

REPORT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE CONDITION OF

### BANK OF MARTIN COUNTY

Williamston, N. C., at the close of business June 18, 1906.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	\$2,737.72	Capital stock	\$15,000.00
Overdrafts	4,175.98	Surplus fund	8,500.00
Stocks, bonds, etc.	1,000.00	Undivided profits, etc.	1,633.60
Furniture and fixtures	1,850.00	Dividends unpaid	9.00
Demand loans	2,077.14	Time deposits	30,686.46
Due from banks, etc.	9,587.80	Deposits sub. to C.R.	59,230.69
Silver coin, etc.	3,636.11		
	\$415,059.75		\$415,059.75

State of North Carolina—County of Martin.  
I, J. G. Godard, cashier of the Bank of Martin County, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
J. G. GODARD, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of June, 1906.  
W. H. GODDARD, Notary Public.

### TEXAS TROPICAL OYSTERS

A Bivalve That Can Be Eaten in the Summer Months.

The fact is not generally known, even in Texas, that the tropical oyster, which is entirely different in appearance and habits from the oysters found in the markets of this country, is successfully raised along the extreme Southern Gulf Coast of that State. F. W. Seabury, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, who has made a study of oysters for several years, says in regard to this tropical breed of oysters:

"The oyster which is grown in the vicinity of Point Isabel and along the Gulf coast as far as a short distance below Corpus Christi is a tropical bivalve and of wholly different species from the oysters along other portions of the Texas coast and Atlantic seaboard. The Point Isabel oyster is eaten during the Summer season, commencing about the 1st of May, the season lasting till about the 1st of September. This tropical oyster begins to spawn in September, which is just at the time the oysters north of here become fit for eating. The Point Isabel oyster spawns in Fall and Winter, and the Northern oyster, even those of Corpus Christi and Port Lavaca, spawn in Summer. The Point Isabel oyster can be eaten in any of the months not containing the letter 'r'. The reverse is true of other oysters."

"The fact that the Point Isabel oyster has a season entirely different from that of other oysters should make it in demand, and I look for a great industry to be built up in cultivating and shipping these bivalves. The Laguna Madre, where the Point Isabel oyster is grown, affords a splendid place for oyster beds. The lagoon is four or five miles wide, and the water is highly impregnated with salt, which insures the growth of good oysters. With direct railroad connection with the outside world there is no reason why an immense oyster shipping business should not be built up at Point Isabel."

"Of course the people would have to be educated into eating oysters during the hot months of Summer, but I believe that could easily be done. I know of my own knowledge that these oysters form a most palatable dish on the hottest days of Summer. I have eaten them many times, in Brownsville, these oysters are the principal food for many people all Summer long. There is a fine opportunity awaiting some enterprising person to plant oyster beds in the Laguna Madre, in the Point Isabel region. It will bring a big fortune to whoever undertakes it. These tropical oysters are far better than the other Texas oysters. They are smaller than the Corpus Christi, Port Lavaca or Galveston oysters, and more resemble the famous Blue Points. Oyster roasts have been a popular form of entertainment for a long time during the Summer months at Point Isabel."

The fish and oyster laws contain a provision exempting oysters from a certain point below Corpus Christi from the operation of that provision which prohibits their shipment and sale during the months which do not contain the letter 'r'. This exemption was placed on the bill through the effort of Mr. Seabury.

### WORLD'S GREAT BRIDGES.

Romans Were the First Great Builders of Stone Spans.

There is a great hope for the future development of bridges in that there seems to be a tendency among financiers more closely to consider the question of maintenance as related to original cost in large construction enterprises, and this will unquestionably induce them to build more largely of stone and brick than has been the case until this generation, says the Metropolitan Magazine.

In the construction of stone bridges the Romans were the first great builders. Bridge building was in fact one of the most interesting problems they had to solve. In architecture and construction they were indeed a most original and artistic people, too little appreciated and studied by modern Anglo-Saxons. They were the forerunners of our present construction. During their time the Greeks had not reached that measure of perfection now so much considered, and theirs was the culmination of the slow artistic development through the ages. The Romans, however, had presented to them untried problems to be solved which called for new methods of construction, and of these the bridge or aqueduct was one of the most interesting. They were practically the first people to use the principle of the arch and voussoir construction.

The use of the arch principle, while sometimes attributed to the Chinese, was practically unknown to the ancients of the western civilization until the Roman conquest. It has been contended that the idea of the arch principle was first evolved by the Etruscans; if this is true, it is indeed coming near to Rome.

Such wonderful bridges as the one built by Caesar Augustus at Rimini or the Pont du Gard, the great aqueduct situated about twenty miles from Nîmes, built across the River Gard and attributed to Agrippa; the bridge of St. Augustus at Rome started by Adrian, and many others too numerous to mention have scarcely ever been surpassed. There seems to have been a period between this time and the twelfth century when few bridges of importance were built, and it was between the years 1178 and 1188 that the famous bridge at St. Benezet at Avignon was built. Several other beautiful bridges soon followed, similar to it in construction. Then came the early Renaissance bridges, also too numerous to mention—the old Pont Neuf, being, perhaps, the finest in Paris; the famous bridge attributed to Ammannati, the architect, in the sixteenth century at Florence, also the largest stone bridge ever built in the world, with a span of 183 feet, and a rise of 80 feet over the Aller at Villars-Boncour, France, or the bridge at Chester over the Dee, 40 feet high, with 200 feet span.

### PRETEND TO OPERATE.

Pain Surgery Tried With Success in Some Cases of Hysterical.

According to a Detroit surgeon, there are many sane persons who, believing that they are threatened with some dangerous disease, insist on undergoing severe operations in order that their lives may be saved.

"We do not really perform these operations," he explains in the News-Tribune, "but I have assisted at many imaginary ones to gratify the whim of a patient suffering from some form of hysteria."

"We had a young girl here a year ago with a most obstinate attack of hysteria which took a very curious form. She would never lie down in her bed, but invariably sat bolt upright with her back against the foot rail, constantly turning her head from side to side like an automaton."

"I had watched her do this many times, and one day I asked her why she continued it, to which she replied that there was a string in her head which pulled it from side to side, and that until it was cut she would have no rest."

"This remark gave me an idea, and I asked if she would allow me to examine her head. She was perfectly willing, and after an inspection lasting twenty minutes, I gravely announced that she was quite right, and that the only cure was a slight operation in order to sever the string."

"She clasped her hands with delight like a child and declared that was what she had told several doctors, but that they had all laughed at her. Would I perform the operation at once? I thought it better, however, to defer doing so until the morning, after I had consulted the visiting surgeons."

"Having explained the circumstances, the imaginary operation was agreed upon, and the following morning the young woman was led into the operating table and anesthetics were administered. Part of her luxuriant hair was cut off and a portion of the back of the head two inches above the base of the neck was shaved smooth."

"Then, in order that there should be something to show for the imaginary operation, the scalp was lanced until the blood ran, leaving a cut about two and a half inches in length. This was bound but not strapped, and the patient was conveyed back to her bed, where she remained for forty minutes before returning to consciousness."

"Meantime I had taken a piece of an ordinary E violin string about four inches long and soaked it in water until it resembled a raw sinew, the object of this, of course, being to show the patient the actual string taken out of her head. When she returned to consciousness she was told how entirely successful the operation had been and shown the string which had been the cause of all her trouble, after which she fell into a natural sleep and awoke perfectly restored. From that day to this she has been entirely cured of her hallucination."

THE NORTH CAROLINA CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE CONDITION OF

### The Farmers and Merchants Bank

At Williamston, N. C., at the close of business June 18, 1906.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	\$1,296.61	Capital stock	\$ 25,000.00
Overdrafts	1,950.37	Surplus fund	300.00
Banking houses	3,408.33	Undivided profits, etc.	2,040.09
Furniture and fixtures	1,500.00	Notes and bills re-	
Due from banks	11,065.89	discounted	12,690.17
Cash items	299.82	Time certificates	27,901.85
Gold coin	487.50	Deposits sub. to C.R.	43,309.79
Silver coin, etc.	379.43		
Nat'l bank notes, etc.	1,148.00		
Total	\$111,241.90	Total	\$111,241.90

State of North Carolina—County of Martin.  
I, Frank F. Fagan, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
FRANK F. FAGAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of June, 1906.  
A. T. CRAWFORD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: W. H. Crawford, J. B. H. Knight, C. D. Carstarphen, Directors.  
DENNIS S. BIGGS, President. FRANK F. FAGAN, Cashier.

### Jamesville Items.

(Special to The Enterprise.)

Jamesville, N. C., Aug. 18.—Mrs. H. Y. Harris, of Durham, is visiting at the Ward Hotel.

Miss Maud Hopkins, of Williamston, is spending the week at Mr. J. C. Jordan's.

Rev. J. J. Hooper, of Wilson, was in town yesterday in the interest of his school, the Atlantic Christian College.

Miss Rena Jordan, assistant postmaster, returned Saturday from Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jackson leave today for Whiteville, N. C., where Mr. Jackson has a plantation in the lumber business.

Mrs. D. A. Moore and mother left Monday for Oak City to visit relatives.

Mr. D. J. Ward, of Knotts, spent a few days with his father, Mr. J. A. Ward, this week.

Mr. Theodore Mobley, of Thelery, is spending some time with his parents and enjoying his vacation.

Miss Dale, of Mount Olive, is the guest of Mrs. C. A. Spang this week.

Mr. D. W. Harrison returns from New Bern last night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Anderson of Williamston, were the guests of Mr. S. H. Spruill Sunday.

Mr. D. L. Stubble went to Henderson Sunday.

Owing to sickness of the teachers and many pupils, school will not start on August 20th, but will be delayed a few days. All pupils must be some extent vaccinated and immunized before entering the building.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Robt. Harrell, of Taylor, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Ella Stinson, of Kelvin Grove, is visiting in town.

Mr. J. H. Hutton is among the number now at Virginia Beach.

Miss Naugie Smith has returned from a visit to friends in Florida.

Mrs. W. H. Harrell returned home Tuesday afternoon after visiting relatives at Coatesville.

Mr. Simon Rutenberg returned Wednesday morning from a visit to his parents in Henderson.

Mr. A. T. Crawford left Monday for New York, where he will spend two or three weeks.

Mrs. Lella Newell left Monday for Baltimore, where she has gone for treatment in a hospital.

Mrs. E. K. Hodges and sister, Miss Eva Wolfe, have returned from Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Jim McCurdy and children, of Washington, D. C., arrived Thursday on a visit to relatives.

Misses Nora and Hannah Foy, of Henderson, returned Monday from a visit to friends in Whiteville.

Miss O. H. Hodge, of Whiteville, returned Monday for her home in Henderson.

Mr. Charlie Robertson, who has been visiting in Henderson, is expected to return to his home in Henderson.

Mr. L. L. McCall, of Greenville, is expected to return to his home in Greenville.

Mr. C. W. Hays, of Henderson, is expected to return to his home in Henderson.

### American and Scotch Songs.

The Americans have no love for Scotch songs. They cannot make head or tail of the language, and they are frank enough to confess it. In Chicago Watkins Mills was called upon by a band of Scotchmen to sing Hattings rollicking ditty, "The Marriage of Shon Maclean," but when the song was over the applause came exclusively from the men who demanded it. The other members of the audience looked blankly at the singer and wondered to gracious what on earth he had been "talking about." "What does he mean by 'every piper was full'?" asked a puzzled Chicagoan of one of the Scotchmen in the interval. "Full means 'full,'" was the reply. "Well," snapped the practical and unpretentious native of the pork country, "and what's the matter with the whole world anyhow?"

Watkins Mills tells, by the way, a very funny story in connection with this same song. As he sang it one night from the stage of a theatre in British Columbia, he was conscious all the while of a kind of suppressed commotion proceeding from a private box on his left, and whenever he turned his eyes in the direction of the whispered disturbance, he saw two faces expressing the very essence of astonishment. First the faces stared at him; then they stared at each other; then again at the singer—mingled, with the look of amazement was a decided suggestion of annoyance. One face was that of a pretty woman, the other that of a handsome man; and Watkins Mills noticed that the astonishment depicted in them grew deeper every time he sang the words "Shon Maclean." This was apparently all they recognized in the ditty—but why should those persons be more upset about his Scotch than any one else? When the concert was over the singer got an explanation of the mystery. The male occupier of the box, whose name was John Macklin, and who had that morning been secretly married to the lady with him, went round to Watkins Mills in the artists' room and wanted to know how he knew of their marriage and what right he had to shout about it in public.

### The Power of Attention.

The fact that the mind of man is easily distracted from any subject in contemplation accounts for the slowness of the development of the human mind, collectively. There are historical periods when general enlightenment seems to have advanced by leaps and bounds; but when one takes cognizance of the tens of thousands of years that man has been at play in the Kingdom of Creation, one is aware of the very gradual and deliberate character of human progress as a whole; and this deliberateness of growth, and the remains of ignorance and superstition even in minds regarded as educated, come largely from the inability of men to keep their thoughts employed steadfastly on the various objects and problems of matter, mind and life. The faculty of attention is strikingly lacking in the savage man; it increases as civilization increases, and is a large factor in the advance of civilization and of culture.

When the power of attention is exceptional in the individual, he is set apart from his fellows; he is a genius in the business world, or perhaps a poet, artist, inventor, discoverer, philosopher, reformer, statesman or conqueror. When the power of attention in a community has been stimulated by one attentive mind or by a group of attentive minds, the world passes through periods of great mental activity; great reforms take place; there is great material or intellectual advance; of these are revivals in letters and in the plastic arts.

The supreme object of the teacher is to cultivate attention in his or her charges. When a child has learned how to pay attention, he has learned how to study and to learn. "Object lessons" are favorite devices for fixing attention. According to the orthodox theologians, religion has been taught to mankind largely through object lessons, in the form sometimes of "progressive revelations;" and the system of symbols in all religions may be called simply devices for fixing the wandering attention of souls, for their sustenance and lasting benefit.

We see, year in and year out, the coming of a going of beliefs, customs; popular heroes or more popular sports; best sellers among books; sports, movements and fads of all kinds, which figure prominently only as long as they are able to claim the attention of large groups or of the entire community.

### WIDE TIRES—ROAD SAVERS.

The French, who have the longest experience of any people in modern times in road building, require wide tires. Other Europeans have, from observations, followed their example. American cities, working out their problems in their own way are making regulations along the same lines to preserve their pavements and save in taxes. State high departments make traction tests, and demonstrate mathematically the advantage of wide tires. Why, then, should there be any opposition to accepting this mass of testimony?

The world is full of people who give with the right hand and grab it back with the left.

"What is Japan doing?" asks an exchange. Whatever it is, Japan is doing it and not talking about it.

Justice Brewer insists that the national government is too powerful. Still it has not yet shown strength enough to get John D. Rockefeller on the witness stand.

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### Hamilton News.

(Special to The Enterprise.)

Hamilton, N. C., Aug. 18.—Hamilton was visited by a heavy rain on Tuesday. The season is now in the hands of the weather.

Miss Katie Gould is visiting Miss Bernice Lewis.

Mr. W. J. Sherrod, of Weldon, has been visiting in town here for the past week.

Mr. Joe Pender, who has been quite ill with typhoid fever, is to be slowly recovering.

Mrs. Ruth Stewarts, of Weldon, Salem, is visiting Mrs. Rusk in Hamilton.

Mrs. Effie Waldo left Monday morning after a visit to her parents.

An expedition to the State Farm half extension and half picnic, on for Tuesday. The steamer leaves at 7 a. m.

Messrs. Will Rhodes, and Starbury Salisbury and Miss Lizzie Salisbury will spend the representative of Hamilton at Virginia Beach Tuesday.

Messrs. Justus Everett and S. A. Newell, of Williamston, were in Hamilton Saturday.

There are many friends of Mr. C. D. Carstarphen in this section of the county who would be glad to see him nominated for treasurer.

Will Meet Saturday.

The third quarterly conference of the Methodist church for the Williamston circuit will be held at Williamston (Saturday) at 11 o'clock.

Messrs. Dr. G. F. Smith will preside, and it is expected that every steward will be present and make a good report.

### Endorses Mr. Peel.

To the Voters of Martin County:

This is to certify that I have known Mr. Epriam Peel for several years, and think he is all right. I know nothing of my own knowledge against him that would mar his efficiency as an officer.

Believing as I do that the success of the party depends on a new ticket, I endorse Mr. Peel as a suitable candidate for clerk of the Superior court of Martin county.

A VOTER.

### That will be about all from you my children. Bless you. Skidoo!

The Car.

Pittsburg's \$60,000 theft has dwindled to about \$6 worth, but there is no depreciation in the divorce cases.

### Notice.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Martin County, in a special proceeding entitled Van Williams, J. W. Watts and B. D. Williams vs. J. T. Ewell and wife Annie, G. L. Barnhill and B. D. Barnhill, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door of Martin County on Monday, September 3rd, 1906, the following described tract of land; one lot in the town of Williamston, N. C., situated on Main Street adjoining the lands of C. D. Carstarphen, Dennis S. Biggs, Wheeler Martin and The Martin Live Stock Co., and known as the "Van Williams lot."

BURROUS A. CRITCHER, Com.

### Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Salvis Knight, deceased, late of Martin County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the first day of August, 1907, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

S. A. NEWELL, Administrator.

This July 25, 1906.

### Statement of the Condition of

## BANK OF ROBERSONVILLE

At the close of business Saturday, June 30, 1906.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	\$37,746.64	Capital stock	\$15,000.00
Overdrafts	911.48	Surplus and undivided profits	3,987.25
Real Estate, F. and fixtures	3,480.00	Bills rediscounted	6,000.00
Due from banks and bankers	13,388.15	Deposits	35,793.39
Cash items	5,164.17		
	\$60,690.64		\$60,690.64

W. L. SHERRILL, Pres. J. C. ROBERTSON, Cashier.  
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### Notice.

North Carolina, Martin County.  
Van Williams, J. W. Watts and B. D. Williams, vs. J. T. Ewell and wife Annie, G. L. Barnhill and B. D. Barnhill.

The defendant G. L. Barnhill, above named, will take notice that action as above named has been commenced in the superior court of Martin County before the clerk to sell for partition a certain lot of land situated in the town of Williamston, N. C., and more particularly described as follows: One certain lot of land in the town of Williamston, N. C., bounded on the north by C. D. Carstarphen's land, on the South by Main Street on the east by the Martin Live Stock Co.'s land and on west by Dennis S. Biggs' and Wheeler Martin's lot and known as the "Van Williams lot," and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court of Martin County, in Williamston, N. C., on the 16th day of July 1906, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

J. A. HOBBS, C. S. C.  
BURROUS A. CRITCHER, Att'y. 6-23-06