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### Stamps Out Illiteracy

Our failure under these circumstances to stamp out illiteracy and raise North Carolina to the apex of the highest standard of educated constituency is not I think a reproach to us, but knowing as we do the depressing effects of this incubus upon every vital interest and seeing that we cannot reach the acme of our possibilities until this impediment has been removed or reduced to that negligible minimum attained in the most progressive communities, we must not forget that now since the obstacles that have hitherto retarded our efforts in this behalf have been removed that neither posterity, nor society nor humanity will longer hold us blameless if we do not presently proceed to bring to bear upon the final elimination of this frightful evil every resource which ample means and purposeful determination can summon and command.

Judge Geo. W. Connor has thrown out of court the famous Baugham case of New Bern, over which Judge Frank Carter and Solicitor Abernethy had their tilt and which resulted in a big stir. Judge Carter became very much excited over this case, it will be recalled, and enumerated the Craven court records with his opinions as to the solicitor's conduct. It is probable that Judge Connor will expunge observations of his predecessor from the minutes, as he should do if he has the power, so that the whole matter may be dropped.

We agree with the Times that Judge Connor should expunge Judge Carter's charges from the court records and thus close the regrettable affair. The Legislative Investigation has decided that the charges against Solicitor Abernethy were utterly unfounded and the throwing of the Baugham case out of court proves this. In fairness to Solicitor Abernethy the record should by all means be expunged and, knowing Judge Connor to be a man with a principle, we believe that he will do this and free from any stigma of an innocent man.

The Washington News, notes the fact that it noticed one twopage ad. and a full single page ad. and several hundred inches of additional advertising in Sunday's issue of the Journal and laments the fact that the merchants over that way do not act in as progressive a manner as the New Bern merchants. It is to be regretted why one day last week the Journal carried more than five hundred inches of advertising in a single issue for one merchant. Now if that man was not getting results he would not throw his good money away and if advertising will pay in New Bern it will pay at Washington.

The Paragrapher on the Greensboro News has perpetrated another outrage on the State Normal College by dubbing the delicious damsel who inhabit its confines, blessed blossoms. Now why not call them the personification of prettiness and let it stop at that?

Together with taking 'em off and putting 'em on, the average man who keeps up with the weather, has time for little else.

"Sally Takes On a Few Gallons" pipes a headline in the Beaufort News. At first we were constrained to presume that Sally had an abnormal capacity? Later we discovered that Editor Morion was referring to one of the nautical members of the gender and that the gallons referred to was gasoline.

If there is any one set of people who "work" the newspapers for free space, it is the owners and proprietors of the private schools and colleges. Already the supply of "news" has begun to flow from these institutions of learning and from now until the opening of the schools in the fall the private "news bureaus" will be kept working full blast. Now, as a matter of fact, there is no news in this dope, it is merely free advertising for the schools and the sooner the editors of North Carolina come to see this, the sooner will it be when they will be able to get legitimate advertising from these emporiums of knowledge.

R. E. Moore left yesterday morning for a business visit to Washington, N. C.

Judge George Connor holds the opinion that the man who buys whiskey from the "blind tigers" is just as guilty as the man or woman who sells it to him, and he is probably right. If there was no sale for the whiskey there would be no violation of the law by those who sell it, for there would be no chance to sell the dope which they are peddling. Unfortunately Judge Connor cannot hand out to the purchasers of the liquor the same sentence that he places upon the "tigers," but if it were in his power to do such, there is every reason to believe that he would soak it to 'em.

Bulgaria and Rumania are now preparing to cast their hat into the ring and get mixed up in the great European conflict. Well, it begins to look like it's a case of "the more, the merrier," and the entrance of a few more countries will not have the effect of making the hostilities any tamer.

There is a little misunderstanding between one of the local fire companies and the city fathers and this has resulted very unpleasantly. However, these things do a city no good and we hope that the matter can be amicably settled and the differences forgotten, and indications are that such will be the case.

Bernstorff, the German diplomat who has been handing out such a superb line of chatter in the United States during the past few weeks yesterday told President Wilson, so it is reported, that Germany was willing to grant the demands of this country relative to ceasing her warfare against ships bearing neutrals but that she was not thoroughly familiar with just what this country wants. Our advice to Bernstorff is to get into communication with the Kaiser just as quickly as possible and urge him to save himself and his country a lot of trouble by acceding to all requests.

finance, education of the masses as well as the classes, education which imparts wise, practical and useful as well as classical knowledge, freedom of the mind and the conscience, as well as freedom of the body, when to look into it and think about it are comparatively new things in this old world of ours.

Alluding to North Carolina's part in this educational program, still in the making Senator Simmons said: "True, we have done much to overcome and to free ourselves of this frightful incubus bequeathed to us by old conditions but the over-mastering difficulties and embarrassments which have retarded our efforts in this behalf, and which at length have in most part been happily removed, have been so great that strive as we might and as we should we have not been able in so short a time to reach the goal of our hopes and abiding purpose."

## SERBIA AGAIN GETS IN GAME

Official Announcement Leads the People to Believe This

Nish, Serbia, June 2.—(Via London)—Resumption of military activity by Serbia against Austria is indicated in an official announcement issued today. It claims an artillery engagement resulted in the rout of a battalion of Austrians which was fortifying itself northeast of Capinova.

Considerable Serbian activity also has been noted on the Albanian frontier. Several months have passed since Serbia has been actively engaged in important military operation against Austria.

It was in December that the last heavy fighting was reported. Recent dispatches have indicated that a new Serbian army was being organized and that a resumption of hostilities might be expected. On the other hand Austria also has been making preparations and a dispatch early in May said a new Austrian army was getting ready to take the field against Serbia. It has been predicted that Serbia would strike again as soon as Austria was well occupied with the situation on her Italian frontier.

### WEDDING OF INTEREST

Raleigh Lady Weds Citizen of Charlotte

Raleigh, June 2.—Miss Sallie Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Jones of this city and Wade Galand, Charlotte, were married tonight, in the First Baptist church. Rev. Dr. T. W. O'Kelly officiating.

The wedding drew quite a number of friends from Charlotte and other places where the couple are known. The ceremony itself was of more than ordinary interest, a large number of couples attending. They left on the night train for a bridal trip that will end with their residence in Charlotte. The bride since girlhood has been marked as one of the city's handsomest young women. The groom is a native Gastonia man.

O. McLawhorn, of Vassboro, was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

## PASSENGERS MUST VALUE BAGGAGE

On and after June 3, all persons who check trunks on railroad tickets will be obliged under the provisions of the Cummins act amending the interstate commerce laws to declare the value of their baggage and the baggage master—a man of many troubles—is beginning to suspect that he is due for an unusually unhappy summer. Railway officials are now working on plans to enable their subordinates to enforce the provisions of the act with the least possible inconvenience to the traveling public, but they are not altogether sanguine that the new regulations will be popular with tourists and others who will check trunks when the rush to the seashore and country resorts begins.

The railroads now carry trunks and other baggage not exceeding 150 pounds in weight free with tickets of transportation and assume liability in case of loss or damage up to \$100. They declare they cannot assume unlimited liability as permitted under the Cummins act, but will accept the alternative of assuming the \$100 liability on each piece of baggage checked and insuring the passenger for all over the amount on a basis of ten cents per \$100 the rate laid down by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The amendment speaks specially of "shippers" and although no mention is made of passengers checking trunks the commission has interpreted the act to mean that baggage constitutes a shipment in the meaning of the law. As shippers must sign a declaration as to the value of shipments it has been decided that each and every shipper of a trunk must declare the real value of its contents when he has his trunk checked.

Any one who signs a declaration dishonestly, a railway official who has made a close study of the new law said yesterday, will be guilty of a misdemeanor. For instance, if a trunk is sent as baggage and declared to be worth \$100 and the trunk goes astray but turns up later and it is found that a \$500 diamond ring is in the trunk the owner is liable to go to jail. It is equally an offense to overestimate the value of baggage.

It is understood that the railroads will consent to accept declarations as to values from agents of shippers, which might be a valet, or butler, or porter, or second cousin, or anybody who helps a shipper, or passenger to make use of the checking privilege, but everybody has got to be mighty careful that no false declarations are made or there is sure to be trouble for somebody.

Railroad officials whose work will be increased by the new regulations, do not believe that passengers will be rickled over the necessity of taking time to go to a baggage master and sign a declaration setting forth the true value of the contents of trunks, particularly if it is near train time and another train isn't due for several hours. It is expected they will urge the traveling public to go to the station early and avoid the rush.

## BRIDEGROOM SITS IN BARRED CELL

Youth Tells How He Cashed Worthless Checks on Bridal Trip

St. Louis, May 30.—The story of a honeymoon that set in an iron-barred cell was told Friday night at Central District Station by Walter Klein, 23 years old, of New York.

This honeymoon began to wane when the bank roll of Klein, the bridegroom, grew slender, was restored to its effluency by the expedient of cashing worthless checks and dipped below the horizon when Pinkerton detectives caused Klein's arrest in St. Louis.

Klein was arrested at the Regent Hotel last night by Detectives Joyner and Sullivan on information supplied by the Pinkertons that he was wanted in Seattle and San Francisco on charge of cashing worthless checks. At police headquarters he readily admitted he was the man wanted and told his story.

Last October, he said, he met a girl in New York and fell in love with her. At that time he was employed as a drug clerk. They were married in March, and decided to spend their honeymoon at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Then he went to a bank and deposited a check for \$200 drawn on a New York bank. On this check he drew \$180, with a part of which he sent his wife back to New York, while he went to Seattle.

There his funds again ran low and he put through another worthless check, this one for \$275. Later he tried to cash another check but failed, he says.

From the West he came to St. Louis several days ago, and was located here by the Pinkertons. The authorities at Seattle last night wired the St. Louis police they would send detectives here for Klein.

C. B. Foy arrived in the city last night from Pollockville.

## BEAUFORT HAS A CURFEW LAW

Beaufort, May 31.—Curfew Shall Not Ring" tonight is probably after the determination of many of Beaufort's younger social set but so far, and the law here has been in effect for some time, this has not been put into effect.

There is an ordinance now in force in Beaufort to the effect that at 1 o'clock all youngsters under the tender age of sixteen years, shall be indoors where they belong, and when the big whistle at the electric-lighting plant booms forth its resonant notes those "little ones" who have not before that time sought the shelter of the parental roof, lost no time in "beating it" homeward.

The law, while it may seem to be severe, has had the effect of improving the moral element of the community and will doubtless remain in force for years to come.

### MISS MASON A BRIDE

Pretty Marriage At Beaufort Yesterday

Yesterday morning at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Duncan at Beaufort, Ex-Governor William Upham of Wisconsin and Miss Grace Mason of Durham, N. C., were happily married, the ceremony being performed in the presence of a few relatives and friends by Rev. Bartholomew Huske, rector of Christ Episcopal church of this city. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Upham boarded the westbound train enroute to Annapolis where they will attend the closing exercises at West Point of which school the groom was at one time a student. After traveling extensively Mr. and Mrs. Upham will make their home at Marshville, Wis., the old home of the groom. The bride, who is a sister of Mrs. C. L. Duncan, is a reigning society belle of her home city and has society friends all over the State.

## ITALIAN FORCES ARE VERY ACTIVE

Rome, June 1.—In a bloody engagement in the Tyrolean Alps the Italians stormed and captured Montezung, a strong Austrian fortress dominating the Austrian fortified town of Roverto. All along the Tyrol-Trentino frontier the advance on Trent continues, said one official statement from General Cadorna.

Peope Benedict today granted an audience to Bishop Kennedy and other newly consecrated American Catholic priests. He expressed the hope that America would use its best efforts to bring to an end the European war.

Newspapers today printed dispatches reporting violent demonstrations at Vienna, and declaring the Austrians capital to be in a state of siege by mobs.

## AUSTRIANS LOSE STRATEGIC POINT

Rome, May 31.—The Austrian have evacuated Fort Serravalle, in the Adige Valley, and are falling back to the Trentino village of Mori, sixteen miles south of Trent. Modern artillery completely destroyed the ancient rock fortress after a sixteen-hour bombardment. The Italians are besieging the old forts at Malborgetto. The troops are moving up the

## ZEPPELIN RAID ON ENGLISH CITY

London, June 1.—The expected Zeppelin raid on London has become a reality. German dirigibles passed over the east end and other districts in this city, showering bombs. Two young women were seriously hurt, a number of persons are reported to have been wounded, and many buildings were set on fire. The official press bureau is reticent about details. Several airships participated in the attack. They dropped both explosive and incendiary bombs.

## COTTON STATISTICS

Department of Agriculture Gives Out a Report

Washington, June 1.—The Department of Agriculture today announced that the cotton condition on May 25 was 80.9 per cent normal, against 74.3 a year ago, and 79.5, the average for the last ten years.

The Virginia condition was 88, North Carolina 85.

A State Department message today said the Yaqui Indians are again showing signs of hostility near Esperanza, Mexico. There is fear for the safety of Americans. The Carranza agency here announced that Carranza had bought 6,000 tons of corn, and notified local authorities in his territory that he would supply food whenever needed.

There will be an important meeting of the Equal Suffrage League today at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. M. O. Windley, 37 Broad street.

## POLLOCKSVILLE HAS A PLEASING PLAY

Baraca and Philathea Classes Seen In "Farm Folks"

Pollockville, June 1.—The Baraca and Philathea class of the Baptist church of this place gave a play in the Academy on the night of the 26th. "Farm Folks" was the name of the play.

The leading character of the play was a farmers daughter. The cast was as follows:

Philip Burleigh—J. Samuel Hudson.  
Dave Weston—Lee Foy.  
Amos Goodwin—B. T. Scott.  
Bijah Finn—C. H. Bryan.  
Thompson—Kenneth Jones.

Flora Goodwin—Lillie Henderson. Mrs. Burleigh—Lena Thomas. Grace Burleigh—Isabel Williams. Sarah Goodwin—Bessie Cole. Mrs. Peasley—Luey Whitty. Delia Slocum—Mary Williams.

This play was one of the very best that has ever been presented to the people of this place and was tended by 300 people all of whom peak in high praise and one of high class. The party were well performed by every one on the stage, but special mention should be given to Samuel Hudson and Miss Lillie Bell Henderson as leading characters of the play. Miss Lena Thomas as Mrs. Burleigh did her part to perfection and was creditable to one of longer stage training.

Mr. C. H. Bryan as Bijah Finn and Miss Mary Williams as his wife took the comic part as a rural country couple, visiting Mrs. Burleigh and laughter in New York, an aristocratic family. This play will be given again in Maysville on the night of the 8th of June. As evidence of its worth and our appreciation we are going to give them a big home patronage from this place.

## TRIED TO FLEECE LOCAL MERCHANT

Young Woman Tried to "Work" Establishment for Two Dresses

Grace Bergerson, of near Middlesex, who was discharged as a nurse at a local hospital several days ago, because of her incompetence to fill the position, and other reasons, yesterday laid herself liable to be prosecuted in the criminal court of Craven county, when she attempted to leave New Bern with property that did not belong to her.

The woman was discharged last week, and yesterday she went to Mrs. B. Allen's store and had two dresses sent out on approval. Later she asked the manager of the store to charge the goods to her, but this request was denied. Later she told the manager that the hospital owed her six dollars, and when they paid she would pay that on them and give the remainder later. Miss Mamie Warrenton, who is in charge of the business wife Mrs. Allen is away, phoned the head nurse and asked her about the six dollars. She was informed that the woman had been paid, also that she had packed her trunk and was getting ready to leave the city. Miss Warrenton at once notified the chief of police, who sent an officer to the Union passenger station to detain the woman, but the train left before the officer arrived, so the chief phoned to Washington, N. C., and asked the chief of police of that place to stop her when the train arrived. This he did, recovered the goods and allowed the woman to continue her journey. The dresses were shipped to New Bern by express.

## BRIDGETON MAN'S AUTO IS CUT UP

Left Is At Croatan He Returns and Finds It In Bad Shape

Some person, too common and low to be termed human beings, cut a new set of automobile tires to pieces for A. P. Fuleher, of Bridgeton, Sunday night.

Mr. Fuleher was returning from a trip to Morehead City on his car Sunday afternoon, when the engine went bad on him about one-fourth of a mile beyond Crossan, and he was forced to leave it there and come home by rail. Mr. Fuleher pushed the machine out on the edge of the road where it would not interfere with traffic. Yesterday morning when he returned to the scene to get the machine, he learned that some imp had been there and slashed up his tires so badly that they will be of no service to him any more, destroyed the horn, carried off the rear lamp and damaged the car in other ways, and then rolled it off down in the woods.

Mr. Fuleher has no idea who could have been so common as to do such an unselfish act. While it is not known who committed the deed, it is to be deplored that people of such character reside in this section.

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