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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I am sure it is a great mistake always to know enough to go in when it rains. One may keep snug and dry by such knowledge, but one misses a world of loveliness. Adeline Kapp.

The Atlanta Georgian admishes its readers to pity the man who cannot listen to a good joke. Well, the fellow who can't appreciate a real good joke is to be pitied but the fellow who has our sympathy is the one who has to sit and listen to a lot of stale chatter which is often padded off as an original funny saying.

Farmers in this section who have cut down their cotton acreage will doubtless be glad that they have done so. Contrary to the expectation of some few people, it is not believed that there will be any great price paid for the staple during the coming season. The war is of course the cause of this but the fact remains that the demand at present is not large and there are several million bales in storage which can be used. Ten cents a pound will be an excellent price for cotton, we believe, and the man who has not a large crop on hand is fortunate.

T. Peyton Brown, who is connected with the State Department of Vital Statistics arrived in New Bern last night, bringing along with him the cheering (?) information that this county is a regular joke with the men who are connected with the department with which he is connected on account of the fact that the number of deaths which are being registered just about double the number of births and that they know this to be incorrect. Mr. Brown says that the department has done everything within their power to get the doctors, undertakers and mid wives to attend to this matter and that many of them have failed. Now he has been sent here to begin prosecution and he is of the opinion that when he gets through his work will have had the desired effect.

Commenting upon the manner in which some of New Bern's merchants advertise their business, the Washington News says: "A person who had never been to New Bern, and who happened to pick up the papers issued in that city, would immediately arrive at the conclusion that Dunn's and Coplan's were the leading stores of that city. In nearly every case, a stranger judges the size of the store by the size of the advertising space it uses." New Bern merchants, and more especially the two mentioned above, have great faith in advertising and they will tell you that it is by advertising that their business has reached its present size and state of prosperity.

Not only in New Bern is there a movement on foot to get the citizens to pay their bills but in every city and town in the country such is being waged and it is having some effect. Merchants cannot continue to do business unless they can collect for the goods they sell and every time that a merchant is forced to close his doors, a community is the loser thereby. In behalf of the man who is thus imposed upon a subscriber of the Greensboro News writes that paper the following interesting letter:

"I would like to write a few lines for your paper and make a plea for the retail grocers of your city and other cities as well. I have noticed a good deal in your paper about compelling the grocers to keep clean and sanitary stores. I firmly believe that there would be no trouble about getting the merchants to comply with all the requests of the public if it returned to them the benefit of their bills, or if the people would deal for cash. There is so much said nowadays about the high cost of living and nearly everybody blames the retail grocers, when the blame really rests on the people. It is known that all business houses allow a discount for cash, that some

allow a greater discount if paid in 30 days. Now if a grocer can collect his bills so that he can take advantage of these discounts, it enables him to sell a little cheaper and the customers get the benefit of the smaller profits. But when the grocer has to wait anywhere from a month to a year for his money, he is not in a position to buy for cash. If you will investigate a little, you will find that a large majority of people will pay all their other bills before they pay their grocery bill. If they keep anybody waiting for their money, it is invariably the grocer. Another thing that operates against the retail grocer is the Larkin clubs, gotten up by the ladies in the community. People will order things from a distance, giving as their excuse, that their grocer does not handle it, when they have never given him a chance to handle it. They will order it, pay more for it in the long run, than they would have to pay him and pay it cash. Why don't they pay him cash, and give him a chance to cut his prices?"

"The wholesale houses and grain mills are today carrying the retail grocers for large amounts of money that they grocers would be able to pay if the people would only do without a few of their pleasures and pay their grocery bills and then deal for cash."

SHERIFF R. B. LANE HAS SETTLED UP

Breaks All Previous Records in Collecting Taxes

Sheriff R. B. Lane settled with the County Commissioners yesterday for the 1914 taxes. This is remarkably early for this settlement, in fact it was stated yesterday that this is the first time the settlement has been made before the first of November in more than twenty years. Sheriff Lane and his deputies have been hot on the trail of the delinquent tax payers for several months, and their efforts have been rewarded with the above results.

"THE POLLOCKVILLE-NEW BERN BASEBALL GAME"

We will tell you a story. Much to New Bern's shame they say, Between New Bern and Pollockville, On the afternoon of today. New Bern challenged Pollockville, Who never lets a good thing fall, To come down on July the 8th, And play a game of ball.

Pollockville went over there, And at four p. m., they say, Was promptly at the diamond, To engage into the play.

The play begun to run alright, Things were moving on all fair, And New Bern saw if thus it went, She would not in it share.

She then called change of Umpire, Thinking thus to win the fight, As by some clyke of ruling, Pollockville might not be treated right.

But Pollockville was quick to say, We will not permit this shame, For we come here to New Bern, To play an honest game.

They were sure surprised that New Bern, Would resort to such a thing, For the New Bern Boys at Pollockville, Were treated as grand as kings.

But about this little matter, We will not make a fuss, But hope New Bern will treat her future company Better than she did us.

Right here we say to New Bern, And we mean it not in fun, A prize is never valued, Unless honestly won.

W. G. Boyd returned last night from a business visit to Pollockville.

CASHIER OF BANK AT ORIENTAL BLOWS BRAINS OUT WITH A REVOLVER

J. Will Miller Ended His Life Yesterday Morning--Reason For Rash Act Unknown--His Accounts Believed To Be Straight.

Standing in front of a mirror in his bedroom, J. Will Miller, cashier of the Bank of Oriental, at Oriental, yesterday morning fired a bullet from a thirty-two calibre revolver into his head. The bullet tore a gaping hole and scattered his brains all over the dresser in front of which he stood.

Young, in the best of health and respected by everyone who knew him, Mr. Miller was, presumably, a man to be envied. A devoted wife and two children seemed to have made his cup of happiness complete, and his rash act is made all the more dreadful on this account.

According to what information could be secured in regard to the suicide, Mr. Miller awoke early in the morning, went out to the stable in the rear of his home and milked the cow, after which he spent some time in mowing the lawn. Completing this he went to his room where he found his wife and children. He told them to go down stairs and that he would follow them within a few minutes.

Little thinking that she would never see her husband alive again, Mrs. Miller obeyed his instructions. A few minutes later she heard the report of a revolver and a sound as if some heavy body had struck the floor. Quickly she rushed back up stairs and into the room she had quit there she saw Mr. Miller's lifeless body on the floor.

Was Premeditated The suicide was long premeditated in the belief of all. Mr. Miller never kept a revolver in the home until the latter part of last week when he carried one there from the bank and it is believed that at that time he had made up his mind to end his life.

Presumably there is no cause for the suicide. The affairs of the bank were looked into last March and were found to be in tip-top shape, and Mr. Miller was complimented upon the way that he was handling the business. If there is any shortage in the funds of the institution, the money has been taken since that time. State Bank Examiner Hubbard has been notified of the affair and requested to come to Oriental as quickly as possible and make an examination, and nothing definite will be known until this can be done.

In addition to being cashier of the bank, Mr. Miller was also a member of the Board of Commissioners of the town and held other positions of trust. His family is and has been for years one of the most prominent in the county and among the surviving members are four sisters, Miss Minnie Miller, of Oriental; Mrs. Mabel Gibbs, of Bayboro; Mrs. Garland Rice, of Maribel; and Mrs. Wallace Gaskins, of Stonewall. He has been cashier of the bank at Oriental for eight or nine years, before that time being connected with the National Bank of this city.

Hubbard in City State Bank Examiner Hubbard arrived in the city this morning from Raleigh accompanied by Fish Commissioner Gibbs of Oriental, who was in the capital city when news of the tragedy reached there. Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Gibbs will leave for Oriental at an early this morning on board of a motor car and the former will begin making an investigation of the bank's affairs as soon as possible after reaching there.

George H. Roberts of this city is the president of the bank of which Mr. Miller was the cashier. Mr. Roberts was in New York yesterday and was notified of the tragedy by wire. He is expected to arrive in the city today and will go to Oriental at once. W. W. Griffin, cashier of the National Bank of this city, went to Oriental yesterday to assist in handling the affairs of the bank.

Superintendent J. D. Stack of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, General Store Keeper J. E. Mahaney, Superintendent of Maintenance of Way John Dwyer and Secretary I. H. Smith, passed through the city last night enroute from Norfolk, Va., to Morehead City and Beaufort. They are giving out supplies where they are needed.

SWEDISH STEAMER GOES TO BOTTOM

Stockholm, July 14.—The Swedish schooner Daisy, from England, with coal, has been wrecked and sank off the Aland Islands, in the Baltic. The captain and four of the crew were drowned.

The concert given by the Peoples Concert Band last evening on the wharf at the foot of Pollock street was largely attended and was thoroughly enjoyed. These concerts are to be given every Wednesday evening during the remainder of the summer months and that the public will fully enjoy them as well as appreciate them, there is not the slightest doubt.

FEAR 2 BRITISH STEAMERS HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED

Cleared From New Orleans on July 8th for England

BOMBS ON BOARD

Unknown Man Writes Letters Telling of Placing Them

New Orleans, La., July 12.—Local Federal officials early today had heard nothing from the British steamships Howth Head and Baron Napier, which cleared here July 8 and sailed from Port Eads the following day, and which are supposed to have bombs aboard. The Baron Napier was believed to be well off Avonmouth, England, with a cargo consisting of 947 mules. The Howth Head cleared for Dublin and Belfast with a general cargo and was to put in at Norfolk for bunker coal. Theopoe reaching her was that wireless messages might be picked up by some coastwise steamer which would warn her officers of the supposed danger.

First Intimation The first intimation that the two steamers were supposed to have bombs aboard was contained in a letter received late Sunday by a local newspaper. The letter was written by a person who called himself "Pearce." The writer said that he had come to New Orleans with the intention of preventing as far as possible the shipment of mules and war munitions to the allies, and declared that neither of the vessels probably would be heard from again. He stated that he had enough dynamite to wreck the city.

Had Bombs Hans Halle, arrested here December 22 last, having in his possession at the time a bomb containing 40 pounds of dynamite, which he confided to the police he had prepared with the intention of consigning it to a French line steamship at New York, was re-arrested late last night and will be held as a dangerous and suspicious character until the Baron Napier and the Howth Head have been heard from; the police said Halle at the time of his previous arrest was held by the state authorities who endeavored to try him on a charge of having had in his possession an excessive quantity of high explosives. Attorneys for the state ascertained that no state law had been violated. Immediately after his release federal authorities re-arrested him on a charge of having conspired to ship explosives on an interstate carrier without properly marking the package containing the shipment. When the case recently went to trial in federal court he was acquitted.

With Holt Pearce declares in his letter that he was a co-worker with Erich Muentner, who recently shot and wounded J. Pierpont Morgan and who later killed himself. He asserted that it was Muentner who warned the passengers on the Lusitania not to take the voyage. Muentner, the letter said, personally appealed to Charles Frohman to cancel his passage. Muentner's object in going to Glen Cove, where Mr. Morgan was shot, was to do harm to Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador to the United States, the writer said. Sir Cecil was not injured, but Pearce declares that eventually he would finish the work planned by Muentner and that he would kill both Mr. Morgan and the ambassador.

FATAL SHOOTING SUNDAY AT AYDEN

Greenville, July 12.—When Jim Johnson, colored, made some slight remark about Ernest Braxton, also colored, near Ayden Sunday afternoon, he did not know that he was courting death. Such however was the case and when Braxton drew his revolver and emptied its contents into Johnson's body, that negro never breathed again. Braxton was captured and was brought to Greenville this afternoon and placed in jail for safe keeping until the next term of Pitt county Superior Court.

ARMED POSSES IN GREENE COUNTY HUNTING NEGRO

Seventy-Five Separate Parties Looking For Horace Busbee

Shot White Man Attempted to Kill Samuel Overby and Several Others

Greenville, July 12.—Seventy-five separate parties of Greene county men scoured every mile of road in the county Sunday night for Horace Busbee, a young negro, who on Saturday night shot down Samuel Overby, between 19 and 20 years of age, white, on a Snow Hill street. Some of the posse were yet out this morning.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas Our loving Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst one of our beloved sovereigns, Sister Rachel Hopewell.

Be It Resolved: First. That as members of Woodman Circle we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father realizing He doeth all things for our good to the Circle none that loved their church and trusted their Lord more than she. We will miss her from our counsels and in all of our efforts for the uplift of humanity.

MRS. N. M. FARROW MRS. C. H. BARROW MR. I. D. ABERNETHY

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FAVORS TICK ERADICATION

At Semi-Annual Meeting Last Night the Stock Law Discussed

SOME GOOD TALKS

Members Cite Instances Where the Law Has Proven of Worth

The stock law in all of its many advantageous phases was discussed at the semi-annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which was held last night and which interested in this subject was manifested by the large number of members who were in attendance.

MANY HOGS ARE BEING TREATED

County Farm Demonstrator Has His Hands Full

J. W. Sears, county farm demonstrator, has returned from a trip through the Eastern part of the county where he has been engaged for several days attending to the duties of his office.

TAR HEEL BOYS HAVE MADE GOOD

N. C. Naval Militia Gain Excellent Records on Their Cruise

Information received from Gardner's Bay, where the members of the North Carolina Naval Militia have been engaging in target practice on board of the U. S. S. Kerargie, is to the effect that the Tar Heel boys have made some excellent records and in fact have eclipsed all of their previous work.

The weekly weather forecast for the week beginning today in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States is as follows: The week will be one of generally fair and warm weather except that scattered thunder showers are probable.

State Bank Examiner Hubbard arrive at Oriental yesterday morning and took charge of the affairs of the Bank of Oriental, whose cashier, J. Will Miller, Monday morning committed suicide by firing a thirty-two calibre bullet into his brain. George H. Roberts, of this city, who is the president of the institution, was the only living person who knew the combination of the safe and as he is in New-York, it was necessary to get this from him by telegraph. Mr. Roberts wired the combination a short time after noon and Examiner Hubbard succeeded in opening the safe.

What He Found? What he found there is not known. Reports from Oriental last night stated that not a thing has been made public and, while rumors are as thick as leaves, nothing definite is known. Mr. Hubbard is allowing nothing to be taken from the bank building until a complete investigation can be made. Efforts were made to get the insurance policies of the suicide, but these proved of no avail.

A veil of mystery still surrounds the action of Mr. Miller in taking his life. His friends are staunch in their maintenance that his accounts with the bank will be found in first-class condition and in fact this seems to be the general impression among the citizens of that town. If such a found to be the case, the only cause that can be given will be that of personal troubles of which friends of the dead man knew nothing about.

Funeral Held The funeral services over the remains of the suicide were conducted from the home yesterday afternoon by Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of Christ Episcopal church of this city, and was largely attended. The interment was made in the cemetery at Oriental.

Mrs. Miller is said to be prostrated over the sad tragedy and her condition is serious.

In the first accounts of the suicide it was stated that at one time he was connected with the National Bank in this city. Such an impression was gained from the fact that before he went to Oriental to take charge of the bank there, he was in the local bank getting a few points and instructions for his work and was not connected with the institution in any way.

Was Despondent Several citizens of Oriental spent yesterday in New Bern and were asked to give their opinion of what motive Miller had in taking his life. None could or would answer this question, and each seemed as much in the dark as others interested in the case. It is known, however, that Mr. Miller had seemed despondent for several days prior to the day on which he blew out his brains and this had caused him to have a falling appetite and he had eaten but little, in fact, had taken no breakfast on Monday morning.

Definite News Today If there is a shortage in the funds of the bank, Examiner Hubbard will probably discover this today and will, possibly, make it known to the public if such proves to be the case.

WAREHOUSES TO OPEN ON AUG. 18

New Bern Tobacco Market to Open on That Date

The local tobacco market will open Wednesday, August the eighteenth, and it is expected that New Bern will be thronged with hundreds of farmers from all sections of this and adjoining counties. Both the Dill and Banner warehouses will be ready to receive the weed on this date. All of the principal tobacco companies throughout the country will have buyers on the market and the prices here are expected to equal that paid on any market in Eastern North Carolina. A. B. Baines, one of the proprietors of the Dill warehouse stated yesterday to a Journal reporter that all the companies who had buyers here last year would be represented again this season and some of them by the same man. He also stated that J. J. Gibbons, of Farmville, N. C., would be here and would auction the tobacco at his warehouse. He stated that Mr. Gibbons is experienced in this work in North Carolina and adjoining States and is thoroughly competent of getting very highest price for their tobacco.

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The gas freight boat Brooklyn was in port yesterday taking on a cargo of merchandise and lumber for Adams Creek.

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Misses Lena May and Hazel Taylor have returned from Hickory where they spent several weeks visiting friends.

M. B. Humphrey of Jacksonville spent yesterday in town.

John Pearce, of Pollockville, N. C., arrived in the city last night.