

New Bern Is Host to The N. C. Farm Demonstrators

Opening Session of Farm Demonstrators Convention Held Last Evening--- Mayor A.H. Bangert Made Address of Welcome In Behalf of the City-- Other Interesting Addresses--- Chamber of Commerce to Give an Oyster Roast to the Visitors Tomorrow at Jacobs Farm

Forty or more farm demonstrators from all parts of North Carolina gathered in New Bern yesterday to attend the Farm Demonstrators Convention which is being held here this week. The opening session of this convention was held last evening in the Chamber of Commerce rooms and in addition to the large number of demonstrators who were present, the city was well represented by a number of its most prominent citizens.

Mayor Makes Address
The address of welcome to the visitors was made by Mayor A. H. Bangert. In welcoming the demonstrators the Mayor praised the great work they are doing and the immense value being derived from the same by the farmers and assured them that New Bern was glad to have them within its borders and would do its best to entertain them in a manner which they would remember.

The response was made by R. W. Freeman, district agent, who in a few chosen words told of the object of the convention and of the results which would be derived from it. He was followed by Hon. S. M. Brinson who welcomed the visitors in behalf of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Brinson took the place of President C. L. Ives who was unavoidably detained. The response to this welcome was made by C. R. Hudson, the State agent.

J. W. Stewart Talks
J. W. Stewart, one of the leading business men of the city and the owner of several of the largest farms in the county, was called upon by the chairman to make a few remarks and in behalf of the business men of the city he made a most interesting and highly beneficial talk. Mr. Stewart assured the demonstrators that it was a pleasure to entertain them and hoped that their stay here would not only prove profitable but would be a pleasant one as well.

At the conclusion of Mr. Stewart's address the regular business was taken up. C. R. Hudson, State Demonstration Agent, submitted his annual report and this, in full was read to those who were assembled and proved of great interest to all.

U. S. Agent Heard
The next event on the evening's program was an address by Mr. Meley of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., on "The Duties and Functions of Demonstration Agents and the Growing of Cotton Under the Old and New Systems." This address, which was illustrated with colored lantern slides, was thoroughly enjoyed and proved of real interest as well. Mr. Meley is an expert in his chosen line of work, and having a thorough study of it, is in a position to give valuable information.

Oyster Roast.
The convention will be in session today and tomorrow, three sessions being held today and tonight and the public has been extended a cordial invitation to attend these. Tomorrow the visitors will be the guests of the Chamber of Commerce at an oyster roast which will be given at Jacobs farm, down Neuse river, and this event will doubtless prove one of real enjoyment.

Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, George Green, is doing everything possible to aid the demonstrators in their work while here and has in charge the entertainment program.

E. J. White, a prominent Pamlico county planter, was in New Bern yesterday. Mr. White stated while talking with a Journal reporter that he raises everything that is to be raised on the farm. On an average he ships a crate of eggs a week, has plenty chickens to eat, and plenty of meat in the smokehouse.

Miner Baker, colored was fined two dollars and fifty cents and taxed with the cost by Mayor Bangert at Police Court yesterday afternoon for being drunk and disorderly in the city. The defendant was unable to pay the fine and cost and will be sent to the county roads for thirty days.

Thomas Dudley, Thomas Norris, D. E. Langdale and C. T. Eubanks, of Beaufort, were in New Bern yesterday selling cotton.



Buenos Ayres, Feb. 3—Brazilian social circles were shocked when Marshal Hermès da Fonseca, the president, married Senorita Nair de Teffe. The president is sixty-three years of age, while the bride is only twenty-six. However, as she is one of the most beautiful women in Brazil the chief executive will probably be excused for making such a choice.

BANK PRESIDENTS WILL BE PRESENT

Virginians Accept Invitation to Attend Big Dinner

As the time for the annual dinner to be given by the Chamber of Commerce on February 11th draws nearer, Secretary George Green is receiving numerous acceptances to invitations which have recently been sent out. Among the prominent men who yesterday informed Secretary Green that they would be in attendance were Caldwell Hardy, president of the Norfolk National Bank, Herbert Jackson, president of the Virginia Trust Company of Richmond, Va., and E. C. Duncan of Raleigh, president of the Merchants National Bank of that city.

This dinner will be an event of interest all over this and adjoining states and will in fact be one of the most auspicious local events of the year.

SENSATIONAL CASE CONCLUDED TODAY

Interest In Legal Action Now Being Heard In New Bern

The sensational case of J. B. Barrow against the Philadelphia Life Insurance Company in which the plaintiff is suing for damages in the sum of three thousand dollars and which was taken up at Tuesday's session of Craven county Superior Court, will doubtless be concluded today. In this case the plaintiff, who is a resident of Vanceboro, claims that W. M. Bagley had a life insurance policy with the defendant company for three thousand dollars and that he was the beneficiary. Bagley died and the life insurance company refused to pay the policy to Barrow, claiming that the policy was fraudulently secured. The case has been hard fought from the first, a large number of witnesses have been examined and the counsel have made extensive argument. Two other lawyers are to speak today and after the charge is made by Judge Carter the case will go to the jury.

HAS BEAUTIFUL VOICE

The Denver Post Praises Southern Singer

The Denver Post has the following to say of Mrs. Margaret Chapman, who will visit New Bern next week: "Mrs. Margaret Chapman has one of the most beautiful voices ever heard in Denver. A rare soprano of great range, heavy, yet sweet; she sang in French, German and English. Her interpretations were exceedingly artistic, her singing of a 'lullaby' brought tears to the eyes of the audience, so sweet and sympathetic is her voice, and yet in her heavier pieces she was most dramatic. She has a charming and winning stage presence."

SPECIAL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

Has Been Called By Governor Locke Craig

The Journal stated a few days ago that both the civil and criminal dockets of Craven Superior Court were badly crowded and that, as Judge Carter was at leisure, a special term would probably be called for the week beginning on February 15.

This matter, upon recommendation of Judge Frank Carter, was taken up with the county commissioners by the local bar and Chairman Bradham in turn took it up with Governor Craig and the special term has been called.

The commissioners hold a special meeting on Saturday and at that time a jury will probably be drawn.

C. H. Hall left yesterday morning for a business visit to Vanceboro.

FARMERS WEEK AT VANCEBORO

Farm Life School The Scene of Activity This Week

This is "Farmers Week" at the Farm Life School, and today is the big day of the week. J. E. Rivers of Lee county, assistant agronomist of the State Department of Agriculture, will address the farmers on various farm operations.

During the afternoon session a Woman's Institute will be held. This will be conducted by Mrs. Carrie Hudgins Garren, of the State Department of Agriculture and Miss Eliza High Moore, domestic science teacher of the Farm Life School to which women are invited to come and join in the discussion of subjects pertaining to household economies, health in the home, the education of the children, and other topics of interest to mothers and home makers.

SOME "PIG", THIS

Tipped the Scales at 567 Pounds At Bridgeton

Craven county has of late gained considerable fame as a hog-raising county, and if reports of "big porkers" continue to come in, it will soon hold the banner of the State. Yesterday morning L. S. Waters of Bridgeton, who is the foreman of the Blades Lumber Company's plant at that place, killed a "pig" eighteen months old and after his pigship had been dressed and made ready for salting away it was placed on the scales and weighed. The animal was an unusually large one, but those who had seen it had no idea that it would tip the scales at five hundred and seven pounds, but such it did. Other similar reports have been brought in from all parts of the county and many persons have gone into the hog-raising business on a large scale.

NO FAVORS FOR HARRY K. THAW

He Must Fare Like the Other Prisoners There

Albany, Feb. 3.—Assuming that Harry K. Thaw will be returned to Matteawan, State Superintendent of Prisons John P. Riley gave an interview today in which he declared that "henceforth Thaw will be treated like any other inmate of an asylum for the criminal insane."

"Thaw used to occupy a private room," said Mr. Riley. "I can see no reason why he should not sleep in the ward. Only inmates of homicidal or suicidal tendencies have separate sleeping quarters. I don't believe Thaw is inclined in either of these directions. If the superintendent of Matteawan, Dr. Kieb, so certifies, Thaw will be a ward inmate. Won't Have So Many Visitors. "The day when unusual privileges may be extended to Thaw is past," continued Mr. Riley. "He will not be permitted as many visitors as in the old days nor have what some people seemed to regard as the run of the institution. Hereafter when Thaw has a visitor, whether it is his counsel, a relative or a friend, an official of Matteawan will be present."

Supt. Riley explained that under an order issued by Supreme court Justice Tompkins, Thaw, prior to his escape from Matteawan, was permitted to have private conferences with his counsel.

"I have succeeded in having that Supreme Court order abrogated," explained Mr. Riley. "There never was any warrant in the law for it anyway. It doesn't seem reasonable that any Judge should have the right to say how the Superintendent of Matteawan should conduct the institution or regulate the conduct of persons confined there."

Plot Hatched in Private Talks
It is the opinion of Mr. Riley that the conspiracy which enabled Thaw to escape could not have been hatched had it not been possible for Thaw to talk privately with persons who called on him.

Mr. Riley has other reasons for curtailing privileges extended to Thaw in the past. The discipline of the institution was harmed by reason of discriminations in favor of Thaw. Furthermore, he finds that Matteawan, which the State Hospital Commission has certified has a capacity of 617 inmates has an actual population of nearly 800.

"Inmates are sleeping in halls and corridors," said the superintendent. "In view of this Thaw should not be given a private room in which he may install a library and other appointments to make life more agreeable."

"I believe Thaw is capable of doing some work—of a clerical nature, perhaps. I shall advise Dr. Kieb to provide some form of employment for him."

LOAFING MUST STOP

Rowdiness Must Cease Around Passenger Station

In speaking of the loafing, gambling, and smoking cigarettes in the union passenger station yesterday, Superintendent J. C. Lewis, of this division of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, said that the use of the depot for this purpose will be broken up. Other ways will be tried, but if they fail to accomplish the purpose, the waiting room will be locked up, only during train hours. Superintendent Lewis stated that he would regret very much to have to resort to this method, for the reason that there are a number of people coming here from the country and other towns who use the waiting room a great deal between trains, and he would hate to inconvenience them.

LORLYS E. ROGERS PLACED ON TRIAL

Indicted for His Relations With Ida Sniffen Walters

New York, Feb. 3.—Lorlys Elton Rogers, indicted on a statutory charge for his relations with Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters, mother of his children appeared in court today to begin his fight for freedom and to pave the way for the defense of Mrs. Walters when she is tried for poisoning her two children.

Friends of Rogers and Mrs. Walters were said to have contributed more than \$10,000 for their defense. Rogers was to argue for the right to inspect the grand jury minutes taken in the session which resulted in his indictment. His counsel by affidavit already has indicated his argument will be an attack upon the "white slave" interpretation District Attorney Martin has placed upon the statute.

A BATTALION OF TEUTON TROOPS IS ANNIHILATED

The Russians Swept Down Upon the Kaiser's Men Suddenly

FELL LIKE RAIN

Terrific Fighting Reported All Along the Battle Front

London, Feb. 3. (Central News Cable) An entire battalion of German troops are said to have been annihilated by the Russians during the fighting in the Beskid pass in the Carpathian mountains today. Further successes are reported at Luka pass where the Russians advancing along a broad front gained the mountain ridge, capturing many prisoners, a battery of six cannon, two mortars and a number of rapid fire guns.

TERRIFIC BATTLE

London, Feb. 3. A battle terrific in violence is said to be raging on the fronts before Boltinow and Borjnow west of Warsaw. At the village of Gouminne, near Borkimow, the Russians not only succeeded in re-taking the trenches lost Sunday but gained considerable ground. The German losses in this region are said to be staggering as a result of launching of repeated infantry attacks in the face of overwhelming artillery fire.

ENGLISH FIGHT TURKS

Berlin, Feb. 3. (By wireless to London) Fighting between the English and Turks continues at Kurna. A dispatch from Bagdad describes a night attack by 200 Turks. Two English battalions, on opposite sides of the town, the dispatch says, became confused and fired on each other for several hours. The Turks were driven back at daybreak by fire from the British gunboats.

An Indian expeditionary force is operating at the head of the Persian Gulf. It was announced in December that Turkish forces at Kurna had surrendered and that the town was occupied by the British who thus gained control of the country from the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, near which Kurna is situated, to the Persian Gulf.

Paris, Feb. 3.—Fierce hand-to-hand combats in the region of St. Paul mark the launching of the new German onslaught in the effort to a passage of the Aisne at Soissons, within less than sixty miles of Paris. Moroccan troops on the outskirts of St. Paul, north of the Aisne, repulsed three successive German charges. The Germans bombarded a bridge from the north bank of the Aisne and bombs were dropped upon Soissons. The Germans seem determined to drive the French from the north bank of the Aisne. They have also started new attacks against the Belgians near Ypres.

In the Aisne region the Germans are directing violent cannonading, especially near Soissons. The French repulsed an infantry charge near Pierthes, and made gains in a counter-attack. Many prisoners were taken. Heavy fogs today caused a cessation of the operations in the Vosges and Alsace.

BONES OF WOMAN BEFORE THE COURT

Shown to the Jury In Famous Murder Trial

Brunswick, Feb. 2.—Bones, claimed to be those of Mrs. V. R. Davis, were exhibited today at the trial in Glynn Superior Court of V. H. Davis, charged with the murder of his wife. At two former trials juries could not reach a verdict.

The crime is alleged to have been committed October 29, 1913, and the bones were found a few days later near Thalman and Davis was arrested. A brother, A. R. Davis, left this section and was next heard of in New Orleans, where on his death-bed he confessed to killing Mrs. Davis. A telegram was produced in the trial today showing that on October 2, A. R. Davis requested the woman to come to Brunswick on the first train. A witness swore that the husband of the woman got on the train with her at Thalman and that they got off together at Blount. The bones were found near Blount. One witness today swore he heard the accused man say on one occasion: "If she fools around my place I'll fill her so full of lead she won't be able to carry it."

State witnesses will be disposed of this afternoon. It is believed the case will go to the jury tomorrow night.

JUDGE CARTER SEES DANGER IN PLAN

States His Position In Regard to Sectional Rotation of Judges

Judge Frank Carter, who is presiding over a two-week term of Craven county Superior Court in session here this week, has a very set opinion as to the movement in regard to the sectional rotation of Judges. In the following letter which he wrote to the editor of the Raleigh News and Observer he explains his views and makes some strong points.

Judge Carter's Letter

To the Editor: The Constitution provides for the election of judges of the superior court by the State-at-large, but expressly empowers the Legislature to require them to be elected by districts. There is no middle ground between elections by the entire State and by judicial districts. Whatever the power of the Legislature to provide for rotation by sectional divisions, there can be no contention that it can require election by such divisions.

State-wide election is a national corollary of State-wide election. Upon the contrary, whole-State election is utterly inconsistent with half-State rotation. Who could justify an arrangement by which the East would vote on Western judges when Western judges had no duty in the East? Such an arrangement would favor so strongly of gerrymandering, of a stacking of the political cards against an opposition that could hope to control several of the Western districts, that the sense of common fairness (which no party is strong enough permanently to ignore) would ultimately compel the Legislature to concede election by judges. And the process of compulsion, by which considerations of reason and justice would ultimately constrain a dominant party to forego a manifest political advantage, would necessarily insure to the permanent benefit of the opposition.

The Proposition

To state the proposition more directly: The political sensibilities of the West could and would be inflamed against an arrangement by which the East was permitted to control the election of judges with whose service the East had no concern; with the inevitable result of further progressively weakening the Democratic hold upon the West. Even the negro demonstration argument was not strong enough to override the home-bred sentiment, which is as strongly rooted in the East as in the West, and the old county government had to go. In the end, the East would be just as resentful of Western interference in a matter so foreign to its interests as the West would be of the reverse condition. And during the evolutionary period State sectionalism would run rampant.

It takes no prophet to foresee that, soon or late, sectionalized rotation would necessarily lead to election by districts, and when that time comes the very least of the hurt would be from the Democratic loss of several districts. Worse still would be the binding up of all the judges, East and West, in local politics. The judicial dignity would assuredly suffer, if the judicial character did not. The administration of justice has nothing to gain by setting the judges to minding political fences.

Firmly Rooted

The question here is not whether the rotation system has outlived its usefulness, as has been inaccurately suggested; the rotation system is too firmly rooted in the constitution to be dispensed with by legislative enactment. The question is whether we shall adhere to a system of State-wide rotation and State-wide election that is logical and consistent and appears to be entirely satisfactory to the people, or whether, in order slightly to promote the convenience of less than twenty individuals, we shall embark upon an experiment of sectional rotation, with its large possibilities of injurious political agitation and the ultimate cheapening of the judicial office.

I believe it can be truly said that the judges are held in higher esteem in North Carolina than in most of the other states, and I further believe it to be susceptible of demonstration that the fact is directly attributable to our rotation system. It is with the gravest concern, therefore, that I contemplate an innovation that seems to me so vitally to menace the integrity of that system.

The objection that, under the present arrangement, it takes too long to cover the State seems well met by the suggestion that the riding in each district be reduced to four months. Formerly there was an average of ten counties to the district; now the average is five; so that with a four months riding the judge could give more time to each county than formerly he gave in six. The year would easily and naturally divide itself into spring, summer and fall circuits. With this slight modification a judge would cover the State in eighty months—6-2-3 years. Permit me to conclude with a personal word: I have had no pleasure in opposing the wishes of my brethren of the bench who differ with me in this matter, nor would I have done so except for a compelling sense of public duty.

BUSINESS BETTER IN THIS SECTION THAN ELSEWHERE

So Says President Young of the Norfolk Southern

VERY OPTIMISTIC

Head of Big Railway System Spent Last Night Here

"Observation has convinced me that business along the lines of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company is much better than that found at a number of other points in the State and that conditions are rapidly improving all over the south," said President J. H. Young of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company who arrived in the city yesterday on board of a special train which left Norfolk earlier in the day. Accompanying President Young were Chief Engineer E. D. Kyle of the Norfolk Southern and William L. Ross of Milwaukee, Wis., and Henry C. Nicholas of New York.

President Young and party are making an inspection of the Norfolk Southern system and will today go to Raleigh and then on to Charlotte from which place they will return to Norfolk. The entire party spoke in the highest terms of the efforts being made by the citizens of Eastern North Carolina to make the best of the slight depression caused by the war and it is their opinion that business as a whole will have resumed its normal activity within the course of a month or two. President Young stated that his company is now handling many car loads of freight each day and that the passenger traffic is very flattering and, taken as a whole the company is very well satisfied.

When asked as to the reported intention of the Norfolk Southern constructing a line to Cape Lookout in order to handle the large amount of material which will be used in the construction of the Harbor of Refuge and other improvements at that point, President Young stated that this was a matter about which the company had thought very little. He declared that if a road was to be constructed to haul material, that this would be up to the contractors and that the Norfolk Southern would not go into the venture until they were assured that the government intended erecting a coal-station there. "Then," said President Young, "it will be well worth while to construct such a line. While in New Bern the visitors spent much time in looking over the local office and they highly praised Supt. Lewis and his assistants for the efficient manner in which they are handling the work."

LAID AT REST.

Body of Mrs. J. S. Basnight Rests In Cedar Grove.

The funeral services of Mrs. J. S. Basnight, who died at her home on Pollock street Saturday morning were conducted by Dr. J. N. H. Summerell of the Presbyterian church and Rev. J. E. Reynolds of the Disciples of Christ. The services were conducted from the Christian church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Basnight was sixty years of age and is survived by her husband Mr. J. S. Basnight, two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Lupton and Miss Nina Basnight and two sons, Don W., and Stein Basnight. The active pallbearers were: Mr. G. A. Atkinson, T. M. Bowden, Garrison Farrow, E. H. Wood, Rodman Guion, Wade Meadows and Ralph Davenport. The honorary pallbearers: Dr. Richard Duffy, T. A. Green, David Henry S. W. Brinson, R. A. Nunn, T. G. Daniels, W. T. Lewis, D. F. Jarvis and Carlyle Bell.

NEW BERN COTTON MARKET.

(By G. W. Taylor and Sons)
Middling 8c
Strict Middling 8 1-4c
Good Middling 8 1-2c
Receipts yesterday, 250 bales.

Marriage license was issued yesterday by the Register of Deeds to the following couples: George Franks and Miss Nannie Smith, of Vanceboro and J. M. White and Miss Bertha L. Davis, of Cove City.

D. S. Koonce, of Ocean, returned home yesterday after a visit to relatives and friends in the city.

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