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In commenting on the fight that the New York newspapers are making on the speed maniacs, the Greensboro News says:

"New York papers are strenuously advocating a statute providing a term in the penitentiary for reckless automobilists. The choice by a violator of the speed law of a day in jail in preference to a fine of \$25 appears to have been the last straw and the patience of the newspapers, if not the public, has at last collapsed.

"As a matter of fact, what essential difference is there between the drunken fool who empties his revolver on a crowd of thoroughfare, and the other fool who hurtles through it at 40 miles an hour in an automobile, except that sometimes the latter has not even the poor excuse of intoxication? A motor car has been judicially adjudged a deadly weapon; a man who takes a pot-shot at another with a gun is no less a criminal because he chances to miss his target; and the man who endangers the lives of pedestrians by reckless driving is no less a criminal because he happens not to hit anybody."

Every city has to contend with the speed maniac. The breed is not unknown in New Bern and they have seriously injured several persons during the past few months. There are other towns and cities in North Carolina that have to contend with the same thing and we believe that the only way that such persons will ever be convinced that they are violating the law is for the North Carolina legislature to follow the suggestion of the New York papers and make the penalty for speeding so severe that the men who are now endangering the lives of the public will curtail their desires to "open 'er up."

Evelyn Thaw, the widely advertised wife of "Hero Harry" Thaw, is billed to appear in a theatrical attraction soon to be presented at Greensboro. Commenting on the approaching visit of Evelyn, Al Fairbrother's Everything says:

"The opera house managers have decided that Evelyn Thaw may come to the Greensboro play house and disport herself. The woman is not an actress. She had some beauty before age took her charm away—as a girl she was winning enough to claim the lustful eye of Stanford White. That fact, alone, however, would not put her in the Beauty Gallery of the World, because, if the stories were even half true, White picked up women by the score, and one who was even passing fair, appealed to him. Evelyn was no Cleopatra—none of that magnificent voluptuousness which charmed Caesar and drove Marc Antony to distraction and to death—she was just a common piece of clay endowed with that vain gift called beauty, with no background of genius, tact or versatility which will make live the Egyptian sorceress of the Nile as long as history endures. Just "a rag, a bone and a hank of hair"—wicked enough to be naughty and naughty enough to attract a clod like Harry Thaw, and after attacking him, absorb him.

"Greensboro has a Committee of Censors, and Everything hopes that if the Thaw woman comes it will be on hand, and if there is anything indecent—presuming, of course, that she herself must not be pronounced indecent unless she does, by act, some indecent thing, the Committee will promptly stop the performance and let it go at that."

Recently Gertrude Hoffman threw a scare into the theatre-going public of Greensboro and it is safe to say that if Evelyn does not deport herself properly while in the Gate City she will be something doing which will not be mentioned on the program.

"Don't know whether the dove of peace finds it impossible to be ubiquitous or has given up in disgust. At any rate he seems to be conspicuously missing from soil to the South of the United States."—Wilmington Dispatch.

The fowl also seems to have forgotten to hover over the New Bern postoffice during the past few weeks.

The Wilmington Dispatch wants to know if a married man can keep a secret. Let one spend the night "at the bedside of a sick lodge member" and you won't hear him handing out any great flow of information on the subject.

"Governor Bleese of South Carolina in making a speech appealing for his candidacy for the United States Senate, attacked President Wilson, saying that he could not be re-elected unless he changed his tactics and put out the negroes instead of putting them in office. Take it from us, that man Bleese is a character. Strong and vigorous, the chances are that he will go to the Senate.—Greensboro Everything.

Bleese may get to the Senate. If he does the chief reason will be that the people of South Carolina want to get him just as far away from that State as possible, and if he will guarantee to spend all of his time in Washington they will probably keep him in office for life.

Just at this season the country is flooded with agents of various magazines. A number of them have struck New Bern during the past few weeks and have gone away with some of the hard earned coin of its citizens. One and all put up that worn out tale about working their way through college, that old "gag" has whiskers on it. The real live agent tells us that he is trying to get money to pay alimony and nine times out of ten he gets a subscription.

Now that a number of the local merchants have announced that they will keep their establishments open at night until after Christmas, many of the clerks are protesting against this night work, claiming that their hours are increased and that they receive no additional remuneration. It seems to us that the proper course for the owners of these stores to take would be to pay their clerks for every hour they work overtime. By doing this they will do away with all friction and get better service. When an employee gets the idea that he or she is being imposed upon, naturally they lag in their work and this causes a loss to their employer.

Five hundred visiting colored Masons are, this week, attending the forty-fourth annual session of the Grand Lodge in this city. These men represent the best element of the colored population of the State and New Bern is glad to have them within her borders.

So enthused with the numerous evidences of progress that they saw here were the Pennsylvania bankers who spent a short time in the city last Sunday, that they wanted to purchase some of the city's bonds. Once within the gates of New Bern a visitor is loath to depart and when compelled to do so, he carries with him the most pleasant of memories.

AS OTHERS SEE THE NEW BERN POSTOFFICE MUDDLE.

That New Bern postmaster must be doing it for the big of the thing rather than with any idea of being able to hold the job.—Durham Herald.

Postmaster Basnight, of New Bern, may be a pretty good sort of man, but he doesn't know how to turn loose when he has to let her go. The best way for a man to throw up the sponge is to "let her go, Gallagher."—Wilmington Star.

THE WAR IN NEW BERN.

Not since the blowing up of Brownsville or the Crum case of South Carolina, has governmental circles been shaken so vigorously, to all appearances from this locality. Postmaster Basnight, of New Bern, has the bit between his molars and is pawing the dirt. Basnight, as postmaster, is dying slowly, but he is having as fine time as possible under the circumstances. In other words, he is showing his nerve, though a faint suspicion arises in the breast of man that but for the fact that Basnight realizes that the end is near he would not be found doing such gladiatorial stunts. Perhaps, after all, Basnight while satisfying himself and getting his name in print, may be making it easy for the Government, as hard as it apparently is. This is not a paradox, because he is furnishing the government with a good excuse to bounce him before his time is out. On the other hand, Basnight will have the pleasure of boasting of having defied the government and having been bounced simply because he was defiant. He is a Republican that is none the less brave in the hour of defeat. But whatever may be the cause and effect, it is good night for Basnight.—Wilmington Dispatch.

The following attorneys left yesterday for Jacksonville to attend to some professional business: C. R. Thomas, T. D. Warren, A. D. Ward and D. E. Henderson.

WIDER DISTRIBUTION OF COTTON STATISTICS

DIRECTOR OF CENSUS, WM. J. HARRIS, TAKING INTEREST IN MATTER.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The arrangements made by Hon. Wm. J. Harris, Director of Census, for the wider distribution of statistics collected by his office concerning the quantity of cotton ginned, the quantity of cotton consumed monthly, and the stocks of cotton on hand at the end of each month, has met with general approval throughout the cotton-growing States. He has received numerous suggestions concerning a still wider distribution of these statistics, and he has made arrangements with the Postmaster-General to allow postmasters in every postoffice in counties where cotton is grown to post in a conspicuous place copies of the reports containing statistics of cotton. These copies will be printed on extra large cards, so the figures can be easily read. Mr. Harris hopes that, in this manner, he will be able to give the farmers, and all others, access to the valuable statistics collected by this Bureau. Heretofore the reports have been given by the Bureau of the Census to newspaper representatives and to the different telegraph companies for distribution. Following this distribution copies of the reports have been mailed to the ginners, manufacturers and warehousemen, but there has been no practical method devised for the distribution of the information directly to the farmers. It is Mr. Harris's purpose to give the statistics to the farmers so they can take advantage of the information collected by the Federal Government.

EDISON HAS THE ONLY REAL TALKING PICTURES

WILL BE SEEN AT MASONIC THEATRE ON DECEMBER 15.

The tremendous success of Edison's Kinetophone, or Talking Pictures, has brought on the usual rush of so-called "Talking Pictures." Edison, however, is the only man producing actual talking pictures—that is pictures and records which were made at the same time under perfect synchronizing conditions.

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The Wizard saw at a glance that the greatest difficulty that the Talking Pictures would offer was the invention of a phonograph that would be sensitive enough to record every sound and could still be placed out of range of the camera. The wealth of data accumulated during the invention of the phonograph several years ago soon enabled him to solve the problem and to announce his latest remarkable achievement—the union of sight and sound.

These pictures will be seen at the Masonic theatre Monday afternoon, December 15, and also at night.

COURT MARTIAL MEMBERS OF NAVAL RESERVES

ENSIGN R. B. FULFORD OF NEW BERN WAS IN ATTENDANCE.

Elizabeth City, N. V., Dec. 8.—A court-martial was held here Saturday afternoon under the orders of the adjutant general of the State militia to try W. J. Winslow, a member of the Fifth Division Naval Reserves, upon the charge of disobedience and for resisting arrest when ordered to attend the State inspection. The court was held in the Armory hall on Water street.

Lieutenant Commander C. L. Morton of Washington was president of the court. Lieutenant J. C. B. Ehringhaus was judge advocate. Lieutenant C. D. Loan of Plymouth, Lieutenant W. B. Rodman, Jr., of Washington, Ensign R. W. Small, of Washington and Ensign R. B. Fulford composed the court. Lieutenant Commander W. A. Worth of Elizabeth City represented the defendant.

The trial was concluded yesterday after but the decision of the court was not made public.

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w Edgar S. Weaver, of Arapahoe, as among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

Ned Delemar returned yesterday from Oriental where he spent Sunday.

J. B. Ferbee arrived in the city yesterday to attend to business matters.

T. D. Warren left yesterday for Kinston to attend to some professional business.

J. B. Green left yesterday for Plymouth in the interest of the New Bern Iron Works and Supply Co.

J. F. Rhodes left yesterday for a short trip up State.

Jas Gaskill left yesterday for Washington in the interest of the Hyman Supply Co.

H. F. Hanks left yesterday for Washington.

J. H. Weddell left yesterday for Raleigh on an advertising tour in the interest of the Pepsi Cola Co.

Dr. C. W. Bilfinger, of Jacksonville, arrived in the city yesterday for a few days' stay.

W. M. Pugh left yesterday for Morehead City on a short commercial trip.

J. R. Fox left yesterday for Raleigh for a few days' stay.

Geo. B. Credle left yesterday for Jacksonville.

D. M. Stanton left yesterday for Beaufort.

E. H. Gorham left yesterday for Morehead City returning home.

M. McDaniel left last night for Beaufort for a few days' visit.

T. A. Green and Prof. H. B. Craven have returned from Oxford where they attended the Methodist Conference.

M. D. Lane left last night for Fort. Barnwell.

F. M. Hahn left last night for Winston-Salem to attend to business matters.

J. B. Green returned yesterday from a commercial trip up the State.

R. H. Dowdy, of Morehead City spent yesterday in the city and left last night, returning home.

Rev. R. E. Pittman, of Bridgeton, arrived in the city yesterday from Oxford where he attended the Methodist Conference.

W. L. Bell returned yesterday from Beaufort.

Chas. Turner left yesterday for Kinston to attend the wedding of Miss Hattie Randolph.

G. W. Taylor spent yesterday in Morehead City.

E. R. Phillips left last night for Oriental.

Bruce Craven left yesterday for Beaufort.

W. D. Barrington left yesterday for Pamlico to attend to some business matters.

L. H. Cutler, W. B. Blades, D. E. Henderson and C. E. Foy returned to the city yesterday from Washington City where they went in the interest of L. G. Daniels.

John and Frank Borden, of Goldsboro, spent yesterday in the city.

A. H. Edgerton, vice-president of the Empire Manufacturing Co., of Goldsboro, spent yesterday in the city on business.

W. E. Street left last night for Goldsboro.

H. T. Patterson left last night for Kinston enroute to Greenville.

Joseph Buck spent yesterday in the city shopping and returned to Reelsboro last night.

G. G. Brinson, of Bayboro, spent yesterday in the city.

R. M. Whorton, of Whortonsville, spent yesterday in the city.

Sam Brinson and W. T. Willis, of Grantsboro, spent yesterday in the city shopping.

Editor G. A. Jones of the Square Deal, of Snow Hill, spent yesterday in the city.

C. B. Foy left yesterday for Pollockville.

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