

# New Bern Weekly Journal

NEW BERN, N. C., FRIDAY JUNE 5, 1914—SECOND SECTION

## Twenty Graduates Of Local School Awarded Diplomas

### Closing Exercises of The New Bern High School Were Held Yesterday—Attorney General Bickett Was the Principal Speaker

With exercises most appropriate, the New Bern Public School, white, came to a close yesterday and the commencement exercises marked the finish of a term most successful in every way in the history of the school.

Thirteen young ladies and seven young men, have concluded their studies in the high school and today enter a new world, a world which contains many possibilities for them, and as they were last night presented with their diplomas, the full significance of this fact struck them forcibly.

Yesterday afternoon the Class Day Exercises, always so dear to the heart of every graduate, were held and this was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The following appropriate program was rendered during the afternoon:

Chorus—"The Orange and the Black." Song—"The Soldier's Farewell." Essay—"Wisdom." Roderick Davenport.

Essay—"Folly." Robert Thornton. Song—"Oh! You Old Geometry." Song—"Class of One and Four." Class History—Pearl Jenette. Class Prophecy—Sophia Hollister. Class Will—Frank Pritchard. Song—"Retaliation."

Evening Exercises  
In Griffin auditorium last evening the closing exercises of the day were held. The large auditorium was literally packed by the parents and friends of the pupils of the school and the occasion proved a most enjoyable one in every way. So much so in fact that in the expressed opinion of all, the exercises surpassed any ever before held in the school.

The evening program was opened with a prayer by Rev. W. A. Cade, junior pastor of Centenary Methodist church, and this was followed by a most enjoyable essay on "Moving Pictures," by Miss Ruth Baxter. Next came an essay on the "Early Development of the English Drama," by Miss Pearl Jenette and following this the 5A Grade sang in a most pleasing manner, "The Lilies Wake From Dewy Sleep."

Attorney General Bickett.  
Probably one of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the address by Hon. T. A. Bickett, Attorney General of North Carolina. Mr. Bickett is an orator of ability and for more than an hour he held his audience spellbound by his masterful flow of oratory.

Mr. Bickett took as his subject the "Standard Value of Weights and Measures" applying it to more than the meaning of twelve inches to the foot and sixteen ounces to the pound. His entire talk was full of thought and wit without any doubt prove of great help to the graduates.

Next came the presentation of diplomas. This pleasant task fell to Mr. T. A. Green, one of the school trustees and he performed the duties in a most pleasing manner. The following graduates received diplomas:  
TWENTY

Ruth Baxter, Nell Bishop, Hattie May Cohn, Fred Cohen, Lila Disoway, Sam Ferebee, Ida Gordiner, George Green, Boone Groves, Charles T. Wooten, Ellen Guion, Sophie Hollister, Albert Hibbard, Pearl Jenette, Georgia Keene, Lucy Meredith, Frank Pritchard, Mollie Swinson, Ivy Willis, Frances Willis.

After this the medals were presented. The A. and M. Scholarship was awarded to B. Lacy Meredith. The University of North Carolina Scholarship was presented to Charles T. Wooten and Albert Hibbard won the Trinity scholarship.

The first year Latin medal was won by Virgie Eaton. The High School English Medal went to Miss Made Fiebs while the Tenth Grade Mathematical medal was won by Miss Pearl Jenette.

The Music Medals were awarded, as follows: Violin—Miss Alberta Jones. Advanced Piano—Miss Emma Louise Kehoe. Primary—Miss Mary Belle Moore.

Honor Roll for the Year.  
7A Grade—Elizabeth Barrell, Mable Taylor, Gladys Jackson, Kathleen Liherton; 5A Grade—Lena Arthur, Laura Roberts; 5C Grade—Miller Allen; 4A Grade—Lida Guion, Mary Belle Moore, Mary Steele Brinson; 4B Grade—Eloise Peterson, Eunice Haurhe; 4C Grade—William Guion; 3A Grade—Robert Aldridge, Thomas Baylin, Elizabeth Roberts; 3B Grade—Charles Duffy; 3C Grade—Ernest Warren.

DOUGLAS MAWSON.  
Pupils English Explorer  
Who Was Recently Wedded.



## NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIES DIG RAPID STRIDES IN MANUFACTURING AND BETTER LABOR CONDITIONS REPORTED

Rapid strides in manufacturing industries and better labor conditions in North Carolina are evident according to the twenty-seventh annual report made by the commissioners of the Department of Labor and Printing of the State.

Textile mills of various kinds predominate in the state. Cotton mills lead with a total of 287. Of this number 265 show an authorized capital of \$52,351,800. The total number of employees in these mills is 56,332. The number of persons who get a livelihood from this industry is estimated at about 150,000.

Four cordage mills were in operation in the state during the past year. Their capital stock combined is \$460,000 and the estimated output value is \$1,678,000 while the number of employees is about 389.

Seven woolen mills operated in the state during the year, and their authorized capital is reported as \$405,200. The approximate raw material used is about 2,622,000 pounds, while the value of the output is estimated at about \$775,000 for three mills which reported.

There are four silk mills in the state. The approximate amount of raw material used in the mills is 170,000 pounds, while the value of the yearly output is \$375,000.

During the year ending June 30, 1913 628 miscellaneous factories reported to the department. The aggregate capital of 537 of these factories was \$83,153,896. Five hundred and twenty-seven factories reported the estimated value of the plants to be \$19,334,771. Five hundred and forty-one factories report the value of their output to be \$93,910,205, while the payroll of 554 factories for the year was \$13,391,562.

During the last few years the furniture manufacturing industry has been making phenomenal strides in the state. According to this report there are now 87 furniture factories in North Carolina. Eighty-five of these factories report a capital stock of \$3,267,355, and they employ 6,366 persons. The estimated value of the plants given by 72 factories is \$2,927,454, while the estimated value of the yearly output by 62 factories is \$1,439,999, and the estimated yearly payroll of 29 of the factories is \$1,871,556.

An appended report on farm conditions shows an increase in value of farm lands in 81 counties in the state.

## ANNUAL MEETING, NORTH CAROLINA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Good Roads Association have decided to hold the annual meeting in Durham, July 8th, and 9th, and a most cordial invitation is extended to every one interested in the promotion of the good roads cause in North Carolina to attend and take part in this Convention. An effort will be made to make this the most successful and interesting convention yet held by this Association.

Misses Mayne and Gladys Sanford and Master Willis Durwood Sanders, left yesterday afternoon for their home in Beaufort.

J. W. ROUSE GOES WITH S. COPLEN & SON

J. W. Rouse, who has been with the Standard Shoe Company for several years, is no longer connected with this company, having accepted a position with S. Coplen and Son. His friends will, in the future, find him in the ladies shoe department of the big department store.

L. S. Harper and B. B. Whitten, of Fort Barrow, were business visitors to the city yesterday.

## THE DEMOCRATS PLAN TO GATHER IN CAPITAL CITY

### State Convention To Be Held On June 3rd.

### WILL BE QUIET AFFAIR.

### Committee Representing Progressive Democratic Meeting Will Be Present.

(Special to the Journal.)

RALEIGH, June 1.—The Democratic State Convention meets here Thursday of this week at noon in the city auditorium with indications that it will be a quiet and brief affair, most interest centering in the work of the platform committee and the action of the convention in passing on its work in the light of the demands made on the party platform farmers by the "Progressive Democratic" convention April 8. Aside from this the convention has only to nominate Chairman E. L. Travis of the Corporation Commission to succeed himself, nominate United States Senator Lee S. Overman to succeed himself as the Senator for the western division of the State and put the convention's "O. K." on the 10 nominations for places on the Superior Court that have been made in the several judicial districts in which elections are to occur this fall.

Governor Craig only a few days ago named the special committee that he was directed by the "progressive Democratic" convention to name for the convention to go before the platform committee of the regular convention and press for the adoption of the planks that were adopted by the progressives. This committee consists of Clarence Poe, Raleigh, chairman; J. W. Bailey, Raleigh; H. Q. Alexander, Mecklenburg; J. Crawford Biggs, Raleigh; A. W. Graham, Greenville; A. M. Scales, Greensboro; and R. F. Besley, Monroe. There are 15 different planks in the set of resolutions that the progressives adopted to be used for adoption by the regular State convention. These follow:

"We recommend that all nominations of candidates of all political parties for all county, State, district, legislative and all National elective offices shall be in ballot primaries under the strict regulation of law, with strong penalties to prevent corrupt practices, setting a reasonable limit upon expenditures of every candidate and requiring each candidate to publish prior to and immediately after the primary a sworn statement of his receipts and expenditures and fixing a common day for the primaries of all parties.

"We hold the opinion that our Commonwealth has outgrown its present system of taxation as fixed in the Constitution; that system as it is now applied is inefficient and inequitable. We recommend, therefore, the ratification by the people of the amendment to the Constitution proposed by the General Assembly of 1913, designed to facilitate the revision of our revenue system and promptly upon the ratification of the Amendment, we urge that the General Assembly shall proceed to correct the inequalities and the inefficiency that now obtain and by larger inheritance and other taxes to decrease the burden upon industry and property.

"We believe that one of the most serious obstacles to progress in North Carolina has been the absorption of our Legislators in local and special measures. We recommend, therefore, the ratification by the people of the two amendments to the Constitution, the one restricting private, local and special legislation, the other prohibiting special legislative charters to corporations.

"We rejoice in the great progress our State is making in the cause of education of all the children, in methods and forces operating in the interest of public health, public morals and public industry. We urge that every energy of the State be bent in behalf of six months school term and that the constitutional amendment for this purpose be adopted. We urge that the efforts of these men and institutions engaged in the splendid work of conserving the health of our people, in eradicating disease and preventing infectious be accorded with enthusiastic and unstinted support both by State and local governments.

"We stand for the strict upholding of our laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicant liquors in the enforcement of which great progress has been made. We are made glad by the evidence that both drinking and drunkenness and the crime that they breed, are rapidly decreasing and that in the not distant future North Carolina will stand before the world as an example of a commonwealth free of the curse of alcohol. We urge a further step in public morals in the form of a law holding originally liable owners who rent their property for unlawful purposes.

"We recognize the force and benefit of the movement now sweeping the State in behalf of the improvement of our public highways, and we call upon the Democratic party to continue, and to redouble in the largest practical measure its support of this great work of progress, morals and civilization by

creating a State road law. We believe that the soundest policy for the State to pursue with her convicts is to use all of them for work in public road building rather than in farming, or in hiring them out or in building railroads whether the stock exchanged for labor be good or no good.

"We recommend that our penal system be revised in the light of the most modern methods including the intermediate sentence parole system.

"We congratulate all concerned upon the advances made by our Governor and General Assembly and especially upon the epoch-making victory recently won before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the matter of relieving North Carolina points of the discrimination in freight tariffs in favor of points in other States; and we urge that the struggle so well begun shall be pressed until there shall not remain a shadow of suspicion that the people of this State labor under any disadvantage so far as the common carrier are concerned both interstate and intrastate. And in view of the fact that the growth of the State has produced an increasing number of problems affecting both the supervision of public utilities and the matter of public revenue, we advise that the State should have two commissions, one charged with the supervision of corporations and taxation, the other charged solely with the regulation of public utilities.

"We likewise ask that the present investigation of insurance rates be pressed to a conclusion that will remove all question as to discrimination adverse to our people on this point.

"We bring before our party the special demands of the needs of the farmers of North Carolina, in the conviction that all that serves them serves all the people. We recommend that the State follow up its increasingly useful work of inspection, education, and instruction, with aid to a system of rural credits designed to enable the producers of the wealth from which the State draws its life, to manage their enterprises at the lowest possible rate of interest and to market their products to the best advantage. We urge our representatives in Congress to uphold the President in his plans to aid our farmers in the matter of rural credits. We recommend the encouragement of studies in practical agriculture in our free schools.

"We advocate a law prohibiting the employment in a factory of any child under 14 years of age and forbidding the employment therein at night of any male child under 16 years of age and any woman or girl.

"Without committing this meeting in advance to an endorsement of any form of the initiative and referendum that may be submitted we do believe that the people have the right and they should have the opportunity to say whether they wish or do not wish to adopt these measures, and we recommend that an amendment to the Constitution on this subject be submitted.

"We recommend that persons receiving compensation in the form of passes or otherwise from railroads or other great public service corporations should not be chosen for legislative, judicial or congressional offices without first severing such relations in good faith; and that such offices should not be allowed to accept or hold passes.

"And whereas it is the purpose of this conference as set forth in the call to aid in crystallizing the popular sentiment of the State along well recognized lines of progressive legislation therefore be it Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the chair appoint a strong committee of not less than five members of this body, whose duty it shall be to present the result of the deliberations of this meeting to the approaching Democratic State Convention, and press their adoption to the end that they may be embodied in the party platform for the ensuing campaign in North Carolina."

## CITY MAY BUY COMBINATION FIRE FIGHTING ENGINE

### Aldermen Discussed Matter Last Night.

### WILL BE GOOD MOVE

### With Present Apparatus Town May Burn Down At Any Time.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen held last night, Dr. Joseph F. Patterson, the city physician, appeared before the Board and commended the work that the sanitary officers are doing, stating that they are doing everything within their power to keep the city in a clean, healthful condition but that they are not getting the support of the better class of the citizens.

Alderman Dill questioned Dr. Patterson in regard to the smallpox situation in New Bern. In reply he stated that something should be done to prevent the spread of the malady. Dr. Patterson said that it would cost a great deal of money to quarantine smallpox cases but that if every citizen who had not been vaccinated during the past six months was forced to undergo this treatment, that the disease would be eradicated.

## The Fire Engine

Thomas Lassiter, Chief of the New Bern Fire Department, appeared before the Board and asked them to authorize the purchase of two thousand feet of hose, stating that this is badly needed and should be secured without further delay. Alderman Ellis moved that the city clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for this amount of hose in the local newspapers.

Thomas D. Davis, appeared before the Board in behalf of the New Bern Steam Fire Company No. 1 and put before them a proposition to purchase a combination, high power, fire engine, an engine which can fight fire with either water of chemical and which does not require several horses to carry it to and from a fire but which can make these trips with its own power. Mr. Davis stated that the New Bern Company would give one thousand dollars toward the purchase of same provided that they were allowed to keep it in their headquarters and to make use of it during any fire. Each member of the Board seemed favorably impressed with this proposition and the matter was referred to a special committee to be investigated and to be reported on by them at the next meeting.

## Other Business

At the request of several ladies Mayor Bangert brought before the Board a protest to the operation of a hydraulic hammer at the New Bern Iron Works. Mayor Bangert stated that this hammer was proving to be a continual nuisance to the ladies and that they desired it to be stopped. The matter was referred to a special committee for investigation and action.

The New Bern Building and Supply Company was awarded the contract for the brick and cement advertised for, to be used in the installment of the new engine for the water and light plant. The contract for the pipe was awarded to the Lynchburg Iron Works. The matter of boring wells back of the City Hall on the city property was brought up by Alderman Ellis. These wells are to help supply the water in the city. The matter was referred to a committee with power to act. The Street and Pump Committee, who were appointed at a previous meeting to make investigations in regard to the removing of the barber shop over the sidewalk at the foot of Middle street, reported in favor of moving it and orders will be issued for the removal.

## An Aeronautical Map Of World Planned

### COMMITTEE ALREADY NAMED TO COMPLETE THIS PIECE OF WORK.

NEW YORK, June 2.—A statement made public today by the Aero Club of America, which has named a committee headed by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary to work out preliminary details of an aeronautical map of the world, says the plan includes the standardization of the map scales used by the different countries, and the charting of the earth to show air routes and landing places. The charting of the air currents is to be an independent undertaking. Various aeronautical organizations and military, scientific and sporting authorities will be asked to co-operate in making a world chart for aviators. When a sufficient number of representatives of the civilized nations have been selected they will be invited to take part in a conference to adopt a standard air scale and regulations governing its use.

## TOLLS QUESTION MAY BE VOTED ON SATURDAY

### Though Vote to Secure Unanimous Consent for Vote Friday Falls.

### WILL COME UP EACH DAY.

### Will Be Brought Up Automatically At 1 o'clock Each Afternoon.

(Special to the Journal.)

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Development in the senate today encouraged leaders in the belief that a vote would be taken by Saturday night on the canal tolls exemption repeal bill. Although an effort to secure unanimous consent for a vote at 4 o'clock Friday failed. Senator O'Gorman, opposing the repeal, announced that, beginning Wednesday, the bill would be kept constantly before the senate until it was disposed of.

With the adoption of this plan the bill will come up automatically at 1 o'clock each day and not be displaced by appropriation bills or other measures. During the day a conference between Senators Kern, Simmons and Lodge, at which the forces for and against the repeal were reckoned, led to an announcement by Senator Simmons, that he expected the bill to receive 52 votes. Senator Simmons declared he did not include any senators counted as doubtful, and if his prediction is fulfilled the repeal bill will have a majority of nine.

Senators Colt and Myers spoke in favor of repeal today and Senator Catron opposed it. Senator Pittman introduced an amendment which would empower the President to reduce the tolls rate on American coastwise ships or exempt them when necessary to prevent discrimination. In making the announcement that he believed the bill would receive 52 votes Senator Simmons said: "We do not include several senators who I believe will vote for the bill."

So far no attempt has been made to sound out sentiment on the repeal amendments proposed, or to discover if any arbitration resolution could command the needed votes. Several senators, it was said, favor arbitration but will not vote for it until the repeal bill has been passed.

Senator Pittman in introducing his resolution empowering the President to reduce or remove tolls on American coastwise ships explained that he believed the Hay-Pauncefote treaty did not secure the same rate of tolls for all ships, but merely prohibited discriminations. Senator Catron of New Mexico, opposing the repeal bill, declared exemption was sound as a subsidy measure. He asserted Great Britain had no right to ask for arbitration of the tolls question until it was seen whether there would be any discrimination.

## All in Readiness For The Convention

### THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE GREAT CONFLICT TO TAKE PLACE TODAY

RALEIGH, N. C., June 3.—Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern, chairman of the State Committee, and Walter S. Brock, of Wadesboro, secretary, arrived today, and at once began making preparations for the State Convention tomorrow at noon.

N. J. Rouse, of Kingston will be temporary chairman. The convention will nominate Senator Overman and Chairman Travis, of the Corporation Commission, and approve the nominations in the various district conventions. A large number of delegates arrived this afternoon.

It is practically certain a hard fight will be waged in the measures proposed by the Progressives, and the impression is that the State-wide primary alone will receive support.

Edward W. Fou was nominated today by the Fourth Congressional convention for the Eighth consecutive term in the House. Mr. Fou said Claude Kitchin, who was nominated at Rockingham yesterday, would be chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in December.

## MRS. BECKER VISITS HUSBAND IN SING SING

NEW YORK, June 3.—Mrs. Charles E. Becker yesterday made her first visit to the death house at Sing Sing prison since her husband was returned to a cell there after his second conviction for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. Mrs. Becker talked with her husband for two hours. It is expected she will take quarters in Sing Sing as the trial proceeds.