

## ANOTHER SENSATION IN NEW BERN POSTOFFICE

### Rumored That Charges Have Been Preferred Against Night Clerk

#### POSTMASTER BASNIGHT DECLINES TO TALK

#### Says That He Has Nothing To Say—Much Interest Manifest

Following the recent announcement in the Journal that charges had been preferred against Postmaster Jesse S. Basnight, and that an attempt would be made to remove him from office and to put a new man in his place, another sensation was created last night when it became rumored that charges that he had neglected his duty had been preferred against R. E. Smith, night clerk in the local postoffice and that if these were substantiated that he would be removed and another man put on in his place.

The action against Postmaster Basnight started when R. E. Smith, who has been a member of the force in the local office, took a grievance up with the Postoffice Department, after George Howard, a new man in the office, had been appointed to fill vacancy as dispatching clerk, a position which Mr. Smith thought that he should have had.

Mr. Smith forwarded several letters concerning the matter to the Postoffice Department and this resulted in Hon. Jno. M. Faison, congressman from this district, becoming interested in the matter. Congressman Faison came to New Bern and sent Postmaster Basnight a message which was to the effect that if the latter would resign the office there would be no investigation. This Postmaster Basnight declined to do.

This took place several weeks ago and since that time the local citizens who are interested in the postoffice squabble have been expecting an inspector to put in his appearance and begin an investigation of Postmaster Basnight's record and the charges which have been preferred against him. So far no inspector has shown up.

Right in the midst of all the excitement comes the rumor that Mr. Smith is now to get a dose of the same kind of trouble which he is said to have caused Postmaster Basnight. There is but little doubt but that this rumor is true. In his office last night Postmaster Basnight was in close consultation with several postoffice officials. Shortly before midnight a Journal reporter called on Postmaster Basnight and asked him if the rumors in regard to Mr. Smith had any foundation. Postmaster Basnight declined to discuss the matter, saying that he had given out nothing for publication in regard to the charges against himself, and that if an investigation of Mr. Smith's record was to be made that he had nothing to say about the matter.

When asked if he preferred charges against Mr. Smith who is now holding the position of night clerk in the office, Mr. Basnight also refused to give any satisfactory answer. Thus the matter stands. The public is awaiting the arrival of an inspector to investigate the record of Postmaster Basnight and is also awaiting the investigation of the charges against Mr. Smith which it is believed have been preferred.

What the outcome will be cannot be conjectured and those on the outside are awaiting the ultimate result with much interest.

### ORDINATION OF DEACONS IN THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Tonight at 7:30, in the above church, a very interesting service will be held, when the newly elected deacons will be publicly ordained. The Rev. G. T. Watkins, of Goldsboro, will preach the ordination sermon. All who can should make an effort to attend this service and hear this great preacher. A hearty welcome will be given to all. Special singing by the choir.

### STOCK LAW, BIG THING FOR US. LET US HAVE IT AT ONCE.

Stock Law will do more good for Craven county than any one thing proposed since the close of the Civil War, except the constitutional amendments. Let us have it at once. DEMOCRATIC VOTER.

### LOCAL COTTON MARKET.

Strict Middling ..... 13 1-8  
Middling ..... 13  
St. Low Mid ..... 14 3-4-7-8

L. T. Gillete, of Mayville, was among the business visitors in the city last night.

### KING ALFONSO



The King of Spain, of whom this is a new photograph, is the most expensively dressed monarch in Europe.

### COLORED AUTO DRIVER A HERO

#### HOWEVER, NEW BERN NEGRO SHOWED BUT LITTLE JUDGMENT.

Howard Jenkins, a colored chauffeur, is something of a hero, although not much can be said in favor of his judgment. Jenkins drove a three-seated machine into a telephone pole at the Southern approach to Queen street rather than run down two intoxicated men who were in his path. He had come from New Bern with six passengers, including two ladies, early in the night, and was nearing the city at a speed of about 25 miles. When almost in town his front lights brought out the figures of two or three reeling men in the road directly ahead. Realizing that it would be impossible to stop the car in time to prevent running them down, he cut the machine sharply to the edge of the road and collided with a pole. The automobile, a good conveyance, was badly damaged and the pole split by the impact. None of the occupants were thrown from the car, and it is believed none of them was badly hurt, although one of the women is known to have sustained painful bruises. None of the occupants' names can be learned, and their identity is a complete mystery. Jenkins maintaining that they were unknown to him, but he is of the opinion that all were from New Bern, from which city they came here, and that they returned on the next train east.—Kinston Free Press.

### DOINGS AT LOCO.

Farmers "Making Hay While The Sun Shines."

(Special to the Journal.) We are having some fine weather just now and the farmers are making good use of the time. If we are blessed with a few more pretty weeks, the cotton will all be out.

We are glad to welcome another Thanksgiving which will soon be here, on the twenty-seventh. Let's all give thanks to our Dear Master.

There will be a basket party at Loco school house on Friday night, December 5th, 1913. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

Girls be sure and bring a well filled basket. Boys—come prepared to buy them.

Our school is coming along nicely under the skillful management of Miss Annie Henderson, of Maysville.

### ALLEGED RETAINER NABBED.

Two Of Onslow's Colored Citizens In The Toils

King Meadows and William Frank, colored citizens of Belgrade, Onslow county, are now in the Craven county jail awaiting a preliminary hearing on a charge of retailing spirituous liquors without first securing the consent of Uncle Sam and donating a specified amount of coin to be used in defraying the expenses of the government.

Meadows and Frank claim that they have never dispensed a drop of "the ardent." However, this remains to be seen. Meadows will be given a hearing tomorrow morning and Frank will have an opportunity Friday morning of proving his innocence.

The arrest was made by Deputy Marshal Samuel Lilly and the hearing will be before United States Commissioner C. B. Hill.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Episcopal church will meet with Mrs. Charles H. Smith, No. 82 McCall street, this afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

## A FEW VACANT ROOMS REMAIN

#### Opportunity For Few Pupils To Enter New Farm Life School.

#### LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL

#### An Excellent Opportunity For Young Men And Women Of Craven.

Since the opening of Craven county's new Farm Life School a few weeks ago a large number of pupils have been enrolled and the work in all branches of the institution is now going ahead as rapidly as possible in order that all lost time may be made up for.

There is yet an opportunity for a few more pupils to gain entrance to the Farm Life School and young men who desire to enter the school should act at once.

The Journal is in receipt of the following letter along this line from Prof. J. E. Turlington, the principal of the school:

"There are a few rooms vacant in the Farm-Life School dormitory which should be filled by young men and women taking three months winter course. This course is designed to meet the needs of young men and women eighteen years old or more who, for any cause, might be unable to attend school through the year. The subjects taught being English, Arithmetic, Spelling, Writing, Agriculture and Domestic Science. The work in this course will begin Tuesday, December 2, instead of Tuesday, November 25.

"Young men and women desiring to take this work should write at once and enclose one dollar and a half for reservation of a room, which pays for the room and lights one month."

A course in the Farm Life school comprises studies which will be of service to every young man who expects to make farming his vocation and is in fact almost indispensable.

## NEW BERNIAN TO MAKE ADDRESS

#### EX-JUDGE O. H. GUION WILL DELIVER THE MEMORIAL ADDRESS.

Ex-Judge O. H. Guion, a brilliant speaker and a talented attorney of this city, has been elected to deliver the memorial address at the Lodge of Sorrow of the local Elks which will be held on Sunday, December 7.

For several days a committee has been engaged in arranging the program for this occasion and this is now almost in readiness and will be made public within a few days.

The ceremonies attending the Lodge of Sorrow which is held in memory of the departed of the Lodge of Elks, is always well attended. It is quite probable that the exercises will be held in the Athens Theatre.

## JEWELRY TRUST SUIT HAS BEGUN

#### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD AID RETAIL DEALERS AND INDIVIDUALS.

New York, Nov. 19.—The Government's suit to aid the retailer and the individual purchaser of jewelry by wiping out an alleged combination of manufacturers and jobbers was filed today in the United States District Court. Its aim is to destroy the alleged control now exercised by the middlemen over the jewelry business of the country.

The action seeks an injunction under the Anti Trust law to prevent further restraints or monopolizations or attempted monopolizations of inter-State and foreign commerce in jewelry and jewelry products.

The defendants are the members of the National Wholesale Jewelers' Association and of the National Association of Manufacturing Jewelers. It is alleged that they circulated lists of their members, so that no retailer or syndicate of retailers or departmental store or mail order house could deal directly with manufacturers and get the benefit of the prices given to jobbers.

Claude A. Thompson, Special Assistant United States District Attorney, in charge of this suit, said today that 80 per cent. of the defendants already had consented to discontinue the practice complained of.

The two associations number about 200 members doing business in 22 different States. Most of the manufacturers are in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

D. W. Truckner, of Maysville, was in the city last night attending to business matters.

## THIRTY MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

#### Caused By Explosion In Fuel And Iron Company's Mine.

#### SEVERAL TAKEN OUT ALIVE

#### Cause Of The Catastrophe Has Not Been Ascertained.

Acton, Ala., Nov. 19.—At least 30 miners are believed to have been entombed by an explosion late today in the Alabama Fuel and Iron Company's mine No. 2, located near this place. Up to an early hour tonight seven bodies had been recovered and three of the men rescued alive.

The usual quota of men employed in mine No. 2 is 70, but the exact number at work when the explosion occurred is not certain. Mine officials said tonight that a checking up of the mine records would be necessary before it could be learned definitely how many are still entombed.

The cause of the explosion has not been learned. That many of those entombed were killed by its force seems certain, as two men working near the surface at the time were blown several feet from the mine entrance.

Officials of the mine accompanied by rescue workers and surgeons hurried here from Birmingham, and tonight every effort was being made to reach the entombed men.

Mine No. 2, which is known as Acton mine, is comparatively new, and is one of the most productive in this district. It has a daily output of 300 tons. Officials of the company said that all equipment was first class.

Acton mine is 24 miles south of Birmingham on the Acton branch of the Louisville and Nashville railroad. The mine has a single track slope and used an 18-foot fan with the split air system. J. G. Steele is superintendent of the Acton branch.

## END GAMBLING IN COTTON FUTURES

#### SOUTH CAROLINA SENATOR PROPOSES PLAN FOR THIS ACTION.

New York, Nov. 19.—Ex-Senator Jno L. McLaurin, of South Carolina, proposed a plan for ending objectionable gambling in cotton futures, in an address today to a committee from the New York Cotton Exchange which is considering changes in the rules to meet criticism directed against present methods.

Mr. McLaurin said the failure of Congress to enact legislation at this session imposing a tax on dealings in cotton options was due to the fact that no plan had been devised to destroy gambling in contracts, which does not also involve the destruction of legitimate business necessary to keep open such channels of trade as could not be closed without disastrous effects.

Mr. McLaurin said the present system was objectionable because cotton price made on the New York Exchange were based upon the supply of cotton in New York warehouses. As this stock of cotton is only a comparatively small part of the total, he said, it was possible for speculators to manipulate prices for gambling purposes in a way which would otherwise not be possible. Under present methods contracts made on the New York Exchange call for delivery of warehouse receipts for cotton stored in New York Warehouses. Mr. McLaurin suggested that the plan for a tax on cotton options which was considered recently by Congress be amended to provide for a heavy tax on all contracts made through all exchanges in the United States, provided that cotton delivered in the State in which it is grown be exempt from the tax.

"What would you do then?" he said "Your New York stock of cotton would be absolutely valueless for the purpose of inflating or depressing prices. You could not afford to deliver cotton except in the South. Why should not the great New York Exchange get in the van and lead this progressive movement instead of being driven by a congressional lash?"

SPECIAL SALE GOING ON AT J. J. BAXTER'S.

J. J. Baxter, one of New Bern's leading merchants, will this morning begin a big special price sale at his store in the Elks building. The entire stock of the store will be placed on sale at remarkably low prices and it will be an excellent opportunity for New Bern citizens to secure real bargains. Read his advertisement in this issue of the Journal.

### HERMON W. CRAVEN



Hermon W. Craven was recently appointed by President Wilson as a member of the civil service commission. He is a Republican, and his home is in Seattle.

## NEW BERN YOUNG MAN INJURED

#### Dan J. Smaw Fell From A Pecan Tree Yesterday Afternoon.

#### HIS CONDITION NOT CRITICAL

#### Believed To Have Become Dizzy Or To Have Fainted.

D. G. Smaw, a well known and popular young man of this city, was painfully if not seriously injured yesterday afternoon when he fell from a pecan tree at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. J. Lucas, No. 28 South Front street.

Mr. Smaw had climbed up into the tree for the purpose of picking a basket of pecans. It is believed that he was either seized with an attack of dizziness while in the tree or else fainted, for he suddenly loosened his grasp on the limb to which he was holding and crashed to the ground, a distance of thirty feet or more.

The fall rendered Mr. Smaw unconscious and relatives who rushed to his assistance thought at first that he was either killed or fatally injured. Fortunately this proved not to be the case.

A physician was summoned as quickly as possible and at once made an examination of Mr. Smaw's injuries. He found that while the young man was painfully hurt, that his injuries were not of a very serious nature and unless some unexpected complications occur he will be able to get up within a day or two.

Mr. Smaw, however, had a narrow escape from being fatally injured. Had his head struck the ground first there is not the least doubt but that death would have been caused. As it was, he is believed to have landed on his side.

## WILL BENEFIT THE NEW BAND

#### TICKETS FOR "A WOMAN'S HONOR" ARE NOW ON SALE.

Tickets for "A Woman's Honor" which is to be presented at the Masonic Theatre on Thanksgiving Day night, are now on sale at the Wood-Lane Drug Company, Bradham's drug store, Edward Clark's cigar store, Henry's, pharmacy and F. S. Duffy's drug store, at fifty cents each.

This play will be produced by local talent supporting Prof. J. Henri Bourdelaix, and will be given for the benefit of the Peoples' Concert Band, New Bern's newest musical organization. Every citizen of New Bern is interested in this band and the purchase of a ticket will help just that much in getting them out of debt.

Rehearsals of the play are now in progress and those who have seen these say that it is one of the best they have ever seen. Tickets will be on sale at the places mentioned above from now until the night of the play.

## CRAIG SELECTS RATE COMMISSION

#### Composed Of Judge M. H. Justice Dr. W. L. Potrat And Alf. A. Thompson.

#### HAVE ACCEPTED

#### Will Investigate Reasonableness Of Justice Intra-State Act And Railroad Claims.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 19.—Governor Locke Craig today announced the appointment of Judge M. H. Justice, of Rutherfordton; Dr. W. L. Potrat, of Wake Forest, and A. A. Thompson, of Raleigh, special commission under the Justice Intra-State freight rate in the act of the special session of the Legislature, in the light of the protests and exceptions made to the rates as confiscatory by the railroad companies, and definitely prescribe the rates that shall be put into effect. All three have accepted.

Dr. Potrat is president of Wake Forest College. Judge Justice is a prominent judge of the Superior Court and father of the author of the Act. Mr. Thompson is a prominent cotton mill man of Raleigh and treasurer of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association.

In announcing the commission, Governor Craig said:

"The commission stands for itself. I realize that I was charged with the performance of a most important duty. I have taken thorough and mature consideration. The subject to be considered by the commission is of the greatest consequence. It involves a large amount of money directly and above all that the welfare of the State now and hereafter.

"All will agree that the men appointed are of the highest character and of first order and ability. They are well known, they are courageous, wise and just. I am satisfied that they will measure up to the great responsibility and that the judgment pronounced by this commission will command the respect of all and will have behind it the force and conviction of ability and conscience.

"No tribunal superior to this has set in North Carolina and no large issue has been passed upon."

The Justice Act was ratified October 13th and was to be effective within 60 days, this extending to December 13th. Thereafter there will be the first additional 60 days' extension by the Governor to allow time for the special commission to investigate and adjust the rates. The act provides that if the special commission finds the rates prescribed in the act confiscatory or unreasonable, they can lower or raise them as they deem just and change the classifications and relationship of the several classes of freight at their discretion and promulgate the new rate fixed by filing with the Governor and the Corporation Commission the new rates to go into effect 60 days after the promulgation. It is under stood that the commission will organize just as soon as practicable and that the sessions of the commission will be in Raleigh.

Governor Craig says that the acceptance of this special commission does not necessitate the resignation of Judge Justice from the Superior Court bench, as the constitution of the State especially provides that the holding of special commissions shall not disqualify from holding other public office.

## STATE'S COTTON CROP SHORT

#### FARMERS IN THIS SECTION NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO SUFFERED.

A complete statistic of the amount of the cotton ginned in North Carolina up to November 1 shows that 1,994 bales were ginned in Craven county against 3,666 last year. Carteret has 554 bales against 841 last year; Pamlico has 1,648 against 3,034 last year; Onslow has 1,045 against 1,964 in 1912; Jones has 1,860 against 3,952 last year, while Lenoir has 4,027 against 9,161 ginned last year.

The total amount of cotton ginned in the entire State up to November 1 was 384,270 against 496,537 for 1912. This is a considerable decrease and means a loss of thousands of dollars to the farmers. All over the State the cotton crop was short and the farmers in this section are not the only ones who suffered.

## WOMAN HANGS HERSELF.

#### Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 18.—Her mind unbalanced by ill health, Mrs. Nathan Ritchie, 51 years old, of Tunia, Rockingham county, stole away from her family to the meadow in the yard, where she hanged herself. Two hours afterwards her body was found by her husband and children. Mrs. Ritchie leaves several children.

## GOVERNOR WILL PROTECT CITIZENS

#### Chief Executive Of Texas To Look After Safety Of Americans.

#### PRES. HUERTA WILL RESIST

#### United States May Inaugurate Blockade Of Mexican Ports.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 18.—"In the event Mexicans start any trouble we will protect our citizens and not wait for Washington to act," declared Governor O. B. Colquitt late today after a conference with Adjutant General Hutchins. While nothing official was given out, it is known that the Texas National Guard is in readiness to answer on short notice any call that might be made.

The conference was the outcome of a threat today by Mexican residing in Texas to make Texas "answer to the whole Mexican people," unless mercy was shown Mexican ammunition smugglers charged with murder.

Governor Colquitt did not apprise Washington of today's events. He said that during a recent outbreak along the Mexican border, Federal troops did not act until the Texas rangers had been called out. There has been no disturbance so far.

Mexico City, Nov. 18.—Organization of President Huerta's new Congress was completed late today, when enough Senators were gathered to form a quorum in the upper House. General Francisco Pronces was chosen temporary chairman of the Senate, and a committee on credentials was appointed. A similar committee of the Chamber of Deputies began the work of revising the deputies' credentials, and there is nothing to indicate that the formal opening of Congress next Thursday will be postponed.

President Huerta talked tonight informally to the members of his staff and a few personal friends, regarding the possibilities of intervention by the United States. He intimated that he would be ready to resist such a step.

The opinion is expressed in various circles here that the United States will soon inaugurate a blockade of Mexican ports. Rumor has it that President Wilson would be content with such an action and might even permit the embassy to remain in Mexico City until an open rupture occurred.

General Huerta resumed business at the National Palace today apparently with no thought of any questions pending between his government and that of the United States. He seems to regard recent incidents growing out of Washington's demand that he vacate the Presidency as closed.

With the exception of one development and that of a rather negative character, the day was almost devoid of acts relating to the tense situation which exists notwithstanding the indifferent attitude assumed by Mexico. The American charge d'affaires received instructions to continue to advise Washington with respect to developments but he was not instructed to approach the Mexican Government officials again nor did his instructions include anything relative to the withdrawal of the embassy.

Rumors that the charge had been ordered to leave persisted, although an emphatic denial was made at the embassy and trains leaving for Vera Cruz were watched anxiously by Americans, who have made up their minds not to delay their departure, if Mr. O'Shaughnessy goes.

Rumors of plots and intrigues were common throughout the day, but no facts were forthcoming to indicate that General Huerta was losing his grip on affairs in the capital. Reports from outlying points, especially in the north, were far from reassuring to the War Department. Ciudad Victoria, the capital of Tamaulipas, the capture of which by the rebels last week by the government, is now admitted to be a bad way, although not yet taken. It is conceded that the rebels in large numbers surround the city and that a battle is imminent. Passengers from that part of the country, who arrived here today confirm the report that the city is already in the hands of the rebels.

The government has not even confirmed the character of Juarez and the newspapers are still holding out hope to the readers that possibly the report of its capture by General Villa is not true.

## NEW AVIATION RECORD.

#### Duc, France, Nov. 19.—Maurice Chevillard, a French aviator, established a new record today for turning somersaults in the air by carrying a passenger in his machine. He accomplished an aerial loop twice in brilliant fashion, going through the performance apparently with as much ease as if he were alone.