

AS WAS VED HERE

... Of Business
... Over To
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... SERVICES
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... Nedy Were Lib-
... Remem-
...
... by in New Bern
... general suspension
... day was given
... and pleasure. Unfor-
... weather was very inclem-
... partially spoiled the pleas-
... day for man? Early in
... morning the downpour began and
... this continued at intervals all during
... the day.
... Regardless of this fact the occasion
... was an enjoyable one. At several
... of the churches appropriate services
... were held and these were largely at-
... tended and thoroughly enjoyed. Fol-
... lowing these the congregations adjourned
... to their homes and partook of the
... Christmas dinner. The day would,
... of course, not be complete without
... an unusually palatable repast and it
... can be said of all New Bernians that
... they believe in having sufficient food
... on hand at all meals to gratify the
... inner man.
... There were a few of the stores open
... during the day, such as fruit stores,
... those carrying soda fountains and mak-
... ing a specialty of the sale of cigarettes
... and cigars, and these were well patron-
... ized. At night two of the city's theatres
... were in full blast and had record break-
... ing audiences.
... While everyone was celebrating the
... occasion, the poor and needy—those
... who could not provide for themselves,
... were looked after. On the night before
... Christmas the Elks distributed two
... hundred packages among the poor and
... on Christmas Day the Salvation Army
... gave out a large number of baskets
... containing enough dinner to satisfy a
... large family. In addition to this a
... number of individual philanthropists
... opened their hearts, and their purse
... strings, and played Santa Claus.
... Taken as a whole the day was one
... of great enjoyment. There were no
... serious accidents and everyone seemed
... to be just as happy as they could possi-
... bly be.

THIS MAN IS IN A SERIOUS PREDICAMENT

CAN'T REMEMBER HIS NAME
OR ABOUT HIS PAST
LIFE.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—"If I could
just see something that would look
familiar to me I might be able to find
out where I am. I remember being in
Wilmington and Washington, but I
don't know where I came from. It
must have been where the climate
is warm, because I almost froze to
death in Wilmington and they told
me it was warmer there than usual
for this time of the year. I wonder
if they are ever going to find out
who I am and where I came from."
Pacing the floor of a detention room
at police headquarters, the young man
who applied there for assistance in
identifying himself Wednesday after-
noon is as much at sea as he was when
he entered the central station. While
his mind is a total blank at times,
there are moments when he talks con-
nectedly, and although unable to recall
his name or his home, is able to read
print and discuss what he reads. Wear-
ing a signet ring and a pair of gold
cuff-buttons with the initials "J. B. C."
inscribed on each piece of jewelry,
the young man declares that he never
saw the rings or the cuff-buttons be-
fore and that he has no idea what the
initials mean. He said today that he
discovered only last night the initials
on the cuff-buttons.
"I have a pain at the back of my head
that goes all the way down to my
back at times," said the mysterious
stranger to a reporter for a daily
paper. "When it is very severe I
don't know anything, I felt it coming
on last night while I was trying to
remember who I was and I sent for
one of the men downstairs, because I
thought I was going to lose my mind
completely. Now, today, I am just like
I was yesterday; all I know is that I
passed through Wilmington, as I have
a hazy recollection of being there. I
also remember writing a letter to a
young woman in Washington."
Asked if he recalled the young wo-
man's name, he replied that he did not.
B. Crawford, said to have mysteriously
disappeared from Brooklyn last Tues-
day week, or Miss Katherine Ramsey,
the young woman it is reported that
was left in a restaurant by Crawford
at the time of his disappearance. He
said the young man, as he pointed
how he came here he does not recall.
"I fished out of the window, here,"
said the young man today, as he point-
ed toward the Royner building from

H. BERT SMITH PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY MORNING

SUGGUMBED TO A COMPLICA-
TION OF ALL-
MENTS.

Failing in his battle for life against
a complication of ailments, H. Bert
Smith, one of New Bern's well known
and valued citizens, fell on sleep at his
home, No. 121 Hancock street yester-
day morning at 3 o'clock.
Mr. Smith was born at Smyrna, N. C.,
in 1876, and was a son of Captain
M. Burr Smith, who survives him. Early
in life he came to New Bern and
has made his home here since
that time. He has been connected
with several influential business con-
cerns during past years, among which
was Baugh & Sons Fertilizer Company,
he being their local agent and the
Norfolk Southern Railway Company's
Trent River warehouse, where he was
agent.
The deceased has been in ill health
for some time, but his condition did
not become critical until last Saturday
when he was confined to his room. All
that skilled physicians and the tender
ministrations of a loving family could
do for the sufferer was done but the
Grim Reaper passed that way and took
him as his own.
Mr. Smith was a Mason of a very
high degree. He was also a Past
Exalted Ruler of the New Bern Lodge
of Elks and at the time of his demise
was treasurer of that lodge, he was
also a member of the Royal Arcanum.
The funeral will be conducted from the
residence this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock,
the service being conducted by Rev.
B. F. Husks, rector of Christ Episcopal
church, and the interment
will be made in Cedar Grove cemetery.
Mr. Smith is survived by his wife,
one daughter, Miss Minnie Bell Smith;
one son, Byrum Smith; a sister, Mrs.
C. C. Clark, Jr., and his father, Captain
Burr Smith.

DR. JONES REMEMBERED.

GIVEN "SURPRISE PARTY" BY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

It is the custom of the Knights Tem-
plar to meet in their lodge room on
Christmas Day, hold a brief service
and then go out among the poor and
needy and distribute gifts and the ne-
cessities of life.
When the local Knights Templar
met on Christmas Day, Dr. R. D. V.
Jones, Commander and one of the most
valued members of the order, was
absent, having been detained at his
home on account of sickness. At the
conclusion of the exercises the members
in a body went to the home of the
absent member and spent an hour or
more at his bedside.
Dr. Jones was not expecting the little
"surprise party" given him, but was
naturally much pleased. The doctor's
illness was not of a severe nature
and he was able to be out again yester-
day.

SERENADER STRUCK BY BULLET FROM RIFLE

OCCUPANTS OF FAVORED
HOME DIDN'T LIKE GOOD
SINGING.

(Special to the Journal.)
Oriental, Dec. 26.—The citizens of
Oriental observed Christmas in a
very appropriate manner. The weather
was extremely inclement but despite
this fact the day was thoroughly enjoyed
by all.
The feature event of the day was the
Christmas entertainment given by the
Sunday school of the Methodist church.
This entertainment, which was given
in the magnificent new church, was
well attended and proved thoroughly
enjoyable.
At the conclusion of a very appro-
priate program, consisting of songs
and recitations, gifts were distributed
among the pupils of the school.
A marriage of interest to the citi-
zens of this place and surrounding
section took place last Tuesday at
New Bern when Lionel Daniels wed
Miss Jean Hill, of Newport. The bride
has visited here a number of times
in the past and has a host of friends.
The groom is well known in Pamlico
county and has a host of friends.
The marriage came as a surprise
to the friends of the contracting parties,
and upon learning of the wedding, after
the bride and groom had returned home,
several of the young men undertook
to separate the happy young couple.
The melody (?) rendered by some
of such a nature that one of the
groom's relatives poked an air rifle
out of a window and turned loose
into the crowd with a BB shot. The
shot caused but little damage (strick-
ing one member of the party on his
collar), but had the effect of putting a
damper on the serenaders' ardor.
The room on the west side of headquar-
ters, "and I thought that looked a
little familiar, but the other build-
ings around it don't."

EIGHTY KILLED IN CALUMET, MICH.

Death Stalked Through Festive Hall Where Many Children Had Gathered When False Alarm of Fire Is Sounded.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 26.—Eighty
persons, mostly children, were killed
Thursday night at a Christmas
celebration of copper mine strikers
in an Italian Hall because of a needless
panic caused by a false alarm of fire.
While several hundred miners and
their wives looked on, the children pressed
eagerly towards the stage to receive
Christmas presents. At this point a
man put his head in at the door of
the hall and yelled "Fire!"
The cry was taken up by those in the
hall. Everyone started for the doors.
The weaker were thrown to the floor
and those behind tried to climb over
those ahead of them.
The stairway and other avenues or
escapes were blocked so effectively that
those inside could not get out and those
without could not get in to aid the pan-
icked crowd in the hall. It was some
time before the panic subsided.
The alarm was spread outside the
hall by a few persons who had been near
the door and escaped unhurt. A crowd
soon assembled and the work of clearing
the hall was begun.
The principal exit was a narrow stair-
way at the back of the hall. When this
had been cleared of the bodies that filled
it to the top and a quick accounting had
been made it was found that 74 corpses
had been piled up beside the hall build-
ing. It is thought that a dozen others
were carried away by friends.
The dead that were piled up beside the
hall included 37 girls, 19 boys, 13 women
and 5 men. Excited men and women
stood about the building, some dazed by
the sudden change from holiday festi-
vities to tragedy, others calling hysteri-
cally for missing children, and a few
even threatening violence to the rescuers
for keeping them back from the long
row of bodies.
There was not much work for the
many doctors who hurried to the scene
as soon as the alarm was spread, for
those who were not killed in the first
rush were held upright and safe by the
very force of the onrush towards the
exit. Only three uninjured persons were
taken to the hospitals and a few went
home, assisted by friends.
For many days the children of the
copper mine strikers had waited expect-
antly for the Christmas tree entertain-
ment that had been arranged by the wo-

CHAS. R. THOMAS IS IN THE RACE

Prominent New Bernian Makes His Formal Announce- ment.

WANTS TO GO TO CONGRESS
Numerous Friends Have Pledged
Him Their Sup-
port.

Hon. Charles R. Thomas, one of
New Bern's leading attorneys and who
for twelve years represented this sec-
tion in Congress, will again be in the
race.
Mr. Thomas has been in the Western
part of the State for several days visit-
ing relatives. It had not been his in-
tention to announce his candidacy
for nomination until after the first of
the year, but the other candidates have
"come out" and Mr. Thomas is doing
the same.
In a telegram sent the Journal
last night from Winston-Salem
Mr. Thomas says: "Announce my candi-
dacy for Democratic nomination for
Congress. More formal announcement
when I reach New Bern."
It has been understood all along that
Mr. Thomas would be one of the can-
didates for this office and his numerous

man's auxiliary of the Western Federa-
tion of Miners. The entertainment was
set for the early evening and the hall,
which is on the second floor, was soon
filled to its limit. The children select-
ed to recite Christmas recitations and
sing carols had finished their part of the
program and the man selected to play
the part of Santa Claus had appeared
to distribute the presents that were piled
around the illuminated tree.
The children were instructed to march
up the aisles to the trees, so that the
presents could be handed to them. The
aisles were filled with the boys and
girls, when a large bearded man thrust
his head in at the door of the main hall-
way and shouted "fire."
The cry was repeated throughout the
room in several languages as parents
rose and rushed forward to get their
children. Many lives were crushed out
in almost a twinkling. Then the phys-
ical impossibility of further movement
brought the panicky persons to their
senses. It was realized too late that
there was no fire, but most of those in
the hall could not get out of the jam
they had caused.
Policemen and firemen hurried to the
building. Several officers climbed the
fire escapes and entered by the windows.
In a short time the uninjured and the
faint had been pulled from the tangle
of human beings and placed in the front
of the hall.
Other men began to pull the bodies
of the dead and helpless from the stair-
way and lay them in a row beside the
building. This disposition of the crum-
pled bodies was found inadvisable be-
cause of the hysteria it caused among
the spectators and the dead were car-
ried back into the hall as soon as it
was emptied of frightened spectators.
All the chairs were lined with bodies
and corpses had to be placed in the kit-
chen of the hall and beneath the stage.
Within an hour almost every person
in Calumet was as near the scene as
it was possible to get. The police form-
ed a cordon about the place and kept
back the crowd. After much effort a
lane was opened through the crowd and
the bodies of the children were carried
through the ranks of wailing and moan-
ing women to Red Jacket village hall,
which was turned into a morgue. It
was many hours before all the bodies
were identified.



HON. CHARLES R. THOMAS

friends in this section have pledged
their support and it is mainly at
their solicitation that he is again
entering the race.
For twelve years Mr. Thomas rep-
resented this section in Congress and
his record during that time was one
of which any man might be proud. One
of his friends stated yesterday that
the good work he had done for this
district well merited his return even
if there was no other cause.
The fight for this office bids fair
to be one of the warmest ever waged
in this section. Ex-Judge Owen H.
Guion last week announced that he
would be among those in the race.
Jno. M. Faison, of Faison, the present
incumbent will also be on hand and
George E. Hood, of Goldsboro, will be
a candidate.
Each of the above-named gentlemen
want the place and their friends want
them to have it, and intend doing their
utmost to put their respective candi-
dates in the office. The campaign will
begin shortly, probably during the early
part of January.
Rapidly Recovering From
Attack of Appendicitis.

It will be a source of gratification
to the numerous friends of Mrs. Thomas
A. Crowell to know that she is rapidly
improving from a recent attack of ap-
pendicitis and will, in a few days,
be able to leave Stewart's sanatorium
where she has for some time been
undergoing treatment.
RACING THURSDAY.

Speed Tests To Take Place Out At
Fair Grounds.

Next Thursday, January 1, is the
day on which the much talked of
horse races are to take place out at
the Eastern Carolina Fair ground
race track, and it is expected that
there will be a large number of specta-
tors on hand to witness the event.
There will be two races and valuable
prizes are being offered to the winners.
A small admission fee of twenty-five
cents will be charged and this will
admit the holder of a ticket of admission
to a seat in the grandstand without
extra cost.
FIRE DESTROYS COLORED WO-
MAN'S HOME.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the
home of Carrie Spillman, colored,
No. 47 Chapman street, Friday night.
Practically the entire contents of the
building were destroyed.
REMAINS OF H. B. SMITH LAID
AT REST.

The funeral services over the remains
of the late H. B. Smith were conducted
from the residence on Hancock street
yesterday afternoon by Rev. B. F.
Husks, rector of Christ Episcopal
church, and the remains interred in
Cedar Grove cemetery. Members of
the various lodges of which the de-
ceased was a member, accompanied
the remains to the cemetery.

GRIEF STRICKEN FAMILIES HAVE REFUSED AID

RELIEF WORKERS UNABLE TO GIVE AWAY A CENT OF MONEY.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 27.—Relief
workers today were unable to give away
one cent of the \$25,000 collected for the
families stricken by the Christmas eve
catastrophe in Italian Hall, in which 72
persons were killed.
Members of every bereaved house-
hold that were approached said they had
been promised adequate aid by the
Western Federation of Miners.
Members of the relief committee se-
lected at yesterday's mass meeting at-
tributed this unprecedented condition
to the rumor that the man who started
the panic among the striking copper
miners' children wore the emblem of the
Citizens' Alliance, an organization op-
posed to continuance of the strike. To
combat this sentiment they obtained
from Anthony Lucas, prosecuting at-
torney of Houghton county, a statement
that he was satisfied from the progress
of his investigation that the man who
raised the cry wore no insignia of any
kind.
Despite the evident determination of
the stricken families not to accept non-
union aid, the committee was not with-
out hope of overcoming the prejudices,
and held another meeting tonight to
consider various plans for getting rid of
the fund. Fifty-four families were on
the list as needing possible aid, and each
was visited by a subcommittee. The
federation's members were no less ac-
tive. The proffers of union help were
accepted in nearly all cases.
Efforts to establish the identity of the
man who started the panic met with
some success today. Several persons
gave long affidavits to Prosecutor Lucas,
investigators and it was hoped that an
arrest may be made soon. More im-
portant in the mind of the local commu-
nity was the refutation of the report
that the miscreant wore a Citizens'
Alliance button. Mrs. Therse Sizer
denied that she had ever said she saw
such an insignia when she grasped the
man by the shoulders and tried to
force him into a sea.

WANTED TO PLUNGE 100 FEET
AFTER HIS JUG.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 26.—The wife
of Tom Austin, a white man, was
taking him home late today to prevent
him being locked up for being drunk.
As they were crossing the Rivermont
Viaduct she tossed a half gallon jug
of liquor she had taken from the man
over the bridge.
Austin, too drunk to know what he
was doing climbed on the rail and
was about the plunge after his liquor
but she was able to hold him until a
passerby rushed to her rescue.
Later Austin was locked up for be-
ing drunk. Had the man not been held
by his wife he would have fallen a
hundred feet.

THE PAMLICO MAKES TRIP TO
BRANT ISLAND IN QUICK
TIME.

Early Friday morning the revenue
cutter Pamlico was sent scurrying
out of her berth at this port to go to
the aid of Alonza J. English, veteran keep-
er of the light house on Brant Island,
a mere dot in Pamlico Sound, eight or
ten miles from the mainland.
English was ill and without attention
except such as could be given him by
his assistant upon whom fell the twenty-
four hours a day watch. In going down
the river the cutter ran aground just
opposite Union Point and was delayed
for a short time. However, she soon
managed to get out in the channel
and then, sailing under forced draught,
made all possible speed to Brant Is-
land.
The aged keeper was taken on board
and the return trip began. Early
yesterday morning the Pamlico an-
chored off Union Point and the sick man
was taken ashore and carried to a local
hospital for treatment.

PROMINENT COUPLE TO BE MAR-
RIED SOON.

The Journal acknowledges the receipt
of the following invitation:
Mr. and Mrs. David Sprague Congdon
will give in marriage their sister
Sara Bolton
to
Mr. Robert Bain Atkinson
on Wednesday evening the fourteenth
of January
Nineteen hundred and fourteen
at nine o'clock
New Bern, North Carolina
The pleasure of your company is re-
quested.
No cards in the city

J. LEON WILLIAMS IS INTERVIEWED

Secretary of Chamber of Commerce Talks to Newspaper Man.

TELL OF APPROACHING DINNER
Also Boosts New Bern and Its
Public Organiza-
tions.

J. Leon Williams, Secretary of the
New Bern Chamber of Commerce, was
in Raleigh Thursday and in an inter-
view given the News and Observer
he says:
"The big noise in our part of the
country now," said Mr. J. Leon Wil-
liams, secretary of the New Bern
Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, "is
the annual Chamber of Commerce din-
ner to be given at the Gaston Hotel on
the evening of December 30. Senator F.
M. Simmons will deliver the principal
address.
"There will be present as invited
guests representatives of the business
organizations and newspapers of the
State and several of them have been
requested to make addresses. We ex-
pect to make it a great occasion and
we count on our members, as a result
of it, starting out in the new year
with quickened enthusiasm and firmer
resolves than ever to keep New
Bern right in the forefront of North
Carolina cities."
"The fact is," continued Mr. Wil-
liams, "I don't believe there is a more
active Chamber of Commerce in the
State than that at New Bern. I don't
say this because I am its secretary,
but because New Bern has some of the
best, broadest and biggest business
men to be found anywhere and with
these as leaders the rank and file of
us are inspired and stimulated to our
utmost effort. We have over three
hundred members and the organiza-
tion is growing all the while. We
have recently employed Mr. M. A.
Beaman, a freight rate expert, to de-
vise his whole time to studying New
Bern's freight rate problem with a
view of enabling our organization to
arrive at an intelligent and feasible
program of better tonnage to better
freight rate facilities. We expect to
get results from this venture.
"And while I am on the subject of
New Bern, I will say that in one great
city utility, New Bern leads the State
I refer to its smoothly paved streets. I
see that Chicago's postmen are deliv-
ering mail on roller skates as they
can make better progress that way.
Well, New Bern postmen could do the
same thing if they wanted to—the
streets are smooth enough.
"New Bern is enjoying now a great
suburban real estate development.
Numerous lot sales are being held and
the next few years will see many men
occupying their own homes who
have lived in rented houses.
"The whole eastern section is look-
ing upward to the native energy of
the people, their fine natural advan-
tages, and in part, to the feeling that
the completion of the inland waterway
and the launching of the big Govern-
ment operations at Cape Lookout will
mean a great boost for commerce and
industry of all kinds.
"Mr. Williams was returning home
from Charlotte where he and his wife
spent Christmas and where Mrs. Wil-
liams will be for a week or more be-
fore returning to New Bern.

MARRIED IN GOLDSBORO.

Beaufort Minister Weds Miss Sadie
Gertrude Cole.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 27.—At the
home of the bride's father, Mr. James
W. Cole, in this city, Tuesday evening
at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Snow, pas-
tor of the Second Baptist church of
this city, officiating, Miss Sadie Ger-
trude Cole and Rev. Charles H. Tru-
broad, pastor of the Baptist church at
Beaufort, N. C., were quietly married
in the presence of the immediate fami-
lies and a few especially invited friends.
The ceremony was simple and quiet
owing to the recent bereavement of the
bride in the death of her mother. The
bride and groom left on the East-
bound Norfolk Southern train the
same evening for their home in Beau-
fort, N. C.

WORK ON THE CITY HALL WILL
BE COMPLETED SOON.

Blalock Brothers, the contractors
who have in charge the work of re-
modeling the City Hall, state that the
work will be completed by January
10, provided inclement weather does
not interfere with operations. The
improvements at the City Hall will
add much to the appearance of that
place.
Candidates in the coming elec-
tion.
The has a man knows the way
advise he distribute