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THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

## URGE DREDGING OF TRENT RIVER

Hearing Held Yesterday at Pollockville. Few Persons Interested.

**MAJOR STICKLES PRESIDES**  
Large Number of People Present Indicate Great Interest in Project.

A hearing was held at Pollockville yesterday before Major H. W. Stickles, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A. for the purpose of affording interested persons an opportunity to present their views on the proposed dredging of Trent river between New Bern and Pollockville.

An examination was ordered in the River and Harbors Act approved by Congress last July and will be for the purpose of deciding whether it would be advisable and of enough moment to dredge this route to a depth of ten feet.

That it is of much importance to the people of that entire section as well as from districts all along the route, was evidenced by the fact that at yesterday's hearing there were more than fifty persons present. A large number of these presented to the engineers their views in regards to this proposed work and urged that it be done.

At present the depth of the water in Trent river, with the exception of several shoals, is from thirteen and a quarter feet to seventeen feet. The latter depth is found at Pollockville. The shoals, which are located about seven miles from New Bern, make it impossible for a vessel drawing more than six or seven feet of water to navigate up the river and in extreme low tide, vessels drawing five feet of water sometimes run aground.

The shoals are few in number and with their removal there would be at least a depth of eleven or twelve feet of water at all times. The work would cost about fifteen thousand dollars, but this amount would not interfere with regular appropriations for Neuse and Trent rivers, there being an appropriation especially for this purpose.

The citizens of Pollockville, realizing that the dredging of this channel and making it possible for large vessels to reach the town will increase to a large extent the present amount of commerce, are very anxious to see the work done.

The information secured at yesterday's hearing will be carefully gone over and considered and whether the work will be done or not will be known within a few weeks. It was, of course, impossible for the engineers to give out anything definite in regards to the probable action which will be taken in the matter but it could be seen that they were favorably impressed with the interest manifested in the proposed work.

Among those who attended the hearing from here were J. Leon Williams, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, C. E. Foy, Thomas McGinn and C. B. Foy.

## MARONED IN GRAVEYARD.

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 11.—Ralph Hitch, of Morrison, Ill., stricken with smallpox, has been confined to a house in the middle of a cemetery here and supplied with groceries. No one could be found to attend Hitch and he was left alone among the tombs to make his struggles for life. There is no isolation hospital here and when the nature of Hitch's illness became known a hasty search was made for a place to put him. The gardener's tool hut in the middle of the cemetery was the only available place.

## PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS.

New Vandeville, Marshall, Price and Marshall. A comedy talking and dancing trio.

Pictures as follows:  
"The One She Loved"—A Biograph subject telling a sad story caused by two jealous natures.

"The Cub Reporter"—We have in this Edison film a fascinating love drama, beautifully told.

"Just Maine Folks"—This Lubin comedy drama is just the kind to make you laugh immoderately—you will remember the pictures for years to come. Tomorrow night is "Amateur Night" and we give away three prizes as follows, 1st prize \$5.00 in gold 2nd prize \$2.50 in gold. 3rd prize a week admission ticket. Several splendid acts have already entered.

Matinee daily at 3:45. Show at night starts at 7:30.

## RECEIVE THEIR FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson at Home Last Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark de Wolf Stevenson, lately returned from an extended wedding trip, were at home to their many friends last evening at their home on Pollock street.

The reception was a very brilliant one and from nine to eleven o'clock there was a constant stream of callers eager to offer their congratulations. The entire lower floor of the handsome old home was decorated with festoons of Southern shrubs, while numerous white candles burned in old brass and silver candlesticks, making the effect beautiful and artistic.

The doors were thrown open by Misses Harriette Dunn and Katherine Boyd, who were prettily attired in lingerie frocks, and the card tray was presented by Master John Dunn.

In the hall Miss Mary Nixon, in white crepe de chine, and Miss Isabel Simmons in pink crepe meteor, cordially greeted the guests.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, the latter being gowned in a n exquisite imported creation, were Mr. and Mrs. John Guion Dunn, Mrs. Dunn wearing light blue messaline with crystal garniture, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bishop, the latter wearing pink messaline, crystal trimmings. Mrs. Mark Stevenson, mother of the groom, attired in black charmeuse, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hollister, the latter wearing white crepe de chine with pearl trimmings.

Mrs. Edward Clark in white crepe meteor and Miss Harriette Marks in brocade satin invited the guests into the dining room, which was very attractive.

Miss Janet Hollister, in white net over yellow silk, and Miss Mary Oliver in grey crepe de chine presided over this room and the guests were served refreshing ices and cake by Misses Lou Mitchell Nixon, Sophia Hollister and Julia Bryan Jones, all wearing dainty lingerie frocks.

From the dining room the guests were invited to the punch room by Miss Sadie Hollister, gowned in white lace over blue, and Miss Sara Congdon, in Nile green crepe de chine, with pearl trimmings. Assisting in the punch room were: Mrs. Delia Whitford in dark blue messaline, Mrs. Charles Duffy in black lace over white silk and Mrs. John Whitford in black satin with steel garniture.

Mrs. Thomas Hyman, gowned in blue crepe de chine, with crystal trimmings, gracefully presided over the punch table which was artistically decorated with roses and unshaded white candles, having for centerpiece a handsome Mexican lace cover.

About one hundred guests enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson during the evening.

## KEEPS AWAY FROM HUSBAND

Mrs. Carr By Doing So Retains Big Share Of Father's Estate.

New York, Dec. 11.—For the sake of her husband, "if he were the right sort of man," Mrs. Eleanor Acheson Carr, daughter of the late Dr. Iselin D. McGill, president of the Hudson County National Bank, would cheerfully give up her share of her father's \$1,200,000 estate and his residence on the Heights overlooking Jersey City.

But the young woman declares that the young army surgeon she wedded, and is now trying to divorce isn't the right sort, and so she will obey to the letter the injunction of her father, expressed in his will, and will keep away from Dr. Carr, thereby keeping her three-fifths of the estate.

Dr. McGill expressly provided in his will that his daughter should receive but \$1,200 a year from his estate in case she returned to her husband.

"But there is no chance," she said today, "that I will lose my share of the estate, for under no circumstances will I live again with Dr. Carr."

"Of course, if Dr. Carr had been a man—if he had any decent traits—I would cheerfully sacrifice my father's estate."

Dr. McGill's daughter eloped and married Lieutenant Carr in March, 1909. He is a son of Dr. William P. Carr, of Washington. Last June young Mrs. Carr sued for a divorce in Washington.

## A SMALL FIRE.

An alarm of fire turned in yesterday at noon at box thirty-four called the fire companies to Burn street where a blaze had been discovered in a building occupied by a colored man named Williams. The fire had not gained very much headway and was easily extinguished. The damage done was very slight.

## W. L. BRYAN FOR STATE PORTFOLIO

Woodrow Wilson Receives Many Letters Advocating Nebraska's Appointment.

**SEEMS MUCH PLEASED TOO**  
Great Popularity of Former Leader Not Unpleasant To Next President.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 11.—Democratic opponents of William J. Bryan, who set out to show President-elect Wilson how unwise it would be to put the Nebraskan in the cabinet as Secretary of State, have evidently started something akin to that affair at Baltimore, from which Mr. Bryan, after being decisively eliminated, emerged as the chief force which made Governor Wilson the party's standard-bearer.

Mr. Bryan has since said he did not do it—the Democratic rank and file did it—but he simply knew when to find the faucet to turn on the will of the party. Mr. Bryan may not have been turning on any other faucet, but evidence of his popularity has been engaging the attention of Governor Wilson in the last few days.

When erroneous reports were printed in New York and elsewhere that Governor Wilson had offered the State portfolio to Mr. Bryan, there was immediate evidence in the mail that such a step would be exceedingly unpopular among Democrats. Many of them wrote their protests—in most cases making Governor Wilson pay postage duty—and editorials of various newspapers were often inclosed. The news of this opposition was cabled to the United States. Then some one turned on the faucet and the rank and file responded with a will.

Governor Wilson, when he saw the correspondents to-day, explained that he had spent more than four hours reading his mail, and that most of the letters were strongly in advocacy of Mr. Bryan for the chief post in the Cabinet. He said that while the first letters had opposed the Nebraskan, the communications favoring him now counted up at the ratio of about four to one.

"Then Mr. Bryan still has friends?" ventured one of the interviewers.

"He numbers them by the hundreds of thousands," was the quick and emphatic reply.

It was evident that Governor Wilson valued the letters championing the Nebraskan over those containing protests, and was pleased to learn of the popularity of the man he had once wanted knocked into "a cocked hat."

## SAYS "T. R." PARTY WILL DIE

Rosewater Thinks Its Sole Reason Is To Re-Elect Colonel.

Baltimore, Dec. 11.—"Some persons contribute to political campaign funds simply to help a friend; the rest do so for selfish purposes and that was the case with 'Boss' Fliin, Perkins, Hanna, Mawey and the others in Roosevelt's committee," said Victor Rosewater, of Omaha, Neb., and former chairman of the Republican National Committee, last night at the Belvedere Hotel, where he took dinner with a party of friends.

Mr. Rosewater studied at Johns Hopkins University and married a daughter of the late Kaufman Katz, of this city, so he is familiar with Baltimore and its residents. He held an informal conference with Collector William F. Stone.

"The Progressive party will die a natural death," said Mr. Rosewater, "simply because the public thinks the principal object of the party is to make Roosevelt once more the occupant of the White House. The Chicago Conference of the Progressives will not amount to much. Roosevelt will not be able to fool the people by saying that he is willing to have somebody else lead the party. They know that when the time comes to lead he will want to do it himself."

"I am certain that no conference or banquet of Republicans or Progressives will ever bring about the consolidation of the two parties. The thing will have to be done gradually at crossroads meetings and county conventions. The so-called big men of the parties will never accomplish it."

Mr. Rosewater will go West tomorrow.

## CITES NEW LAW AS TO WIRELESS

Government Inspector Discusses Privileges of Act Going In Effect Dec. 15.

**LICENSE FOR ALL OPERATORS**  
Those Operating Without License Are Subject To A Fine Of \$200.

Alfred C. Pickles, United States Radio Inspector for the district extending from Philadelphia, Pa., to Jacksonville, Fla., was in the city yesterday enroute to Beaufort on a tour of inspection.

Mr. Pickles called attention to the new law governing all wireless receiving and sending stations including amateurs, which law provides that every person operating or attempting to operate a wireless apparatus must secure a government license. There is no fee for this license, but it must be procured under proper application.

The fine for operating an unlicensed wireless station, whether professional or amateur, is two hundred and fifty dollars. There are other fines for the giving out of private wireless information, the law contemplating that every person using the wireless for his private business has a right to privacy and persons who give out private information lay themselves liable to punishment. News of disasters at sea is not included in this provision.

The new law goes into effect on December 15 and those who have not sent in their application by that time will be liable to a fine. All applications should be sent to Mr. Pickles at the custom house, Baltimore, Md.

## HOLD UP NOMINATIONS

Senator Simmons Co-operating With Other Senate Democrats.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 11.—Senator Simmons said last night that he is co-operating with other Democratic Senators in the matter of holding up President Taft's nominations in the Senate, but whether an agreement was reached or not, there would be no confirmations made for North Carolina positions, that he could hold up.

The Senator said in a number of cases the commission of postmasters had expired a year ago, and that holding up confirmation for a few months longer, would not inconvenience anyone, unless it be the Republican officeholders. As the matter of withholding confirmations is a matter of "Senatorial courtesy," it is safe to say the North Carolina positions will be filled by President Wilson.

A rumor has been going the rounds here that Senator Simmons would not look with favor upon recommendations for postmasters made by Representative Claude Kitchin. It is learned that Mr. Kitchin will be treated with the same consideration in matters of this kind as other Congressmen from the State.

## WILL SELL REFRESHMENTS

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist church will sell refreshments Friday Dec. 13th in the gas company's office beginning at 4 o'clock and will continue through the evening. All kinds of good things to eat—chicken salad, hot oysters, coffee, ice cream, cake and home made candy. A few articles of fancy work at popular prices.

## Thirteen Days to Christmas

Dec. 12

The Spaniard says, "Manana." Don't be a "Manana" Man.  
Buy Your Christmas Presents Today.

## CURRENT EVENTS CLUB

Semi-Monthly Session Held With Mrs. G. C. Speight.

The Current Events Club met Tuesday evening in regular semi-monthly session at the home of Mrs. G. C. Speight, Mrs. Speight having exchanged dates on the program with Mrs. Raymond Pollock who was to have entertained. The meeting was held at 8:45 o'clock instead of at 8:30, the usual hour, with a full attendance of members. Following was the program:

Roll call—Incidents in the Lives of Famous Women of Today.

Sketch of the Life of Jane Addams, Mrs. D. B. Moore.

American Association Playgrounds, Miss Windley.

Miss Windley's address was a most instructive one. It gave the entire history of the movement in this country for children's playgrounds.

The idea of such a movement, Miss Windley said, originated with the Woman's Club of Pittsburg which in 1896 appropriated \$125 for the purchase of one playground. In 1897 the Civic Club invested \$100. The school board got interested in the movement, and in 1910 the city and the school board voted an appropriation of \$50,000 and \$10,000 respectively to carry on the work.

In the meantime other large cities took up the idea and in 1910 the organization of the Children's Playground Association of America under Joseph Lee was effected. In 1912 the name of this organization was changed to the Children's Playground and Recreation Association.

The aim of the association, Miss Windley explained, is "to direct the energies of the child into the right channels for the development of character." The means through which this aim is reached is playgrounds, parks, school yards and streets.

At the conclusion of Miss Windley's address she was given a rising vote of appreciation by the club.

Mrs. Moore's paper on Jane Addams was a very interesting and entertaining presentation of the career of this truly remarkable woman. "As a club studying things current," said Mrs. Moore, "and on this special occasion learning the works and achievements of contemporaneous women, and finding so many truly great lives among our own sex, it is hard to select the foremost woman or to determine what makes one life more praiseworthy than another, but I think we will all agree that to one who has given her best years and efforts to the uplift of the humble, down-trodden and helpless poor, trying to raise them to a higher plane of usefulness, sobriety and independence, belongs the greatest medal of praise. And in this undertaking no one woman has given more devotion nor accomplished greater results than Jane Addams. It would seem that the finger of God was laid upon this special life and mapped out her great career in a peculiarly distinct way."

An ice course was served at the conclusion of the meeting and all expressed themselves as having spent a most pleasant and profitable evening.

## BEHAVING QUEERLY

Strange Negro Visits Homes and Asks for A Coat.

Several nights ago a colored man appeared at the home of a prominent New Bern citizen and inquired if any of the male members of the family were around. When informed that they were, he stated that he wanted to buy or borrow a coat; that some one had stolen the one belonging to him. He was promptly told to move on by the owner of the house and lost no time in obeying this command.

Every night since that time the man has called at one or more residences in the city and told the same story. At one place there was no one at home but a lady and she was so badly frightened that she fainted. This doubtless scared the negro so badly that he, without further delay for when the lady revived a few minutes later he could see no trace of him.

That the negro is either insane or up to some mischief there is little doubt.

## ATTRACTIVE WINDOWS.

Among the most attractive window displays in the city is that at E. B. Hackburn's grocery store on Pollock street. Innumerable varieties of good things to eat during the holiday season as well as those which the housewife will find necessary in her preparations for the Christmas dinner are arrayed in attractive and tempting style. The displays were designed by James B. Dawson.

## RECEIVE NEEDLEWORKS FOR STREET CARS

Motors, Generators and Switch-boards Came in Yesterday. Being Rejected.

**BUSY TIMES AT CAR BARN**

Many Have Inspected The Cars and Expressed Satisfaction With Them.

The motors, generator and switch-board which will be used by the New Bern Street Railway Company, arrived in the city yesterday morning. The engine, one generator and one dynamo are being installed at the company's power plant near Roper's mill while a generator and dynamo are being placed at the car barns.

L. C. Newman of New Jersey also arrived in the city yesterday. Mr. Newman will make all necessary electrical connections at the plant and on the line. A man from the Cincinnati Car Company, which manufactured the cars which will be used, will arrive this week and install the batteries on the cars.

The scene at both the car barn and at the power plant is one of marked activity. Dr. E. C. Armstrong, one of the local managers and stockholders of the company, stated yesterday that all possible haste will be made toward getting the cars in operation.

After all the machinery has been placed it will be necessary to make a thorough inspection and test of each part of before anything can be done. The mechanism of the cars will also be tested. This, however, will take up a comparatively short time, probably being completed in a day or two. Following this the cars will be put in operation. During the past few days many people have visited the barns and inspected the cars and in every instance they expressed entire approval of their construction and appearance.

## REPUDIATES HIS STORY

Declares There Was No Plot to Murder Rosenthal.

New York, Dec. 11.—"Bridge" Webber, one of the four informers whose testimony convicted Charles Becker and the four gunmen of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, returned from Havana yesterday and issued a statement repudiating in many respects the story he told on the witness stand. He said there was no plot to murder Rosenthal. On the contrary, he said, the gunmen went to the Hotel Metropole to frighten the gambler, but two of them got drunk, and the fatal shooting resulted.

Frank Moss, assistant district attorney, who conducted Webber's examination on the stand, said he was amazed at Webber's statement.

"This is the first time I have ever heard of such a story," said Moss.

"If he had said before the trial he did not know of any plot, of course we would not have called him as a witness."

Jack Rose, at his home in Queensborough, said that Webber lied when he asserted that there was no plot to kill Rosenthal, and that the murder was done on the spur of the moment because two of the men were drunk.

## AUCTION BRIDGE CLUB ENTER- TAINED.

The Auction Bridge Club was charmingly entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Robert Nixon at her home on Craven street. After a most interesting game a delicious salad course was served.

Those playing were: Mrs. Thomas Hyman, Mrs. Francis Stringer Duffy, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. Harry Marks, Mrs. Owen Guion, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mrs. John T. Hollister, Mrs. Charles Duffy, Mrs. Frank Hyman, Misses Lida Rodman, of Washington, N. C., Janet Hollister, Mary Oliver, Margaret Bryan and Laura Hughes.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Standard Shoe Co.—Christmas footwear.  
Atlantic Coast Line—Personally conducted tour.  
Hackburn—Corned ham and all pork sausage.  
J. M. Mitchell & Co.—Saturday the last day of the great removal sale.  
New Bern Banking and Trust Co.—The rich men of New Bern.