

COME TO THE NEW BERN FAIR--Oct. 29--Nov. 1

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THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

JURY FOUND EDWARDS GUILTY

Sensational Shooting Scrape Between Prominent Men at Vanceboro Finally Settled.

JURY OUT A SHORT TIME

Edwards Must Pay Fine of Two Hundred Dollars and Costs of the Case

At the opening of yesterday's session of Craven county Superior Court the case of the State vs. J. F. Edwards, of Vanceboro, charged with shooting Mr. B. R. Warren at that place several weeks ago, was taken up. This case has attracted much attention all over this section, owing to the fact that the principals in the affair are both well known and the court room was filled with spectators interested in the proceedings.

The defendant was ably represented by Messrs. A. D. Ward and R. B. Nixon, while the firm of Moore & Dunn assisted solicitor Abernthy in the prosecution. The hearing of evidence began without delay and continued through a part of the afternoon session. A large number of witnesses were placed on the stand by both sides and the case was stubbornly fought. At the conclusion of the taking of evidence the arguments were begun and this consumed about two hours. In his charge to the jury Judge Cline told them not to be prejudiced by the defendant's physical condition or any ill will that the two principals bore toward each other but to render their verdict according to the evidence they heard. The case was given to them shortly after 6 o'clock and they retired to their room. After being out only a short while they returned with a verdict of guilty.

The sentence passed upon Mr. Edwards was that he pay a fine of \$200.00 and the cost of the case. He gave bond for his appearance in court next Thursday and will pay the fine and cost at that time.

TO DRAIN GEORGE STREET.

During rainy weather that section of street near the corner of George and Cypress is invariably in bad condition, owing to poor drainage. At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen this matter was taken up by Alderman Disoway and upon his recommendation Mr. R. R. Eagle, civil engineer, was ordered to investigate and see what could be done toward remedying this condition. He will inspect this street and make surveys and report his findings to the Board at their next meeting and if he finds that the street can be properly drained the work will be taken up at once.

Persons who saw the westbound train coming up to the Union station yesterday afternoon doubtless thought that one of the coaches was on fire. Dense clouds of smoke and flames were surging upward from a hot box on the rear car and it really did have a terrifying appearance to those who saw it from a distance. Despite the fact that an extra car loaded with fish was attached, the train came in exactly on time. Upon its arrival here the defect was remedied.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

New Bern Furniture Co.—Don't wait for cold weather. Page 6.
J. S. Basnight Hardware Co.—Showing reasonable specialties, page 6.
S. Coplon & Son—Fall Dress Goods Display, page 8.
Hill Tailoring Co.—As well be out of the world as out of fashion. Page 8.
M. E. Whitehurst & Co.—Perfect oil heaters, page 8.
Peoples Bank—Your name on a check gives you standing, page 6.
Standard Shoe Co.—Crossett shoe makes life's walk easy, page 2.
City Clerk F. T. Patterson—Proposals for power plant building, page 8.
Barrus & Co.—Vetch, the finest winter forage, page 6.
New Bern Banking and Trust Co.—Wabbone or backbone? page 5.
W. W. Kimball Co.—A great exhibit, page 6.
D. F. Jarvis—Invitation to inspect winter stock, page 8.
J. M. Mitchell & Co.—Fashion's decrees, page 8.
E. B. Hackburn—Cape Cod Cranberries.
Wootten Studio—Baby Day, page 8.

THIEF DRAWS HEAVY SENTENCE

Two Years in Jail for Young White Man, a Stranger, Who Stole Watch.

ASKS COURT FOR MERCY

Sentence Imposed on Several Other Criminals, Convicted of Various Offenses.

R. H. Bryce, the young white man who was on Friday found guilty in the Superior Court of the larceny of about \$45.00 and a watch, was yesterday sentenced to a term of 2 years in the Craven county jail. Bryce made a pitiful plea to the court, asking its mercy and stating that he had a wife and two small children at Hamlet, N. C., who were dependent upon him for support, but Judge Cline did not see fit to grant him clemency.

A sentence was imposed in a number of other cases in which the verdicts had been brought in during the week.

Henry Jones, found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was given a sentence of 60 days on the county roads.

William Crawford, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, sentenced in two cases to a term of 30 days on the county roads.

John Whitfield found guilty of an assault was fined \$10 and the costs of the case.

Owing to the fact that the court was unable to reach them this term several of the smaller cases on the docket were continued until next term. Monday morning the civil docket will be taken up.

LIGHT UP DURING FAIR.

The appearance of the streets of New Bern during the week of the big Eastern Carolina Fair will doubtless rival that of the Centennial celebration held two years ago. The Board of Aldermen have already agreed to light the streets with the many electric arches used at that time and which still remain and it is now up to the merchants and others to see that their buildings are decorated for the occasion. Many of the business firms already have yards of flags and bunting on hand and will cost them but a small amount to have these placed on their buildings. Those who do not own these can purchase them for a nominal price. The people of New Bern always come to the front in grand style on an occasion like this and it is safe to say that visitors here during the Fair will find the entire city properly decorated for the occasion.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Today is members day at Centenary Methodist Church and it is the desire of Rev. Hurley that every Methodist in the city be present if possible. Rain or shine, special services will be conducted and those who do not attend will miss a rare treat.

Christ Episcopal Church—Sunday, October 6, 1912. Morning service, Sermon and Communion, 11 a. m. Evening service and sermon 7:30. Sunday school, 4:30 p. m.

Religious services conducted at the Free Will Baptist Church on Fleet Street, Sunday a. m. 11 o'clock by Rev. C. O. Armstrong. Subject of sermon, "The Word and Power." Evening service at 7:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. W. W. Lewis. Communion services immediately after the sermon. Sunday school at 3 o'clock, J. G. Brinson, Supt. Public cordially invited to attend these services.

Church of Christ, Hancock street, Sunday, October 6th—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible school 3:10 p. m., M. W. Fodrie, Supt.

First Baptist Church, Middle Street—Services as usual with sermons by the pastor. In the morning he will commence a series of sermons upon the "Lord's Prayer." The sermon will be from the words: "Our Father." You should not miss one of these sermons.

At night Dr. Carter will give his popular lecture to young people, entitled: "James A. Garfield, the scholar, statesman, patriot, Christian and martyr." All are invited, but a special invitation is extended to all young people, as the lecture is for them. Come and bring your friends. Begins at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sunday services 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Subject—Unreality. Jer. 3:23. Sunday School 12 m. Wednesday evening testimony service at 8 o'clock. Reading room open daily from 3 to 5 p. m. All are cordially welcomed.



"THEY Are Good Enough For Me."
(With Acknowledgments to Davenport)

—From the New York World, Sept. 15, 1912.

JUDGE CLINE SETS FIRST DEGREE MURDER ASIDE

Test Hill and Charles Moore, Colored, Escape Electric Chair by Narrow Margin.

MUST SERVE TWENTY YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

The Two Negroes Who Killed Mr. Leon Johnson at Dover Several Weeks Ago by Cutting His Throat. Story of the Crime.

With their death warrant lying before him and only awaiting his signature to become official, Judge Cline last night set aside the verdict of murder in the first degree brought in by the jury in the case of the State vs. Test Hill and Charles Moore charged with killing Mr. Leon Johnson at Dover several weeks ago, and allowed the prisoners to submit to a verdict of murder in the second degree, sentencing them each to a term of 20 years at hard labor in the State prison.

Judge Cline stated that this case had caused him much anxiety. That ever since the jury had returned a verdict he had been deliberating whether or not to send the two men to the death chair. He said that he believed that they had killed Mr. Johnson but there was great doubt in his mind that the murder had been premeditated. He said that as the evidence was given to the jury they could not have consistently brought in a different verdict and that in setting aside their decision he did not wish to reflect any discredit upon them.

Counsel for the prisoners asked that the sentence of Hill, who is a mere boy,

be made lighter, that in their belief he was only an accomplice in the murder. However, the judge failed to see the matter in this light and gave them the same sentence.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

On September 1 the body of Mr. Leon Johnson was found lying on a road near Dover with his throat horribly slashed and the jugular vein severed. The ghastly discovery was made by two colored men and they hastened to town and informed the authorities of their discovery. An investigation and search was made and Test Hill and Charles Moore were found hiding beneath a church near the scene of the murder. Both of these men showed evidences of having been in an encounter and they were placed under arrest charged with killing Mr. Johnson. From the first they stoutly denied having seen the murdered man, stating that they had been in a fight with another white man and he had cut them. On the following day they were brought to New Bern and placed in the county jail for safe keeping until their trial.

EXHIBIT OF KIMBALL PIANOS.

A representative of the Journal yesterday had the pleasure of being shown through the most interesting exhibit of the Kimball Piano Company, of Chicago, now being made in one of the stores in the Stewart building on Middle street, by experts from the factory who thoroughly understand and talk most interestingly of their work. The exhibit is a revelation to anyone, especially as to the manner in which these high grade pianos are manufactured and the great care with which the material is selected.

The demonstration, of course, is for advertising purposes, this greatest of all manufacturers of pianos and organs believing that it is the part of wisdom to acquaint prospective purchasers with just what they are buying when they put their money into such an investment.

It is of interest to know that the Kimball Piano Company is the largest manufacturer of pianos and organs in the world, their output annually being twice that of any other plant in the world. The plant in Chicago covers 96 acres of floor space and employs 3,500 people, 500 of whom are girls who do the delicate work that goes to

perfect the tone. The capital is \$8,000,000, three times that of any similar concern and their fame extends the world over. More people in grand opera today are using the Kimball piano than other and the company has been the recipient of many awards of prizes at world's fairs. Since the establishment of the factory in 1887, more than 300,000 pianos have been sold, not to mention the large number of organs from the ordinary to the highest priced instruments.

In the demonstration, which is of great value to any one contemplating the purchase of a piano, is shown the material used and the manner in which it is prepared and assembled. It was surprising to learn that the strain on the frame from the taut strings is equal to 17 1-2 tons, when tuned to international tune and about 18 tons when tuned to concert. This necessitates being constructed strongly and makes the piano necessarily heavy. Other parts are constructed with the same care.

This exhibit will continue for several days and a cordial invitation is extended the people of New Bern to attend.

All the straw votes show that the wind blows toward Simmons.

PURSE NETTERS ARE FIRED UPON

Bullets Fly, But No One Was Injured, Though Badly Scared. Boats Leave However.

ASSAILANTS WERE ON SHORE

Similar Incidents Have Occurred In The Past, Many a Time and Oft.

News has been received in this city from Swansboro of an attack Thursday afternoon on fishing craft at Bogue Banks, near New River. The schooners George D. Balster, Captain Parkins and Charles S. Wallace, Captain Bonner Willis, were fired upon. No one was hurt. The vessels were sailing off from the banks when a fusillade was commenced upon them. The persons who fired the shots were concealed behind dunes, and are thought to have been jealous fishermen who were angry at the purse net fishermen of the vicinity or alleged violations of the fisheries laws.

The crew of the schooner Balster said they heard the reports of the rifles but no shot came near them, the vessel being quite a distance from the shore. Buck Parsons and William Smith, at the stern of the Wallace when fired upon, narrowly escaped a bullet which passed between them and close to both. Another bullet whistled by Captain Willis and he sought cover. The assailants could not be located exactly and the fire was not returned, the craft soon passing out of range.

The net fishermen claim that the purse seine men have not heeded the state law which prohibits the latter class from fishing within three miles of shore. It is not known whether the two schooners were engaged in fishing when fired upon or not. It is said the purse seine fishing season has been extremely unprofitable and but one good haul has been made during the season in the lower sounds, this by a vessel which carried 60,000 pounds of mullets into Beaufort last Saturday. All classes of fish are scarce, although the net fisheries are beginning to be more successful.

LESLIE TAYLOR BETTER.

Young Leslie Taylor, who several days ago fell from the roof of a house on Craven street which he was painting, and who was taken to Stewart's sanatorium for treatment, has recovered sufficiently to be taken to his home on Hancock street. It was first thought that he had been injured internally but it was found that this was not the case, his only injuries being a broken wrist and sprained ankle.

LOST HIS CHECK.

While stopping over at Kinston Wednesday, enroute to Hartsville, S. C., Mr. R. L. Blalock of the contracting firm of R. L. & J. W. Blalock, of this city, lost a certified check for \$1000. Mr. Blalock was enroute to that city to make bids for the construction of a hotel and was taking the check along to deposit with the architect as a guarantee of good faith. The contract is an important one, calling for about \$75,000, and fortunately Mr. Blalock was not seriously inconvenienced by the loss of the check as he wired here for another and proceeded on his journey a short time later. However, the loss caused him the trouble and expense of advertising and notifying the banks.

Dr. James F. Foley, the recently appointed milk and meat inspector, gave some interesting facts concerning the consumption of food products, when seen by a Journal man last night. He stated that the oyster and fish dealers were violating the law concerning the use of the polluted waters taken from the docks on Neuse and Trent rivers, to wash the food products that they were to offer for sale. This practice has been proved to be the cause of dissemination of typhoid fever. An analysis of this water has shown it to contain typhoid bacilli. Dr. Foley notified these people that hereafter the law would be rigidly enforced.

The doctor also stated that the condition of the fish he inspected made it unfit for human food. While the dealers were not prosecuted, as might have been done, a repetition of the offense will cause the delinquent hucksters to be severely dealt with.

How did it happen that they named the new battleship Pennsylvania instead of Penrose?

MONUMENT TO DE GRAFFENREID

Movement on Foot to Erect a Suitable Memorial.

FOUNDER OF CITY OF NEW BERN

County Superintendent of Schools S. M. Brinson Treasurer of Funds.

Little more than a year ago a movement was started by several teachers in the public schools of this city, assisted by their pupils, toward the erection of a monument in memory of Baron De Graffenreid. The pupils took a great interest in the work and succeeded in collecting a small sum of money for the purpose. This was turned over to County Superintendent of Public Schools S. M. Brinson and he was made treasurer of the fund. Shortly after the movement was started vacation days came on and with many of the teachers absent from the city the children had no one to advise them and the work stopped.

Recently several public spirited citizens have suggested that the school children again take the matter up and place it before the people of the city. Baron De Graffenreid was one of the most famous men in the history of the city and although there is not a school child living within the borders of the "City of Elms" who is unfamiliar with the part he played in making history of the town, there is no material object to remind one of him. New Bern is numbered among the few larger cities of the State within whose borders there is no monument to one of its famous men. This should not be the case. A monument that would reflect credit upon the city could be purchased for a few hundred dollars and this sum could be raised within a short while.

Superintendent Brinson was yesterday asked what he thought of the matter. He stated that he was heartily in favor of it and would do all within his power to help make it a success. His is the spirit of the majority of the people of the city. All that is needed is a leader to map out a campaign and he will have a score or more of assistants. During the next few days the matter will be thoroughly discussed and there is every probability that within a few months there will be erected at some desirable spot a monument to the founder of New Bern.

MONKEY RECAPTURED.

Friday morning several monkeys escaped from a cage at the carnival ground. All but one of the animals were captured and after diligent search had been made for the truant the owners came to the conclusion that he had decided to return to his native jungle and was enroute thither. Yesterday morning Mr. Hellen Huff, who has charge of Cedar Grove cemetery, went to that place to do some work on one of the plots. Glancing upward he was surprised to see a monkey swaying on one of the topmost boughs of a tall tree. Suddenly the animal jumped from its perch and landed almost at Mr. Huff's feet. Strange to say it was uninjured although its impact with terra firma was heavy, having jumped a distance of about fifty feet. Mr. Huff caught the animal and returned it to the owners.

CASES FROM SUPREME COURT.

The following cases from this district were handed down Friday by the Supreme Court.

Caton vs. Toier, from Craven, no error.
Flanner vs. Flanner, from Craven, no error.
Stephens vs. Roper Lumber Co., from Pamlico, affirmed.
Ashford vs. Pittman, from Onslow, new trial.

FORECASTS TILL 8 P. M. SUNDAY.

For New Bern and vicinity, generally fair to-night and Sunday. Little change in temperature. Light to moderate for North Carolina. Generally fair to-night and Sunday. Light to moderate winds, mostly by northeast.

