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THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

CARS WILL START SUNDAY PROBABLY

Anyhow They Will Be In Operation by Monday Says Mayor or McCarthy.

MR. SITTERDING TO BE HERE

President of Company Will Be With Party Who Will Make First Try-Out of Cars.

Unless some unexpected delay occurs the citizens of New Bern can take a ride on the cars of New Bern Chent Street Railway Company's lines next Sunday. Mayor McCarthy, one of the local managers of the company, stated yesterday that the tests of the cars would be made next Saturday morning and if found satisfactory they would be placed on the regular run without any further delay and that it would assuredly not be later than Monday before the cars were in operation.

Lawrence Newman of New Jersey, who has been in the city during the past week installing the electrical apparatus at the car barn and also at the power house, will have charge of the entire electric plant and will make his home in this city. The motormen have already been employed and will be instructed in their work this week. These are all local men but the company has not given their names to the public at the present time.

The motor, generator and switch-board have been installed at the car barn and yesterday the force of electricians were at work adding the finishing touches to the installation of the engines, dynamos and generators at the power plant. An expert from the plant of the Gould Battery Company the concern which manufactured the batteries to be used on the cars, will arrive here this morning and will install the large storage batteries on the cars.

Fritz Sitterding, of Richmond, President and the leading spirit of the company, will arrive in the city Saturday morning and will be among the party who will make the first trip over the line.

FOR MRS. STEVENSON

In Her Honor Mrs. Hollister Gives Attractive Bridge Party.

Mrs. John Tull Hollister entertained Monday afternoon, at a small but exceptionally attractive bridge party in honor of Mrs. Mark deWolf Stevenson.

The decorations of her home suggested Christmas. There were three tables of auction bridge and the guest of honor, Mrs. Stevenson, was presented with a pretty veil case for making highest score.

After the game, the guests were invited into the dining room where a dainty luncheon was served. The table was beautiful in its appointments, furthering the Christmas suggestion by its center-piece of holly and many lighted candles.

Those enjoying Mrs. Hollister's hospitality were: Mrs. Mark deWolf Stevenson, Misses Mary Louise Waters, Mary Hughes, Bonnie Broadfoot, of Fayetteville, Mary Hollister, Sara Congdon, Harriette Marks, Bessie Marks, Bessie Hollister, Isabel Simmons, Mary Nixon and Mamie Hunter Richardson.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS

Tonight will be your last opportunity to hear Dickens and Floyd, in their very laughable Bowery sketch, "Did Jim Make Good". You will hear better singing than you have heard for a long time, and see artists perfectly at home on the stage, so come.

Picture program as follows: "In the Furnace Fire"—This is a case of the jilted being jilted. Both jilters get a jolt—constancy is rewarded—fickleness reprieved.

"Young Mrs. Eaton"—This Edison production describes in detail the gambling habit of women in "high society".

"The Woman Hater"—He met his match and in spite of himself she "roped him in"—She knew just how to do it.

"Palestine"—A splendid panoramic view is given of this ancient country showing the garden of Gethsemane where Judah betrayed Christ, the Mount of Olives, and other interesting places.

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

FAVOR PAGE FOR AMBASSADORSHIP

President Wilson Will Be Urged To Name Virginian For Important Post.

NO APPOINTMENT BY TAFT

President Will Let Woodrow Wilson Name Successor of Whitelaw Reid.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Announcement is made at the White House that the President will not name a successor to Whitelaw Reid, late American Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

At the same time friends of Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, of Virginia, let it be known that they would urge President Wilson to send the distinguished author to this post.

Several reasons were given for the President's decision. He believes that the important diplomatic questions involving Great Britain and the United States can be handled successfully in Washington by Mr. Knox and James Bryce, the British Ambassador. He understands that President-elect Wilson already is considering a man for the London post and he does not wish to appoint some who can serve at best for only a few months.

The post at London will now be vacant until March, and for the first time in many years the United States will be without an Ambassador in London.

The London Ambassadorship will be the first diplomatic appointment which President Wilson will make. The negotiations now in progress between this country and Great Britain over the Panama Canal act make it imperative that an Ambassador be sent to England as soon as it may be practicable to name him.

In the meantime President Taft and Secretary Knox will continue their interchanges with the British Government over the Panama issue through the British Ambassador, James Bryce.

It so happens that Mr. Bryce has asked to be recalled and that his resignation is now pending before King George, but the British Foreign Office has asked the Ambassador to remain at his post until the acute stages of the Panama matter have been passed.

The suggestion that Dr. Page be sent to London as the first Democratic Ambassador to the Court of St. James since Thomas Bayard, of Delaware, was appointed by President Cleveland came from a number of influential sources.

The Virginian is known to be a man of private fortune and can meet the requirements of the office, in spite of the expensive hospitality which is necessary for such an official to maintain. He is widely known as an author and scholar on both sides of the Atlantic and his friends believe he will be heartily welcomed by the English Government and English people.

TO WED THIS MORNING.

This morning at 8:30 o'clock at Christ Episcopal church Miss Adelaide Helen Peck, daughter of Mrs. Cora Ward Haar, will become the bride of Charles Thomas Ward. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of the church. At its conclusion the bride and groom will leave for a bridal trip in the North.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB MEETS

Section A of the Shakespeare Club held a most interesting meeting yesterday afternoon, in the Club rooms. The hostesses for the afternoon were: Misses Eula Cole, Appie Caho and Mrs. Blandford. Act III of "Midsummer Night's Dream" was read and interpreted the parts being taken by the members.

Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. The following members were present: Misses Sara Stewart, Maud Minger, Lizette Hanff, Laura Ward, Harriette Marks, Mary Ward, Anna Hanff, Appie Caho, Elma Cole, Betric Windley, Mrs. Blandford and Mrs. Damiron.

DEATH OF INFANT.

Mariou Lescell, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dowdy, died at the home of her parents, No. 39 1-1/2 National avenue, yesterday afternoon, aged three months and eight days. The funeral will be conducted from the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Dr. E. T. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist church, and the interment will be made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria Touring Scene of War In Auto



Photo by American Press Association.

RIGHT up to date in every particular is King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, leader of his victorious army in the war on the Turks. Here he is in his army auto, snapped as he was on a tour of the territory from which his soldiers had driven the sultan's fighters. He covered in as many hours as wide a field of activity as could have been done on horseback in as many days. Perhaps the commanders in chief of the near future will go one better and use aeroplanes. War is truly evolution as well as revolution.

RESULT OF CONTEST

Corn Club Championship Goes to Geo. West, Jr., of Kinston.

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Although a large part of the State experienced the most severe drouth in many years, the result of the Boys' Contest shows an increased average yield above 1911. Six hundred and thirty-five boys have made their report with a total yield of 39,800 bushels and an average yield of 62.8 bushels per acre. In 1911, four hundred and thirty-five boys reported with an average yield of 60.7 bushels. The average cost in 1912 was 47 cents while in 1911 it was 35 cents. This increased cost is due largely to the severe drouth in the piedmont section, which reduced the yield and thereby increased the cost per bushel.

Two boys made above 175 bushels, five above 150, twenty-one above 125 and seventy-five above 100. The largest yield was made by Richard Brock, in Wayne county, but his cost of production was so large that the championship of the State goes to George West, Jr., of Kinston, with a yield of 184 bushels. He receives a free trip to Washington, D. C., and \$50 in cash.

The two boys making the best record in each district, twenty-one in all, win free trips to the National Corn Exposition. These trips are given by the Southern Fertilizer Association of Atlanta, Ga. Many counties will also send boys to this exposition.

One girl, Miss Ethel Smith, of Stanly county, competed with the boys and won third prize in her district. There were two other girls in the contest in the State, but their yields were not large enough to win district prizes.

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JOURNAL ADVERTISING PAYS.

The New Bern Journal is in the hands and homes of the best people in New Bern in the morning hours—the hours that immediately precede the shopping rush. In a word, it reaches the buying class at the "psychological moment."

That's why Journal advertising pays.

Many a great man has exclusive knowledge of the facts.

HEAVY WHISKEY BUSINESS

Express Clerk Devotes Whole Time To Writing Money Orders.

The public can gain some idea of the amount of whiskey being ordered from Virginia just at this time by the knowledge of the fact that the manager of the local office of the Southern Express Company has added to the force of clerks a man whose sole duty is to write money orders the greater part of which are for whiskey purchases. Monday was this man's first day on the job and Monday night he stated that he had never been more tired in his life. He had another busy day yesterday. The company has also opened up an office in the Hahn building as a liquor distributing station and a view of the interior of this place reminds one very much of some big whiskey concern's storage warehouse.

EVERGREENS IN DEMAND.

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Seven Days to Christmas

Dec. 18

Just One Week More. Start It Right by Finishing Your Christmas Shopping.

MAKE SHIPMENTS WITHOUT DELAY

This Guarantees Delivery Before Christmas, Agent of Express Company Promises.

DELAYS SURELY DANGEROUS

May Mean That Christmas Presents Will Reach Destination After 25th.

Z. V. Taylor, agent for the Southern Express Company, is urging all shoppers of Christmas packages to make shipments as early as possible. In doing this the sender is assured of quick delivery. If the matter is delayed until the last few days the express companies have such a large number of deliveries, the package may not reach its destination by Christmas day.

In order to clear the office the company will follow the customary rules and make deliveries on Sunday to all persons within the city except in cases where it is requested that deliveries be not made. This has been the custom for several years and greatly aids the company in handling the rush.

The express companies all over the country are said to be realizing the advantages afforded by the new system of uniform labelling all packages. There are now only two labels pasted on a package besides the address. The white label indicates that the parcel is collect and the yellow label for pre-paid express. These labels are attached to the package at the receiving depot and no dispute can arise when deliveries are made. If there is no label the package is left without collection and the matter adjusted later.

ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

Greensboro Contractor Cuts Jugular Vein With Knife.

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 17.—W. A. Fries, a contractor of Greensboro, N. C., ended his life by cutting his jugular vein early Monday morning in a room of a local hotel. Death occurred shortly after midnight and a knife was the instrument used. Fries, who had been in Raleigh as inspector on the part of the State of the new administration building, had spent Sunday with his family in Greensboro and returned here at 7:30 o'clock.

A note to his wife found on a table in the room gave the motive for the act as follows:

"To My Dear Wife,—I am accused of ugly charges, which I cannot entirely dispose of. Therefore, goodbye, love. I take my own life hoping you collect the life insurance money, as it runs for some time. Have one in Security Life Annuity for \$3,000 and one in Mutual Life of New York for \$5,000. Amounts are due on each one, which will reduce this some. Goodbye, love. I have never been what I ought to you, and hope you and the children will yet be happy."

The note was unsigned.

The first knowledge of the man's act of self-destruction was gained by a lodger next door, who heard Fries stumbling and falling. He telephoned to the clerk and asked what was the matter. When the clerk entered the room Fries was found on the floor with his feet under a table. Life was nearly extinct. A doctor was called, but the dying man breathed once only or twice after he arrived.

Fries was a prominent and well known contractor of Greensboro, married and had several children. For little over a year he had been here at the new State building representing the State building commission as inspector of the construction work.

He was regarded as an excellent business man and had many friends. The news of his death was a shock to his associates here.

ON INSPECTION TOUR.

W. A. Witt, General Superintendent of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, arrived in the city last evening on his private car, No. 101. Mr. Witt is making a general inspection of the company's lines and will go over the entire system before his return to his headquarters at Norfolk.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Tolson Lumber and Manufacturing Co.—A beautiful mantel.

Ellis Coal and Wood Yard—A generous gift.

W. A. Thomas, Bridgeton City Tax Collector—Taxes due.

William T. Hill—Boys and girls' bicycles.

Gaskill Hardware Co.—Pleasing Xmas gifts.

People's Bank—A gift which grows in value.

New Bern Banking and Trust Co.—Thrifty.

New Bern Producers—All pork sausage.

DEMAND CHEAPER PRICES FOR EGGS

New York Women Follow Example Set By Their Sisters In Philadelphia.

TWENTY SIX CENTS IS LIMIT

Devote Day To Campaign of Education Among Dealers In the Big City.

New York, Dec. 17.—Fifty thousand New York women, following the lead of their sisters in Philadelphia, have begun a crusade for cheaper eggs. Fixing 26 cents a dozen as a "fair and reasonable" price, they have commenced a campaign of education among dealers. If this plan fails, the Housewives' League and affiliated organizations propose to establish stations throughout the city, where eggs will be sold at moderate prices.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—No date has been set by the leaders in the Housewives' League to close their campaign of selling storage eggs at 24 cents a dozen. With the disclosure of the source of supply and the lowering of prices by dealers throughout the city, however, the women in charge of the movement say their work is completed and that they are seeking another commodity with which to continue their campaign against the high cost of living.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Headquarters from which Chicago women will direct their fight for cheaper produce, beginning Friday with a city-wide sale of 24-cent eggs, were opened in a downtown hotel today, with Mrs. J. C. Bley, president of the Women's Clean Food League of Chicago, and William E. Homan, of New York, in charge.

TELLS OF FISH CATCHES

Beaufort Man Gives Additional Details of Big Haul.

Solicitor Charles L. Abernathy of Beaufort was in the city for a short time yesterday afternoon and while in conversation with a Journal man told of the remarkable catches of fish which have been made at that place during the past few days. The story of the great catch of more than six hundred thousand pounds last Saturday afternoon appeared in the Journal yesterday morning but on Monday and also yesterday enormous catches were made. Mr. Abernathy said that the fishermen had not the least trouble in going out and catching a boat load of fish within a short time but that the prices were very low and that the demand was not large, the market having been glutted Mr. Abernathy estimated that at least two thousand dollars has been paid out during the past three days by the dealers at Beaufort and Morehead City for the fish which they have purchased.

Not only have these enormous catches of fish been reported from Beaufort but the fishermen who come to this port and who get their fish from the waters of Neuse and Trent rivers say that there has been an unusually large number of fish in these waters during the past week. However, the catches brought here have been increased but little, the majority of the boatmen being engaged in the oyster tonging business.