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To The Public.

Having purchased the interests of F. N. Hahn in his business, I beg to announce that I have again resumed the business of the Sale & Exchange of News, Maps, Buggies, Wagons, Harness, etc., at the same old stand, Middle Street, and will be pleased to meet my old friends and prepared to serve all customers in my line.

Very Respectfully,
WALTER HARR.

Change of Firm

W. A. McDaniel has sold his interest in the firm of McDaniel and Williams, and retains, J. L. Conroy, successor, the new firm name being Williams and Conroy, who will continue the business of the same stand on Ocean Street.

WILLIAMS & CONROY,
J. L. CONROY,
February 15, 1904.

A & N C LEASE.

Great Interest on New Proposition Made.

More New Free Rural Libraries. Women Pardoned by Governor. Convict Escapes From State Farm. Murderer Asks For Pardon.

Raleigh, February 16.—There is some interest in the new proposition to lease the Atlantic and North Carolina railway for 99 years. All sorts of rumors as to what this proposition is are current, one being that it includes an extension of the road to Sanford. Governor Aycock says this is not the fact, but that the extension which is proposed is that which was referred to a few days ago, namely from New Bern to Norfolk via Edenton.

Late this afternoon McBea had another talk with Governor Aycock, and afterwards gave out terms of his proposition. This is to lease for 99 years at \$4 per cent for 1st ten, 3 for the second ten 4 for third, 5 for fourth, 5 for fifth, 7 for remaining 49 years on entire stock. He also agrees to build road 85 miles from New Bern to Washington and, one from Plymouth to Edenton, fifteen miles, connecting at Edenton with the Norfolk and Southern, in four years. Norfolk & Southern now own road between Washington and Plymouth. The road to Washington from New Bern is to be completed in 8 months, and if state will furnish 100 convicts at usual price. McBea says Vanderbilts are not backing him in this matter.

H. L. Finlayson of Goldsboro and his associates who hold charter of Atlantic Railway Company which tried to lease A & N C Railway but failed will make another offer. He called on the Governor this afternoon and discussed this matter. He will not yet make public his offer. Your correspondent begins to think a lease may be made and any prospective bidders had best lose no time in sending in their bids.

The Governor says he cannot as yet say what are the possibilities of the acceptance of the proposition, the matter being up now. He repeats his statement that this is much the best offer yet made, but added: "You know when a good offer comes we feel like the man who planted 9 ct. cotton and when the price went to 12c, wanted 12c. We evidently have a good thing in this road, and naturally we take the value which other people put upon it. There are as yet no advices of another proposition: It was stated by a private citizen that the bidders, who he says are backed by Philadelphia capital, contemplate a connection at Sanford, and that it was this plan of connection which pleased the governor. But as above stated, no such plan is contained in the proposition. Another gentleman said that he called on the "dead heads", along the line are fighting his lease. In his opinion this proposition stands the chance of going through. The proposition was submitted to the governor by ex-judge James B. Shepherd, who remarked today that the private stockholders favor a lease because they want the stock to advance. He thought that the State has no business owning railways. The governor invited President Bryan and a number of other gentlemen to meet him here for a conference as to the lease. He says there is a difference of opinion on this subject between the stockholders, who hold private stocks, some favoring a lease opposing, and there is also a difference of view among the directors on the part of the State.

State superintendent Joyner is informed by the county superintendents of Wayne that 50 free libraries at rural schools are now in use, 17 having been established during the present school term. There are 70 white schools in the county, and before next year he says he expects to have these libraries at all of them.

The governor today pardoned Minnie Stockland, who in March 1896 was sentenced to the penitentiary for 30 years for murdering her daughter, Laura Bell, having been sentenced ten years, for the same crime, which was committed in Surry county. Her daughter's term has expired. Both mother and daughter behaved excellently while in prison, being in fact model prisoners. Mrs. Stockland is very old and it was thought advisable to let her go out of prison with her daughter.

Charles McNeill, colored, from Currier county, escaped from the State farm Saturday. He was serving a four years term for larceny.

In the remarkable work of publishing the Bulletin from Washington, after the great fire, three North Carolina papers, those being John White Journal, formerly of Raleigh; Frank Farmer, formerly of Winston; and John C. Lewis Journal of Raleigh. They stayed in the office until the building was so fire that they had to leave the office, where a special train was waiting and they took the train, and left the city and reached home in Baltimore before daylight.

In the Supreme court today there was a meeting by request of Alfred Davidson, the plaintiff in the case of Davidson vs. State, for a writ of habeas corpus. The case was argued by the plaintiff's counsel, J. O. Baxter, and by the State's counsel, J. L. Conroy.

OFFICIAL REPORT

Naval Losses on Both Sides To Date.

ALEXIEFF RETREATS.

Japanese Advance into Manchuria. Russians Lose Many Men by Cold. The Railroad Mined Troops at Niu Chwang.

Special to Journal.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—An official dispatch received here from Port Arthur admits that the Japanese have invaded Manchuria.

Tien Tsin; Feb. 16.—Two thousand Russians occupied Niu Chwang today and a delay report by courier says Viceroy Alexieff retreated from the scene of the hostilities at Mukdan, and met the troops at Niu Chwang.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—The Mikado has declared the empire to be under martial law. A fleet of Japanese cruisers has been sent to the Pacific ocean to watch for a vessel said to be carrying provisions from America to the Russians.

London, Feb. 16.—One thousand refugees have left Vladivostok by the Hamburg-American Steamship Satalya for Japanese and Chinese ports.

Choo Foo, February 16.—After a fierce battle and suffering severe losses the Japanese army has made further gains in Manchuria, and is moving southward towards Port Arthur.

Berlin, February 16.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says the temperature through out Siberia is fifty degrees below zero and also in upper Manchuria. The Russian forces in marching across the ice on Lake Balkal suffered a loss of 600 men who were frozen to death. They were short on provisions.

New York, February 16.—O. Blain of the Imperial Chinese custom service arrived in this city today. He says that the whole Manchuria railway system, from Port Arthur to Lake Balkal has been mined and can be blown up by the Japanese.

Supreme Court Opinions.

Special to Journal.
Raleigh, February 16.—The following opinions were handed down by the Supreme Court today:
Mackin vs N. & S. Railroad, new trial.
State vs. Butts, from Halifax, appeal dismissed.
Dickens vs. Perkins, from Halifax, new trial.
Check vs. Lumber Co., from Halifax, affirmed.
Sunnett vs. Early, from Hertford, reversed.
Fidelity Co. vs. Jordan, from Hertford, affirmed.
Chase vs. Ashberry, from Hertford, affirmed.
Mahoney vs. Tyler, from Bertie, plaintiff's appeal dismissed and dismissed on the merits.
The court granted a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Alfred Davidson, returnable next week and the writ of the court.

In the Supreme Court today the following cases were argued from the third district:
State vs. Green, by attorney general for the State, D. L. Ward, for defendant.
State vs. Daniels, Attorney General and A. D. Ward for State, J. O. L. Harris, for defendant on motion for Quittors.
State vs. Edwards, Attorney General for State, W. D. McNeil for defendant.
Williams vs. Smith, W. O. Whitehead for plaintiff, D. L. Ward for defendant.

Casey vs. Stewart, McNeil and D. L. Ward for plaintiff, O. B. Conroy for defendant.
David vs. Railroad, by McNeil and D. L. Ward for plaintiff, J. J. Conroy and Williams and Ward for defendant.
Mullins vs. Insurance, by Williams and Ward for plaintiff.
Mason vs. Clark, by Jones and Harris for plaintiff, J. O. L. Harris for defendant.

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Publication of Summons

NORTH CAROLINA. In the Craven County Superior Court.
John Dixon
vs
Melissa A. Dixon.
To Melissa Dixon.

TAKE NOTICE.
That an action entitled as above has been commenced in this Court by plaintiff to recover from you the title to certain lots of land in the City of New Bern, State of North Carolina fully described in the Complaint filed in this action, and to declare you a Trustee for plaintiff in relation thereto, upon the grounds that such lots was purchased by you with money of plaintiff and the title thereto taken in your name.—You are therefore notified to be and appear before the Superior Court of Craven county to be held in the Court House of said County in the City of New Bern, State of North Carolina, on the 9th Monday after the first Monday in March, to be the 9th day of May 1904, to answer the Complaint in said action which will be filed during or before the first three days of said term, and answer or otherwise plead thereto as you may be advised, or the relief demanded therein will be granted.
This Feb. 16th 1904.
W. M. WATSON,
C. S. C.

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This Feb. 16th, 1904.
W. M. WATSON,
Clerk of Superior Court of Craven County.

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