

## CONNOR EXPUNGES CARTER'S RECORD

Passage Reflecting on Solicitor Abernethy Stricken Out and Fine May be Remitted.

Newbern, June 3 (Special wire to The Advance)— Judge Connor announced today that he would order all court records relating to the Carter-Abernethy controversy expunged with the exception of those relating to what happened on Monday. It was on Monday that Solicitor Abernethy was adjudged in contempt by Judge Carter and fined fifty dollars. This phase of the controversy, Judge Connor said, he would take under further consideration before announcing his decision.

The opening scene of the last act of the famous Judge Carter Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy contempt case occurred here Monday when after the case of the state vs. Baugham, a young white man of Washington and charged with manslaughter had been thrown out of the court by Judge George W. Connor on account of the fact that the 'slaughter' was purely an accident. Solicitor Abernethy entered a motion through his counsel for the expunging of the records made on the Superior court records by Judge Carter and which reflected upon his official and personal character. Judge Connor did not take action just at that time but announced that he would act today. The general opinion was that the records would be stricken off.

James Baugham, it will be remembered, in company with several friends, was the driver of the automobile which it was claimed caused the death of James Ringold near this city a few months ago, and who later, at the suggestion of the dead man's son, was arrested and charged with manslaughter. The case was continued several times and it was this which caused Judge Carter to "go up in the air" when he came here to hold court. Today Ringold sent a note to the solicitor stating that he felt that the affair was an accident and wished to withdraw his prosecution. R. A. Nunn, counsel for prosecution, also withdrew from the case, but the Solicitor went ahead and did his part of the work. However, Judge Connor held that there was not enough evidence to send it to the jury.

### DR. BLACKWELL HERE

Dr. C. S. Blackwell will preach at the First Baptist church next Sunday at both morning and evening services, supplying in the absence of the pastor, Dr. B. C. Henning.

### HIGH PRICE FOR BLUES

Mr. E. Homan of this city received news from one of New York's commission men this week that the first consignment of huckleberries for the season reached that market from Clinton, N. C., establishing a new early record for this crop and bringing the shipper, A. W. Aman of Clinton, thirty cents a quart.

### A MAN AND A MULE

Olds, N. C., May 31st— This afternoon a prominent citizen of this community, W. C. Simmons, by name, had his little yellow mule out in front of Mr. R. L. Newbern's store and was trying to make him face an auto. The mule was otherwise inclined, however, and suddenly turning short off he landed his owner twenty feet from the cart without giving notice of his intentions. Simmons barely escaped serious injury and is now suffering with a badly fractured right knee, all on account of his overpowering desire to "show off".

### NORTH EASTER ON WEDNESDAY

One of the most long drawn out storms ever seen here struck Elizabeth City, Wednesday in the shape of a North East gale. The gale came in the midst of three days of rain and business Wednesday was practically at a standstill. It was still dull all day yesterday, the rain and some wind continuing until the late evening. The streets were littered with broken limbs from the trees but no damage to property has been reported. It is feared, however, that news of damage to shipping interests is yet to come in.

### DR. HENNING TO RICHMOND

Dr. B. C. Henning, pastor of the First Baptist Church left yesterday for Richmond. He will deliver the commencement address before the students of the two Baptist colleges of that city, Richmond College for young men, and Westhampton College for young women.

### SENIOR PLAY A SUCCESS.

The Senior Class play, "A Little Cinderella" attracted a good crowd at the High School auditorium last night in spite of the downpour of rain. The play was distinctly a success, and the acting of the star, Miss Margaret Harris, and of the other principal players, Misses Pappendick, Hinton and Winslow. Messrs Chesson, White and Spivey, received a special measure of favorable comment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wright of Shiloh were in the city Friday.

Crowder Meads of Weckville spent Friday in the city.



MRS. PICKETT AND HER FAMILY.

Mrs. Pickett's grandson, George E. Pickett 3d; her mother, Mrs. Corbell; her son, Major George E. Pickett, U. S. A.; Mrs. Pickett and her grandson, Christiany Pickett. This picture was taken in 1908.

### Colangelo's Italian Band Coming to Chautauqua



BANJO-MANDOLIN SECTION, COLANGELO'S BAND.

Colangelo's famous Italian Band will be one of the big attractions on our Chautauqua program, giving two concerts, one in the afternoon and one at night, on the fourth day.

The band also has an orchestra section, which appears in special costumes, and also is accompanied by two vocalists, a soprano and a tenor. The organization is headed by Signor Luigi Colangelo, one of the most successful young music conductors now touring America. A cornet trio will be a feature.

### MR. WELLS MOTHER DEAD.

Mr. John L. Wells was called to Farmville Tuesday by a telegram announcing the very grave illness of his mother at her home at that place.

A telegram was received here yesterday stating that his mother died yesterday morning. The John L. Wells Print Shop was closed immediately after the receipt of the telegram as a tribute of respect. The sympathy of many friends throughout the city is extended Mr. Wells in his bereavment.

### CUT PRICES FOR TWO DAYS

The popular Hinton Building Grocery, Parker Brothers, not to be outdone by the merchants who supply the needs of dress for the men and women of the city and country, are advertising cut prices on "everything to eat" for today and tomorrow. While mankind needs little inducement to be persuaded to eat, and especially to eat "good eats", this advertisement offers an inducement that is genuine to all good housekeepers to supply their pantry shelves during the two days in which this cut price rate is valid.

### "THE CHILD BRIDE OF THE CONFEDERACY."

General George E. Pickett and Mrs. LaSalle Cobell were married in old St. Paul's Church in Petersburg, Va., Sept. 15, 1862, while the bells rang out the chimes that still make music from that old belfry and are yet known as "Pickett's Chimes." In the throng which crowded the church and extended to the sidewalk were hundreds whose mourning garb attested to the



### SOCIAL AT MANTEO

Manteo, June 2—Miss Nannie Jones entertained last Monday evening in honor of Miss Belle Poole of Raleigh. Belle Poole of Raleigh, who is spending the week with her. After a series of games refreshments were served. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Jones were, Mesdames Clara S. Bader, W. R. Gray, Ada Lyons, Misses Belle Poole of Raleigh, Mabel Jones, Bessie Griffin, Annie Jones, Florence Gray, Eunice McCay, Lillian Midgett, Jennetta Midgett, Laura Midgett, Letitia Midgett, Annie Stegar of Elizabeth City, Messrs. Claude Etheridge, Louis Midgett, Leith Fearing, E. W. Joyner, and N. B. Cannady of Buffalo City.

Miss Hattie Creel left Tuesday morning for Elizabeth City and Norfolk.

Miss Hattie Forbes entertained her friends at Rook last Tuesday evening from eight to ten thirty o'clock.

### LIVE WIRE INJURES DAWSON

J. W. Dawson, an electrician while working on the elevator at the Southern Hotel during the storm Wednesday, in some way got in contact with a live wire and sustained a severe electrical shock which for a few minutes rendered him insensible. Mr. Dawson sustained no more permanent injury than a burnt thumb.

### WILL TWIDDY DEAD

Will Twiddy, probably about forty or forty five years old, died Wednesday at his home on Parsonage Street. The funeral service was conducted yesterday at the home by Rev. L. N. Loftin and the interment followed in Hollywood cemetery.

Twiddy was in bad health when he came to Elizabeth City some time last year. On Sunday he was stricken with some sort of paralytic stroke and this resulted in his death. He is survived by a wife and four small children. He is from Tyrrel county.

### COMMENCEMENT COMES TO CLOSE.

A large crowd attended the graduating exercises of the High School last night and listening with interest to the literary address delivered by Dr. B. C. Henning.

The commencement exercises of the grammar department of the Elizabeth City Graded Schools will be held this morning beginning at ten o'clock in the auditorium of the High School building.

Rev. C. A. Ashby will conduct the devotional exercises. The salutatory will be delivered by Miss Janie Mercer. I. M. Meekins will present the diplomas.

## DARE LIBEL CASE WAS DISMISSED

Upon Statement By Defendants That no Reflection on Board Education Was Intended.

A case of interest in Dare County growing out of the fight against the bond issue for the high school building was settled before Judge Wheelbee last week. The news of its outcome, however, did not reach the paper until yesterday.

The case was an action for libel against J. E. Midgett and W. S. Bailey. Some time ago letters were circulated in Dare county over the signatures of these two men which gave voters in Dare County generally the idea that many of the schools of the county had been deprived of their funds by the Board of Education which, it was insinuated, had used money rightly belonging to the public schools in the erection of the Manteo High School building.

Whether the letters intended to convey this impression or not this is the idea that many of the people to whom they were sent got from them and considerable feeling was engendered over the matter.

Bailey is a sort of lawyer having been granted license to practice by the state several years ago, but had not exercised his prerogative until he went to Dare county. The fact that he was believed to have had legal training added weight to his opinion in the eyes of the Dare County folk. The Board of Education, however, consisting of B. G. Crisp, R. C. Evans, S. A. Griffin, and T. J. Fulcher were prepared to refute such charges and instituted action for libel against Midgett and Bailey.

During the progress of the case when it came on for hearing the defendants through their attorney stated that in mailing the alleged libellous letters they did not intend to charge B. G. Crisp, Supt. of Public Instruction of Dare County and R. C. Evans, S. A. Griffin, and T. J. Fulcher, Board of Education of Dare County with misappropriation or misapplication of any funds entrusted to their keeping or control but made said statements solely for the purpose of having an investigation of said funds; that if said letters could in any way be construed as reflecting upon the official and personal standing, character or reputation of said Board of Education or Supt. of Public Instruction, the defendants retracted same and disavowed any such intention on their part.

The Court from these statements and from other facts presented, found that there had been no personal or official misconduct on the part of the defendants.

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