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Commenting upon New Bern's action in purchasing another motor driven combination fire engine...

New Bern's city council has just voted to purchase a second auto fire truck at a cost of \$9,000.

The local officials of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company have of late been caused a great deal of trouble by loafers hanging around the waiting rooms...

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It is a recognized fact that New Bern's Chamber of Commerce is a "live wire" organization but we all like a little flattery now and then...

The first aspirant for one of the offices of the city of New Bern which will be awarded by the people at the next election...

Last year we took to boasting about the faithfulness of old man G. Hog, casting reflections on the varmint and scoffing at the idea that he had no more control over the weather man...

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DYING, WILCOX

TELLS REPORTER HE IS INNOCENT

Famous Prisoner Again Declares He Did Not Kill Nell Crosey

A PITIFUL FIGURE

Twelve Years Confinement Have Sapped His Life And Energy

Elizabeth City, Feb. 4. For the first time since he was tried and convicted for the murder of Nellie Crosey more than twelve years ago...

For twelve long years this man had held his tongue. He held his tongue from the day he was arrested on suspicion...

Who Killed Girl? There has existed in many minds a suspicion that Jim Wilcox knows something that he has not told.

"None in the world," he said. The ring of truth was in his tones. There was no faltering of the lips...

"The town is full of loafers who seem to have nothing else to do but hang around our streets, and at the depot especially. They are always on hand at the depot at train time...

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May Make Statement I suggested that perhaps he might want to make a statement, but wanted more time to think about it...

A Pitiful Figure Wilcox today is a pitiful figure. The Great White Plague has laid its finger upon him and his days in prison are numbered.

"I have been here a little more than 12 years now," said Wilcox. "I was 24 years old when they brought me here, that makes me 36. But the 12 years I have been here don't count. I feel like I still ought to be just 24. I won't be here much longer. This tuberculosis has got me; I'm of no use to the State; I can't work. I am just a useless piece of scrap here."

Wants to Be Free "I don't want to die here. I believe there is a chance for me some where. I believe if I could only get out of here I could go west and get well. Others have done it. They don't need me here anyway. They discharged a man here the other day, pardoned him because he got one of his legs cut off."

To understand Wilcox better, it should be known that he was until recently one of the most valuable men in the State prison. He was the handy man of the place. He could run the prison electric plant and keep it in order, or act as nurse in the hospital equally well.

Does the State need him behind bars any more? Would Pasquotank cry for his blood today as it did thirteen years ago? Are the people willing to let Jim Wilcox "go west" and have a chance? These are questions every man, woman and child in this county and section may answer for themselves.

FINED \$50 FOR VIOLATING LAW

Isaac Simmons Charged With Connecting Electric Wires

The largest fine put on any defendant by Mayor Bangert in several months, was placed on Isaac Simmons, colored, at yesterday's session of Police Court...

The defendant conducts a pool room in Frog Pond, and it is alleged that he connected the wiring of the building which he occupies, with the city wires, but just before time for the meter to be read he would disconnect the wires...

BANKS OF DIXIE IN FINE SHAPE

So Says Noted Banker While In Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta, Feb. 4. The banks of the Southern States are in healthy financial condition and there is no cause for worry over a shortage of money...

The financial condition of the South," said Mr. Gannon, "appears to be most satisfactory, and if anything better than the situation in the East and Middle West."

While in Atlanta, Mr. Gannon was the guest of George H. Broadnax, special representative of the American Bankers' Association in this city.

SHIP PURCHASE BILL TO FRONT

Champions and Opponents Making A Hard Fight

Washington, Feb. 4. Champions and opponents of the administration ship purchase bill rounded up forces today for continuation of their struggle...

Democratic leaders planned a supreme effort to save the bill by recommitting it despite instructions for amendment, while the Republicans were to seek to recommit without instructions, thus pigeon-holing it for the present session.

Republican leaders hoped for the return today of Senator Penrose to add one more vote to their side. They were confident that with that they could recommit the bill without instructions...

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OFFERS TO BUILD A MARKET HOUSE

IF IT IS WANTED

Would Be Modern In Every Particular and Also Convenient

IT'S UP TO THE CITY

J. V. Blades Ready to Erect the Structure At Any Time

There has long been talk in this city of securing a city market, a central exchange where all meats, fish and oysters could be sold under municipal supervision...

Perfectly Sanitary In constructing such a building it is Mr. Blades idea to have it erected in such a manner that everything would be perfectly sanitary.

Cold Storage Plant. The Messrs Blades now operate a cold storage plant in connection with their ice plant and as this is being well patronized there is every reason to believe that one for public use would receive an equally gratifying patronage.

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ALL ALONG THE LINE OF BATTLE

FIERCE FIGHTING

No Cessation of Hostilities. Not Even for A Moment

GERMANS ACTIVE

The Kaiser's Forces Seem to Have Made Some Progress

Vienna, Feb. 4. The Austro-Germans operating in the Carpathians have captured a thousand and several Russian prisoners, and several machine guns. The Russians are today on the offensive at several points.

Furious Attacks. Petrograd, Feb. 4. Furious German attacks have been made upon Buzza, southwest of Warsaw. Russian aviators rained bombs with very deadly effect upon German concentration camps...

Paris, Feb. 4. Reinforced, the German armies are making violent attempts to take the offensive and force back the Allied lines from the coast of Arras. Heavy cannonading continues in the region of Nieupoort.

Russian Statement. Petrograd, Feb. 4. The general staff of the Russian army today issued a report on the progress of the war which reads as follows:

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Farmers Attention!! WE ARE STILL SELLING GOODS TO FARMERS AT FARMERS UNION PRICES Farris Nassel 66-68-70 Middle St.

C. L. SPENCER Hay, Grain, Feedstuffs, Etc. New Bern, N. C.

THE BEST SHOE FOR BOYS WALTON "It Will Wear." RING THE CHILDREN And let US fit them with The Celebrated WALTON SCHOOL SHOES Full Line Dry Goods and Clothing for the whole family. A. B. SUGAR

To Our Out-of-Town Customers You are cordially invited to make our stores headquarters when in the city and when in need of anything usually carried by a first class drug store send us your order we will give it prompt attention and mail it to you on the first outgoing Parcel Post. Bradham Drug Co. The Rexall Stores Cor. Middle & Pollock Cor. Broad & Middle

TO BUILD BRIDGE OUT ON R. F. D. NO. 1 LIMIT IS SET ON FRANK ARGUMENT Three Hours Is the Time to Be Allowed to Both Sides

NEW BERN COTTON MARKET. (By G. W. Taylor and Sons) Middling 8c Strict Middling 8 1-4c Good Middling 8 1-2c Receipts yesterday 20 bales. MANY PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAIL Large Number of Law Breakers Are Awaiting Trial

U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET Another Interesting Session Was Held Yesterday

Washington, Feb. 4. The attitude of the administration toward American investors in foreign countries was outlined today before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at today's session of its annual convention. Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo discussed the development of the American merchant marine, reporting on the growth of American flag shipping since restrictions of registration were removed.

E. H. Meadows is quite ill at his home, No. 91 Broad street. He was stricken a few days ago and his condition is such as to give a arm to his family and friends.