

# New Bern Weekly Journal

## TOWN OF LA GRANGE IS AGAIN VISITED BY DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Good-Sized Portion of Business Section Burned Yesterday Afternoon

**FIRE ORIGINATED IN COLORED RESTAURANT**  
Damage Estimated at From Fifty to Sixty Thousand Dollars

(By Long Distance Telephone.)

Fields, May 2.—Fire which originated in a restaurant located in the business part of town completely destroyed a section of that part of LaGrange this afternoon and caused damage which is estimated at between fifty and sixty thousand dollars.

The fire originated in a small building in the middle of one of the main business blocks and which was occupied by a restaurant. When first discovered the blaze could have been extinguished and the disastrous fire which followed might have been averted. However, there was some delay and before the fire company arrived on the scene, this building was in a mass of flames. From the building occupied by the restaurant the flames sprang to an adjacent structure which was used as a barber shop and this was soon laid in waste. From this building the blaze swept into R. J. Creech's general merchandise store, destroying that and the following also: Newborn Jewelry store, A. W. Kennedy's grocery store, Walter Wilson's grocery store, three colored restaurants, J. P. Joyner's blacksmith shop, the Norfolk Southern passenger station and ticket office, Milton Hardy's grocery store. Across the street considerable damage was done to the building of the House Banking Company, Barwick's grocery store and Wooten & Kinsey's furniture store.

The progress of the flames was rapid owing to the fact that a high wind was blowing at the time and the merchants had but little time to get any of the goods from their places of business. However, they succeeded in getting out some of the goods and these were placed just across the street, presumably at a point where the flames could not reach them, but sparks and burning embers were flying in every direction and within a short time the fire had spread to these and much of the goods which had been taken from the burned buildings were also destroyed.

The eastbound train in charge of Conductor William Hinnant and Engineer Jack Neal arrived at LaGrange before the fire had gained good headway and the train crew at once began to save the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's property. Fifteen box cars were pulled out of danger and the contents of the passenger depot were taken on the train together with much of the freight in the warehouse and carried to Falling Creek. The passenger station owned by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company was burned to the ground. Several times the freight warehouse ignited from the flying embers but each time the blaze was extinguished.

There was a scarcity of water and the small fire company assisted by the citizens and the train crew secured much of the water from the tender of the locomotive attached to the eastbound train. This was used in fighting the fire near the depot and which could be reached with the short lengths of hose.

The Harper Hotel is located adjacent to the buildings destroyed by fire and it was thought several times that this would be destroyed, but fireproof shutters have recently been placed on this building and they saved it from destruction. The telephone exchange was located in this building but all the wires were burned down and tonight the town has no communication with the outside world.

The last disastrous fire occurred just across the street from the one which took place this afternoon. On that site several new brick buildings, including the bank have been erected. In these structures, as before, was the heat from the burning buildings, the big plate glass windows were cracked and several times it was thought that in spite of all that could be done the fire would extend to that side of the street but fortunately this did not occur.

Sparks and burning embers were carried over the entire town by the

### TELEPHONES IN BEAUFORT.

Beaufort has telephone service now. Friday's Beaufort news says: "Yesterday telephone service was inaugurated in this city by the Home Telephone and Telegraph Co. General Manager F. C. Topleman was here to help get the service underway. Beaufort now can boast of as good a telephone system as is possessed by any city in the state. Miss Norah Harrell of Emporia, Va., and expert telephone operator, is here for a few weeks, helping to get the system in good working order."

### CIRCUMSTANCE.

Two children in two neighbor villages playing mad pranks along the healthy leas,  
Two strangers meeting at a festival;  
Two lovers whispering by an orchard wall;  
Two lives bound in one with golden ease;  
Two graves grass-green beside a gray church-tower,  
Washed with still rains and daisy-blossomed;  
Two children in one hamlet born and bred;  
So runs the round of life from hour to hour.—Tennyson.

### BIG LAND SALE TO BE HELD AT POLLOKSVILLE.

There will be a big and sale at Pollocksville on Thursday, May 15, and fifty high class residence lots and twenty-five business lots will be disposed of. This sale will be conducted by the American Realty and Auction Company of Greensboro, one of the largest companies of its kind in the State. There will be a big barbecue in which everyone who attends will participate and many valuable prizes will be given away. The property is located on the west side of Main street just opposite the new bank building.

## ORPHANAGE CLASS HERE THIS WEEK

TO GIVE CONCERT THURSDAY NIGHT UNDER MASONIC AUSPICES.

The following is from the Watauga Democrat, Boone, B. C., where the Oxford Orphan Asylum Singing Class spent two weeks last year attended and the annual Masonic picnic:

"The exercises of the day were opened with prayer, followed with a song by the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class, which is composed of fourteen as bright, attractive and highly cultured boys and girls as you could wish to see, who shed lustre upon the great institution they represent."

"At 2:30 the children gave a concert in the court house and every available seat on the floor and gallery was occupied, and it is the general consensus of opinion that it was the finest treat our people have had in a long time."

The class will give a concert here next Thursday night under the auspices of the local Masonic fraternity and a large attendance is bespoken by that fraternity.

Miss Louise Herndon has returned from Cartersville, Ga., where she assisted Rev. J. B. Phillips in the singing and other details of a very successful revival meeting. From Cartersville Mr. Phillips went on to Macon, Ga. where at the church of which he was formerly pastor he now is holding a revival. He will be out of the city several weeks longer.

High wind and many persons living in the vicinity of the blaze moved their effects out of their homes, expecting that the entire town would be destroyed and according to the statement of an eye witness, pandemonium reigned supreme for more than two hours.

At the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's depot the agent and the crew of the eastbound train, which remained there for more than an hour, succeeded in removing the greater part of the furnishings, fixtures, etc., and but few of the tickets, records or books were lost. This is the third time that this company has been a victim of fire during the past two months, the depot at Dover being destroyed a few weeks ago and a freight warehouse at Goldsboro being a prey to flames a few days later.

The damage is covered by some insurance, but how much is not known, but the actual loss will in all probability be more than twenty-five thousand dollars.

## A. & C. CANAL NOW A FREE HIGHWAY

Deeds Conveying It To the United States Government Formally Executed.

HALF MILLION PRICE PAID

Sale Marks Notable Event—The Realization Of the Efforts Of Over a Century.

Norfolk, May 1.—Deeds conveying to the United States government the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, a section of the intra-coastal waterway, were executed last night and Colonel E. E. Winslow, U. S. A. engineer in charge of this district, announced that commencing today the canal is a free highway.

The price paid by the government was \$500,000 and that sum was turned over to the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company last night when the conveyance of the property was formally consummated and the deeds were filed for record. Colonel Winslow, through whom the transfer to the government was effected, stated last night that it is the purpose of the government to proceed immediately with preparation for beginning the improvements contemplated in the plans adopted for the Norfolk-Beaufort link of the inland watercourse. Surveys are even now in progress, he said, and it is the desire of the government to have some of the work under contract before the end of the current year.

The appropriation available for the section of the waterway between Norfolk and Albemarle Sound is \$800,000. In accordance with act of Congress providing for completion of the Norfolk-Beaufort link, some of the appropriation was available prior to the transfer of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal to the government.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—After having received a telegram from Colonel E. E. Winslow, army engineer in charge of the Norfolk district, Representative John H. Small of North Carolina made the following statement: "Today there will be consummated the purchase of the Chesapeake and Albemarle canal property by the government of the United States and forthwith this canal will become a free canal and dedicated to commerce. This canal is a part of the route of the inland waterway from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort inlet, North Carolina. It connects Elizabeth river on which Norfolk is located with Albemarle sound in North Carolina.

"This is really a notable event. It marks the realization of the efforts of more than a century. There are about sixteen hundred miles of navigable river in North Carolina, excluding the Cape Fear, which empties into the inland sounds. There are no navigable outlets from these rivers to the ocean except at Beaufort inlet, and as northbound commerce from that inlet must pass Cape Hatteras, this commerce is in reality denied access to northern points. The fathers, even before the beginning of the last century, appreciated this condition and the States of North Carolina and Virginia through private capital authorized the construction of what was known as the Dismal Swamp canal. Later the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal was constructed, also largely by private capital. The exaction of tolls and inadequate facilities induced shippers and public spirited citizens many years ago to begin an agitation for a waterway free to all commerce. A number of men in former years most of them now dead, waged an active propaganda for this subject, among the most notable of whom was Commodore Marshall Parks of Norfolk.

"Being familiar with these conditions, I resolved when first elected to Congress in 1898 that I would devote my efforts to the consummation of this most important work, and in an humble way have persistently followed that resolution. The delegations in Congress from North Carolina and Virginia have co-operated, but it can be said without the risk of invidious distinction that Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina, has been peculiarly effective by reason of his membership on the Senate committee on commerce.

"The entire waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort is to have a minimum depth of twelve feet, which will involve the deepening and widening not only of the land cuts of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, but of the natural waterways along the route.

"After the purchase of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal there will be available \$800,000 for continuing the work of improvement during the coming fiscal year. It is estimated that about four years from this date will be requested to complete the entire length from Norfolk to Beaufort, at a total cost of \$5,400,000.

It is human to attempt shifting the blame on "environment" or "heredity"

## WAS BUSY DAY IN FEDERAL COURT

Rapid Progress Being Made In Disposal Of Cases On The Docket.

SESSION MAY ADJOURN TODAY

R. C. Cleve Found Guilty Of Retailing And Is Sentenced To Jail.

Rapid progress is being made in the disposal of the cases on the docket of Federal Court which is in session here this week and in all probability the term will come to an end this afternoon.

Yesterday was a busy day for all connected with the court and although not such a large number of cases were disposed of, there was not an idle moment during the day. Unlike the previous day when many of the defendants either submitted to the charge or appeared without attorneys to represent them, the majority of those before the bar of justice yesterday were represented by legal talent and the taking of evidence and the argument consumed some time.

A session of Federal Court always attracts considerable attention and at all times the court room is crowded with spectators, some who have friends or relatives on trial and who are on the qui vive while other are present merely to hear and see what is going on. It is indeed a cosmopolitan crowd that one will find there, white citizens and colored people are seen and there is no discrimination in the nationalities. On one seat may be found a son of sunny Italy while on another one will see a placid-looking Chinaman. However, all are interested and the strictest attention is paid to the proceedings.

During yesterday the following cases were disposed of:

Braddock Hansley of Onslow county, pleaded guilty to a charge of retailing but owing to the physical condition of the defendant who is afflicted with palsy, Judge Connor suspended judgment and dismissed the case.

R. C. Cleve who lives near Vanceboro was found guilty of retailing and was sentenced to four months in jail and fined one hundred dollars and also taxed with the costs of the case. This defendant had three attorneys exerting every effort to clear their client but their work proved of no avail.

E. W. Rogers of Wayne county entered a plea of guilty in a charge of retailing and was sentenced to serve four months in jail, taxed with the costs of the case and fined one hundred dollars.

Champ Benton of Craven county, and Will Tew of Goldsboro, Wayne county, were tried on a charge of retailing but the evidence was not sufficient to convict and the juries returned a verdict of not guilty in each case.

Rob Jones of Lenoir county was found guilty of retailing and sentenced to serve four months in jail, taxed with the costs of the case and fined one hundred dollars.

## FOR BRYAN TO SUCCEED WILSON

SENATOR MARTIN SAYS SECRETARY WILL BE LOGICAL CANDIDATE.

St. Louis, May 1.—If William J. Bryan, Secretary of State, is a candidate of the Presidency, to succeed Wilson, nothing in the world can top him from being elected, according to Senator James E. Martin, of New Jersey, who came here as a member of the Congressional delegation from Washington to attend the dedication of the Jefferson memorial.

"Bryan will be the logical candidate," he said, "People have come to know and to understand him better. People think that he has become more stable in his views—struck an equilibrium, as it were. The fact is, Mr. Bryan is just as radical today as he was 20 years ago, but the people have grown up to him."

## HYDROGRAPHER IS NOW AT ORIENTAL

SURVEY BOAT IS ENGAGED IN MAPPING OUT CHART OF THAT SECTION.

(Special to the Journal.)

Oriental, May 2.—The government survey boat, Hydrographer, is now in this port surveying and mapping out a new navigation chart. Captain Whitney is in command of this boat and he is conducting the work in a thoroughly systematic manner. The boat will probably remain here for several weeks.

The truck growers in and around Oriental are making large shipments of cabbage and peas to the northern markets just at this time. The northern commission merchants are paying a good price for this variety of produce and the local growers will probably make some money on the shipments they are making.

Captain Dryden of the Department of Navigation at Washington, D. C. was among the visitors in town this week. Captain Dryden is on board the motor boat Taragon and is inspecting the motor craft in the waters of eastern North Carolina and seeing that the owners obey the navigation laws.

Work on the new Methodist church is still in progress and rapid progress is being made by the carpenters. The congregation hope to be able to move into the new edifice by the latter part of next month.

A force of laborers are now engaged in tearing down the local plant of the John L. Roper Lumber Company. This company ceased to operate this plant a few months ago and are moving the machinery, etc. to their plant at New Bern.

John Gibson, who is connected with A. W. Haskins in the mercantile business, spent yesterday in New Bern attending to business matters.

## MACHINISTS ARE UP TO THE MARK

DIFFICULT PIECE OF WORK DONE IN REPAIRING BROKEN PART.

Don't fear that you can't get anything made in New Bern. Night before last a part was broken on the Lansons on Monotype caster, the machine which casts the body type used in the Journal each morning. It was a very delicate part, made of the highest tempered steel, and the management feared that such a part could not be made in New Bern. But it was a snap for the skillful machinists of Craven Foundry and Machinery Company.

"That's easy," said Superintendent Walter Brinson of the shops when a Journal man showed him the broken part. In due time the part, looking better and stronger than the old one, was forthcoming, in its place and working as smoothly as if nothing had ever happened.

You will have to hand it to the New Bern machine shops for being well advanced in their line of work. There are probably only a few places in the whole of North Carolina where such a piece of work could have been done.

## NAME LOST, BUT INTELLIGENT

Patent Suffering From Aphasia Four Years Formerly In Navy.

St. Paul, Minn., May 1.—That the mysterious "Richard Rowe," who for nearly four years has been in the hospital for the insane at Rochester, Minn., unable to tell his name or identity, is an intelligent man is the statement of C. J. Swendsen and Ralph W. Wheelock, members of the State Board of Control, who returned from Rochester today. "Rowe's" case is to be taken up with the Navy Department in an attempt to discover the man's identity.

"I asked the man to write his name," said Mr. Swendsen, "and he put down the initials 'J. G. B.' He also was able to write the date he left San Francisco, May 27, 1907, to return to his position in the navy at Annapolis. Although partly paralyzed, he is able to walk about and, despite his inability to speak or express himself, he seems to be rational in every way and looks like an intelligent man."

## ELECTRIC ARCHES WILL ILLUMINATE STREETS.

The business section of New Bern and parts of the principal streets will be illuminated with the arches this week in honor of the visiting ladies who will be in attendance at the meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. The North Carolina Druggists will meet here on June 11 for a three days' session and the arches will also be used for illumination purposes on that occasion.

## DEFEATING BONDS WOULD NOT EFFECT CHANGE IN SCHOOL POLICY.

A singular error that is made in connection with the proposed bond issue for schools is to regard supposed mistakes in the policy of the Board of Trustees or the superintendent as showing that there is not any need for more room. The mistakes in management if there are any will not be corrected as a result of defeating the bond issue. They will stand just as good a chance to be corrected, if there are any, if the bond issue does not carry. If the schools are not being conducted in the most approved style, the thing to do is to get the necessary changes in management made. To force the children to continue studying in crowded and unsanitary rooms would be the strangest way imaginable of altering the policy of the school management.

Two matters are agitating the people of New Bern at the present time. They are education and sanitation. It's a sign of a live town to have those matters hotly debated. Good is sure to come of the discussion that has been rife in this town in the last few days. Let us keep right on talking about the problems of the city, everybody keeping cool and approaching these live and important questions in a tolerant spirit.

## LIST YOUR TAXES 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 you list. Place be on hand and list your taxes according to law.

**No. 1 TOWNSHIP**  
Ernul, Wednesday May 7.  
G. A. Whitford's, 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.  
Saints Delight church, Wednesday, May 28.  
Bridgeton, May 29, 30 and 31st.  
NOAH T. FULCHER, List Taker

**No. 3 TOWNSHIP.**  
Fort Barnwell, Saturday, May 3.  
Dover, Thursday, May 8.  
Cove City, Saturday, May 10.  
Winter Green Church, Wednesday, May 14.  
Lane's 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.**  
Croa an, Saturday, May 3.  
Lees 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's School House, Thursday May 8.  
Foy's and Perrys, 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 Riverdale.  
H. C. WOOD, List Taker.

**No. 8 TOWNSHIP**  
Rhems, Saturday May 10.  
Clarks, Tuesday, May 13.  
Bellair, Thursday, May 15.  
H. M. GROVES, List Taker.

**No. 9 TOWNSHIP**  
Watsons Store on Washington road  
Friday May 9.  
Tuscarora, Tuesday May 13.  
Jasper, Friday May 15.  
E. Z. R. Davis' store Saturday May 29.  
E. W. Wadsworth's residence, Tuesday May 20.  
H. B. WADSWORTH, List Taker.

## COMING ELECTION IS CHIEF TOPIC

Much Interest Being Manifested In Approaching Event By Local Voters.

## BOND ISSUE MUCH DISCUSSED

Many In Favor of Issue While Others Are Trying To Defeat It.

The election which will be held on next Tuesday, May 6, is one of the chief topics of conversation in New Bern just at the present time. On that day the voters of this city will determine whether or not there will be an issue of city bonds in the amount of twenty thousand dollars to be used in the improvement of the facilities of the public schools.

On almost every corner in the business section of the city and in all the public places can be found groups of men discussing this proposed bond issue. Many predict that the bonds will not carry while others are sure that the voters will rally to the aid of the schools and vote for the bond issue.

Not before in some time has so much interest been manifested in an election. The recent primary for the nomination of the city officers, who will also be elected next Tuesday, was a tame affair in comparison with the proposed bond election. Especially during the past few days has so much interest been manifested. Not only are the men discussing the bond issue but the ladies and children are equally interested and it is one of the chief topics of conversation with them.

Those in favor of the bonds being issued are doing all within their power to bring about this result. One can hardly turn around down in the business section of the city without casting their eyes upon some inscription urging them to vote for the bonds. Those opposed to the bonds being issued are equally active and the streets and public places are liberally supplied with their literature.

However the result of the election cannot be forecasted to a certainty and the result will not be known until after the votes are counted Tuesday night.

## DINING ROOM SERVICE TO BE RESUMED.

Beginning tomorrow night the dining room of the Hotel James will be in service and the patrons of the house will not be compelled to secure their meals at cafes and boarding houses. The dining room service was discontinued several weeks ago and since that time the house has been taken over by a new management and they have decided to reopen it.

## WILL AWARD CONTRACT FOR ERECTION OF NEW SCHOOL.

The Board of Trustees of the Craven County Farm Life School will meet in the office of S. M. Brison, superintendent of the public schools of the county tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of awarding the contract for the erection of the Farm Life School and other buildings. Dr. J. V. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will meet with the Board as will Dr. J. E. Turlington, who is to have charge of the school.

## THE MARKETS.

COTTON	
(Quotations furnished by G. W. Taylor & Son.)	
Middling	11 1-2 cents
Strict Middling	11 5-8 "
Good Middling	11 3-4 "
POULTRY, EGGS, ETC.	
(Quotations furnished by Coast Line Meat Market.)	
Chickens—Grown, pair	60-80
Chickens—Half-grown pair	40-70
Geese, per pair	\$1.25-\$1.50
Ducks, per pair	50-1.00
Eggs, per doz.	13
Hams, country, smoked, lb.	18
Beeswax, lb.	22
Wool, lb.	16 to 17
Wool, dressed, lb.	16 to 17
Hogs, dressed, lb.	10-10 1-2
Beef, dressed, lb.	8-9
Hides—G. S., lb.	9
Green, lb.	8
Dry Flint, lb.	12-14
Dry Salt, lb.	10-12
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.	
(Quotations by New Bern Produce Company.)	
Irish potatoes new crop	\$2.50
Sweet potatoes, bushel	50
Rutabagas, hundred	\$1.00
Collards head	.02
Turnips bunch	.25
Cabbage barrel	\$1.00 to \$1.25
Spinach, bushel	.50