKES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

A failure to list during May subjects you to a double tax, and is also a misdemeanor. See Machinery Act 1913. Section No. 82.

The following list takers for the different Townships will be at the places stated below and dates named, to receive your list. Please be on hand and list your taxes according to law.

### No. 1 TOWNSHIP.

Erul, Wednesday May 7.  
G. A. Whitford, Thursday May 8.  
Maple Cypress Wednesday May 14.  
Remainder of the month of May in the town of Vanceboro.  
H. C. BUTLER, List Taker.

### No. 2 TOWNSHIP.

Zorah, C. B. Knox store, Thursday, May 22.  
J. M. Willis, store, Friday May 23.  
Truit's School House, Saturday May 24.

Saint Delight church, Wednesday, May 28.  
Bridgeton, May 29, 30 and 31st.  
NOAH T. FULCHER, List Taker.

### No. 3 TOWNSHIP.

Fort Barwell, Saturday, May 3.  
Dover, Thursday, May 8.  
Cove City, Saturday, May 10.  
Winter Green Church, Wednesday, May 14.  
Lanes Chapel, Monday, May 19.  
T. R. LANE, List Taker.

### No. 5 TOWNSHIP.

Winthrop Mills, Truit's Store, Wednesday May 14.  
James L. Taylor, Thursday, May 15.  
W. L. Harris, Friday, May 16.  
J. S. Morton & Son Store, Saturday, May 17.

Remainder of month at home at North Harlowe.  
W. C. WILLIAMS, List Taker.

### No. 6 TOWNSHIP.

Croatan, Saturday, May 3.  
Lops Farm, Saturday, May 10.  
Havelock, Saturday, May 17.  
Cherry Point, Friday, May 23.  
Hunters Farm, Saturday, May 24.  
THOS. E. HAYWOOD, List Taker.

### No. 7 TOWNSHIP.

Thurman School House, Thursday, May 8.  
Foy's and Ferrys, Tuesday, May 13.  
James City School House, May 20, 21 and 22.  
Riverdale School House, Tuesday, May 27.

All other days at my residence at

## TO GIVE FARMERS CHEAP MONEY

HIGH COST OF LIVING TO BE GIVEN ANOTHER SEVERE JOLT.

New York, April 26th.—A further jolt is to be given the high cost of living if the delegation of 100 Americans who sailed from here for Naples today succeeds in its endeavor to devise a separate banking system for American farmers. The official name of the delegation is the American Commission on Agricultural Co-operation. The investigation is to be made under the auspices of The Southern Commercial Congress. Its aim is to place cheap money at the disposal of American farmers in order to increase agricultural production and to lower the cost of producing food.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston represented the Administration at the farewell given to the Commission. President Wilson takes a keen interest in the undertaking and addressed the delegates personally before they left Washington.

The Commission is headed by seven federal commissioners bearing the credentials of President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan. They will make a report to Congress upon the practicability of establishing farmer's co-operative banks and a mortgage bank system in the United States, copied after the agricultural credit system of European countries. Besides the federal commissioners there are delegates representing about three-fourths of the States of the Union who will make a report to a committee of nine Governors appointed at the last conference of the State Executives.

In this way official recommendations will be placed before Congress and the State legislature urging a consideration of credit requirements, releasing the consumers of the country from the burden of the high cost of living.

The work of the commission is closely connected with the efforts of the banking and commercial interest to secure currency reform. The principal claim of those seeking currency reform is that under the present banking system which permits banks to deposit their funds with other banks who in turn deposit them in Chicago or New York, the tendency is to collect the surplus of the nation's funds in the big speculative centers where they stimulate stock gambling. The currency reformers want permission extended the banks to lend more freely and with better returns to those engaged in legitimate commerce and manufacturing work. The American Commission on Agricultural Co-operation similarly wants a supplementary banking system built up which will be controlled by the farmers and which will divert a large portion of the savings of rural communities to the development of the farms. It is claimed that in Germany such a system has been able to supply as high as 98 per cent of all the money required by the German farmers for their operating expenses from such deposits. Similar systems are in operation in nearly every country of Europe. It is to study the operation of these systems that the commission is visiting this country.

The second attempt of the commission will be to secure the establishment of a mortgage banking system in the United States. Such a system in Germany had brought over \$2,000,000,000 to the German landowners for the development and improvement of their land. In France the mortgage bond of the Credit Financier which are only the farmers' mortgages under a different form, sell at lower interest rates than even first class industrial bonds. It is declared that if a mortgage banking system could be established in the United States billions of dollars of additional money could be secured for the great development in American farms which this money would make possible, the problem of food production in the United States, which is rapidly becoming worse, would be solved for ever.

TABRO CHEMICAL COMPANY INCREASING EQUIPMENT.  
In order to keep pace with their increasing business the Tarro Chemical Company, whose plant is on South Front street near Meadows' shipyard, are adding a new boiler and a three hundred gallon vat to their equipment. This company manufactures paints and sweeping compounds and is enjoying an enviable patronage.

No man can love a woman as much as she wants to be loved, or admire her as she thinks she ought to be admired.  
Few of us want the things that are to be had for the asking.  
Some men are so busy getting on with their lives that they forget the years they have wasted.

Riverdale.  
H. C. WOOD, List Taker.

### No. 8 TOWNSHIP.

Rhems, Saturday May 10.  
Clarks, Tuesday May 13.  
Bellevue, Thursday May 15.  
H. M. GROVES, List Taker.

## M'ADOO SMASHES BANK PIPE LINE

Fires Out, Bag and Baggage, Paid Treasury Agent of the National City Bank.

TO TREAT ALL BANKS ALIKE  
None of Them Shall Have Any Advantage Of Rest If Secretary Has His Way.

Washington, April 25.—For more than eight years the National City Bank of New York has had a paid agent quartered in the Treasury Department who has obtained confidential news relative to other national banks. This agent, Miss Lotta Taylor, has been put out bag and baggage by Secretary McAdoo.

The discovery resulted from suggestions made to Secretary McAdoo a few weeks ago that certain national banks had a "pipe line" to the Treasury. Mr. McAdoo made an investigation and the "busting" of the "pipe line" followed.

In the Treasury statement issued on the matter Mr. McAdoo said: "As a result of an investigation, it develops that the National City Bank of New York, acting through Mr. Ailes, Vice-President of the Riggs National Bank of Washington, has employed a clerk outside of the Department who has been given a desk in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and who has, for the past eight or ten years made regular reports to the National City Bank on the condition of each national bank in the country promptly following every call of the Comptroller of the Currency."

Discussing the matter further the Secretary said: "This, of course, is irregular and improper, and immediately upon its discovery, it was stopped. It is only fair to say that the banks claim that the information so obtained is only such as is due course is made public by the individual banks or the department. But the method employed, of installing a private employee with a desk in the Treasury Department, gives the bank so favored an undue advantage in the way of advance information over all other banks in the country."

"At the same time it tends to establish intimate relationships with the employees of the Government and the acquisition of information of a confidential nature that ought not to be given to private individuals or corporations, and which, if given at all should be published to the entire country."

## LA GRANGE TEAM DEFEATED.

Snappy Game Of Baseball At Dover Yesterday.

(Special to the Journal)  
Dover, April 23.—The Dover High School baseball team defeated the La Grange baseball team here this afternoon by a score of 8 to 4. Only six innings were played in order to let the visitor catch the afternoon train returning home. Croom and Kinsey composed the battery of the locals and Whitted and Walters done the pitching and receiving for the visitors. The game was fast and snappy from the very first and both teams showed up in fine form.

## MOREHEAD CITY SCHOOL CLOSSES

APPROPRIATE EXERCISES MARK FINALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THAT TOWN.

(Special to the Journal)  
Morehead City, April 26.—The closing exercises of the Morehead City Graded School was held in the school auditorium last Thursday evening.

The members of the graduating class were Misses Mabel Tasley, Loraine Arendell, Grace Wallace and Marie Long and William Jennings Bryan Arthur, Zebulon Vance Butts and Douglas Eaton.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Euclid McWhorter after which Miss Mabel Tasley read the prophesy for the class of 1913 in which were many humorous references to the future of the members of the class.

Professor Carville, superintendent of the school, introduced the speaker of the evening, Col. A. C. Davis of Goldsboro, who spoke about thirty minutes upon the necessity of maintaining a good graded school system in order to develop the State in commercial lines. At the conclusion of Col. Davis' talk Dr. W. E. Haden presented the graduates with diplomas.

Following the benediction by Rev. T. B. Davis the members of the graduating class and the corps of teachers were tendered a banquet by the under graduates.

Occasionally you meet men as intelligent as yourself.