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## TO INVESTIGATE RAILROAD WRECKS

Large Number of Recent Railway Disasters Leads to Inquiry.

**PROBE WILL BE SEARCHING**  
Congressman Linthicum Introduces Bill—Has Been Collecting Data.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Impelled by the large number of recent railway disasters and the human toll exacted by them, Congressman J. Charles Linthicum, of Baltimore, has introduced a resolution directing a sweeping investigation into wrecks and accidents on American railroads and their causes, with a view of getting information for legislation that will place more safeguards around the American traveling public. The resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules, directs the Speaker to appoint a select committee of nine members to conduct the investigation. The committee shall report to the House the result of its findings and recommendations. Not only are the causes of the wrecks to be determined, but the regulations for the selection of employees who handle the trains and the operating methods of railroads. Mr. Linthicum has been gathering data on the subject for some time as a basis for an address.

Those who are supporting the measure say they cannot understand why the Federal Government requires every marine engineer to obtain a license before he can operate a small gasoline yacht, and then permit any man to step from the workshop or from the farm to a position involving the lives of a hundred people without examination.

## STATESMEN TO VISIT ONSLOW.

Reports from Onslow county say that Congressmen Jon. Small and Jno. M. Faison and possibly Senator F. M. Simmons are contemplating a visit to that section during the next month or two for the purpose of looking over New river and making a trip through the Sound with the intention of a deeper channel through those bodies of water. The gentlemen will go from Jacksonville to Swansboro and probably on to Beaufort, through the Inland Waterway. The visit is planned for March 1 and the people of Onslow are planning to make that day an event in the county's history.

## DISOSWAY—SIMPKINS.

Last night at nine o'clock at the rectory of Christ Episcopal church Miss Bertha E. Simpkins and Mr. W. J. Disosway, two popular young people, were happily united in marriage, Rev. B. F. Huske officiating. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Disosway and the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Simpkins. The news of the wedding will come as a surprise to many as only a limited number knew that it was to take place last night. The couple for the present will live with the groom's parents at 109 George Street.

## PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS MONDAY.

Every Monday is our "feature picture day" and we have secured for tomorrow's show "Fire at Sea"—A two reel subject of 000 feet of film, by Pathe Brothers. This is said to be one of the most exciting and intensely interesting fire pictures ever made, involving the loss by fire of a valuable ship in order to secure the picture. In connection with the above subject we will have another good reel of pictures to complete our regular three reel show. Andeville, we have a rare treat in store for our patrons in the way of a musical act. The celebrated Campbell Sisters singing comedienne will appear first part of the week. This act was with us several months ago, and pronounced by all the best musical act ever heard in New Bern on a vanderbilt stage. We have been trying for some time to secure a return engagement and have just succeeded. We feel sure that all of our patrons who have heard these sweet singers will be delighted to hear them again. A special piano is used on the stage by this act. Same prices. First floor 10 and 15 cts. Balcony 5 and 10 cts. Matinee 5 and 10 cts. 1st show at night starts at 7:30 and at 9 o'clock. Matinee daily at 3:45.

## LIBRARY BOARD MEETS

Variety of Matters Attended to at Session Held Yesterday.

(Written for the Journal)  
The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern Library Association was held in the Library rooms yesterday at eleven o'clock. Eleven members were present. Meeting called to order by the President, Mrs. William Blades.

Mr. T. A. Green, trustee, reported he had on hand \$450.00 to pay Mr. Henderson on the real estate indebtedness, thus reducing the debt to \$1440.01. The librarian reported she had been unable to take the yearly inventory of the books at Christmas on account of lack of helpers. The committee on seeing that the library is fumigated reported that it would soon be done by the city. The committee on getting dirt to fill up the library yard reported they were unable to buy the dirt.

The treasurer Mr. William Dunn, Jr., reported a balance of \$83.72 in the treasury which includes \$53.00 that was given by the New Bern Street Railway Company that being the amount made by the cars on their first day's run. It was moved and second that \$75.00 of this total amount be given Mr. Green to apply on the indebtedness in addition to the \$450.00. A letter of thanks is to be written the Street Railway for the kindness. Amount from sale of pecan nuts on library property amounted to \$9.00, \$11.45 is owed for new stove. A committee was appointed to ask that the New Bern Daily Journal and Sun be given the library.

The librarian was instructed to take the Baltimore Sun from Mr. Johnson for one month. The following magazines were ordered for the year: Youth's Companion, Harper's, Review of Reviews, Ladies' Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post, Everybody's, Munsey's, The Craftsman. The committee reported the play for the benefit of the library is progressing nicely and will be put on very soon. No further business the meeting adjourned.

## TELLS OF HUGE PORKER.

B. B. Hurst, Craven county's genial Treasurer, has returned from a business trip in Jones county. While at Trenton, the county seat, he paid a short visit to the farms of Daniel and Jack Dixon, two prosperous merchants and farmers who live near that place. These gentlemen were superintending the slaughter of a number of hogs at the time and displayed three of the porkers which had just been dressed. Two of these weighed three hundred and fifty pounds each while the other tipped the scales at seven hundred and twenty-five pounds.

## SAY PREMIUM IS PLACED ON ARSON

Exhibit in New York to Show Alleged Laxity of Big Fire Insurance Companies.

**A REMARKABLE EXHIBITION**  
Fictitious Furniture of Empty Flat Insured for Ten Thousand Dollars.

New York, Jan. 4.—One of the most remarkable exhibitions ever presented by a city is open to the public here under the auspices of the city Fire Department.

The exhibition consists of simply a few pieces of cheap furniture and some placards, from which it is learned that the furniture cost \$3.96 and was insured for \$17,500.

The purpose of the exhibit is to show the public how careless the big fire insurance companies are about writing policies. The department officials are engaged in a hot fight with the underwriters and it is the department's contention that the insurance companies "put a premium on arson" by lax methods in policy writing.

To prove its contention the department got together the 3.96 worth of furniture and insured it for a big fortune. In one instance the department agents even insured for \$10,000 the fictitious furniture in an empty flat.

"No wonder more than 15 per cent of our fires are incendiary," declared Fire Commissioner Johnson today. "The method of placing fire insurance policies without inspection puts a premium upon arson by offering the financially weak, tottering or bankrupt man an irresistible temptation. Our exhibit is proof of this contention."

## PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Meeting This Week at Washington as Part of Campaign Covering South.

**DR. SUMMERELL WILL SPEAK**  
Dr. Martin Davidson and Other Leaders of Denomination To Be There.

The Southern Presbyterian church has started a campaign on evangelism and stewardship throughout the whole Assembly. The object is first, to gather many into the church, and second, to enlist all that are now in the church to an adequate support of the beneficent work of the church. To discuss and plan methods for attaining these objects. Presbyterian conferences are being held all over the South from Virginia to Texas, and Florida to Oklahoma. Sixty-three of these will be held in January and early February. For Ablesmarle Presbytery two conferences are to be held, at Raleigh, Jan. 6th and 7th, at Washington Jan. 7th and 8th. The leader of both is J. P. McCallie of Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Program (abridged)

Washington, N. C. Tues. Jan. 7; 8:00 p. m., Personal Evangelism to Emphasize Evangelistic Campaigns. Rev. Geo. Atkins, Albemarle, N. C., Consecrated Possessions.

W. C. Smith, Richmond, Va. Tuesday, Jan. 8; 10:30 a. m. Our Presbytery—Report on Statistics of Evangelism.

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, New Bern, N. C. Bible Study on Personal Work, Rev. J. C. Shive, Wilson, N. C. 3:30 p. m.

Bible Study on Stewardship. Dr. W. J. Martin, Davison, N. C. The Every-Member Canvass.

Prof. J. P. McCallie, Chattanooga, Tenn. 7:30 p. m.

## The Church at Work.

Rev. Dr. Paxton, Danville, Va. Life and Leadership.

Dr. Martin, Davidson, N. C. It is earnestly hoped that this conference being so near New Bern and being an outgrowth of the Men's Forward Movement as applied by the Presbyterian church to the definite ends—Evangelism and Leadership—will attract not only the men of that denomination but workers, thinkers and planners from the other churches.

Entertainment will be provided for all who come. Dr. Summerell will gladly send the names of all who will go to the committee of arrangements.

## RESOLUTIONS FOR MR. PENDLETON.

Whereas, on the first day of December, 1912, Mr. George B. Pendleton, our former Cashier, tendered his resignation, effective on said date, for the purpose of accepting a position with the Trust Company of Georgia, in Atlanta, and the Board of Directors of the New Bern Banking & Trust Company desire to express their appreciation for his services and their regret at the severance of his connection with this institution while expressing their pleasure at his promotion;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, by the Board of Directors of the New Bern Banking & Trust Company that we have accepted the resignation of Mr. George B. Pendleton with much regret, and desire to express our appreciation for the services rendered by him to this institution during the several years of his connection therewith; his care and fidelity to the interest of the business; his energy and accuracy in his conduct and management of us, affairs; and his uniform courtesy in his contact with his business associates; and our great regret at the loss of his services, and to which his greatest success in the new field of his endeavors;

Resolved Further, that a copy of this Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of this Board, and copy thereof forwarded to Mr. Pendleton in Atlanta.

T. A. GREEN  
COMMITTEE. L. I. MOORE  
C. E. FOY.

You can't judge a woman by her looks when she looks as if she didn't know you were looking.

## DINNER STRUCK POPULAR CHORD

Impression General That Friday Night's Event Was Good For The City.

**HAVE THEM OFTEN, SAYS ONE**  
Thinks They Should be Held Semi-Annually and Offers To Buy Tickets.

That the first annual dinner given Friday night at the Gaston Hotel by the New Bern Chamber of Commerce struck a popular chord is gathered from numerous complimentary expressions heard yesterday.

As an advertising feature it could hardly have been expeller. People reading of the event at once draw the conclusion that the city is indeed a "New Bern New Bern" and that the people here are live wires and believe not only in saying things but in putting their thoughts and inspirations into action. There was hardly a visitor who attended the banquet and listened to the flow of oratory and partook of the more substantial part of the program who was not imbued with the spirit of co-operative activity.

When first planned it was the intention to hold these banquets annually. One prominent citizen has suggested that they be held semi-annually and has offered to purchase a number of tickets on each occasion. If there are twenty five others who have the same opinion and are willing to buy at least two tickets there is no doubt but that the banquets will be held semi-annually as suggested.

The New Bern of today is alive to every opportunity and as was shown by the forceful addresses Friday night by some of the leading citizens who took statistics and proved their argument, she is fast coming to the front and bids fair to be the leading city and industrial centre of Eastern North Carolina.

Only words of praise and commendation of the wonderful progress made during the past few years were heard from those who were the guests of the city Friday night. The first annual get together is a thing of the past but it leaves only pleasant memories coupled with a determination on the part of the business men to pull together and make New Bern better and bigger.

## NEEDS ATTENTION

**Mudhole in Driveway Is Being Much Criticized.**

On lower Middle street, just north of the Blade's building, is a space of several hundred square feet which is unoccupied except by a small frame structure, used as a restaurant. A section of this unoccupied plot of ground is used as a driveway to the dock just back of the Blades building and hundreds of wagons traverse it each day. For many weeks this driveway has been a "lobofoly" of mud and water, at times becoming in such condition that it is almost impossible for vehicles to pass there while pedestrians do not venture to do so.

This spot has been the object of much adverse criticism of late. Persons visiting New Bern are surprised to see such a place right in the business district of the city and they as well as many local people wonder why it is permitted.

## BRIDGE CLUB MEETS.

The "Auction Bridge Club" was charmingly entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Robert Du Val Jones, at her home on East Front street. Palms and ferns made the rooms attractive. After an exciting game a tempting salad course was served. Those present were: Mrs. Owen Guion, Mrs. Robert Nixon, Mrs. Charles Duffly, Mrs. Guion Dunn, Mrs. John T. Hollister, Mrs. Francis Stringer Duffly, Mrs. Thomas Hyman, Mrs. Edward Clark, Misses Janet Hollister, Laura Hughes, Mollie Heath, Margaret Bryan, Sadie Hollister and Mary Oliver.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Today is the occasion of the First Quarterly Conference at the Centenary Methodist church. Rev. J. E. Underwood, the Presiding Elder of the New Bern District, will preach at both hours. Mr. Underwood has the reputation of being a most excellent preacher and will have large audiences to hear him.

## DANCE AT ORIENTAL

One of the Largest and Most Beautiful of the Season.

(Special to the Journal)  
Oriental, Jan. 4.—One of the largest and most beautiful dances of the season was given here last Tuesday evening at Midyette's hall. In addition to those from this place, who participated in the event there were a number of visitors present. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Aurora brass band.

The dance was led by E. M. Hooker and Miss Stephens. Those participating were: Miss Ruth Simmons of Kinston with Clem Hooker of Bayboro, Miss Pearl Johnson with George Norcome of Beaufort, Miss Lena Stephens with Kenneth Nixon of New Bern, Miss Emma Hooker of Aurora with Wallace Hadnell of Aurora, Miss Joyner of Greenville with Hardy Thompson of Aurora, Mrs. J. E. Porter of Weldon with Ralph Thompson of Aurora, Miss Moore with Robert Bonner of Aurora, Miss Mary Miller of Bayboro with C. L. Daniels of Bayboro, Miss Mary Aldridge with Ben Hooker, Miss Julia Stephens with David Ferber, Miss Ethel Whitehurst with Charles Miller, Miss Earle White with Life Daniels, Mrs. Madie Moore with Jake Brabble, Miss Emily Midyette with Joseph Gainer, Miss Hannah Daniels with H. L. Gibbs, Claire Everett with W. F. Ewell, Miss Helen Dudley with Dr. Potter of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Midyette.

Chaperones: Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hooker, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gendreau.

## POPULAR COUPLE WED

**Frank C. Brinson and Miss Hooker Surprise Friends.**

A marriage that came as a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties occurred Tuesday afternoon last at Goldsboro when Miss Lela I. Hooker of Bayboro became the bride of Frank C. Brinson also of Bayboro. The bride is one of Pamlico County's most attractive and popular young ladies and has a host of friends all over this section. Mr. Brinson is the clerk of Pamlico County Superior Court. Mr. and Mrs. Brinson returned to Bayboro Wednesday morning. Mrs. Brinson is a sister of Clem Hooker, who holds a position with the local branch of the Armour Packing Company.

## WILL PARADE IN MEDIEVAL DRESS

In Suffrage Pageant in Washington Women Will Wear Ancient Costumes.

## PLANS HAVE BEEN PERFECTED

**Allegorical Figures Will Portray Condition of Women From Beginning to Now.**

Washington, Jan. 4.—Plans for the woman suffrage pageant March 3 have been perfected. The novel spectacle of women wearing mediæval or ancient Greek costumes will be witnessed.

The procession will be divided into five sections and with each section will be heralds dressed in mediæval costumes, who will from time to time along the route of the parade repeat famous suffrage speeches which have been made in the last few years in this and foreign countries. The parade will be composed of floats, allegorical figures portraying the condition of women from the dawn of creation down to the present time. So far as possible, women musicians will compose the bands and the demonstration will be reinforced by the presence of parading men sympathizers of the cause.

A resolution appealing from the decision of Major Sylvester, chief of the Washington police, to refuse the women a permit to parade on Pennsylvania avenue was adopted and vigorous protests against the edict will be made to commissioners. Failing of redress here, the women propose to take the matter to President Taft. For over one hundred years Pennsylvania avenue has been open to men paraders, and the refusal of the first request made by women for a similar privilege will be met with a general campaign of resistance.

## PLAN TO HONOR TITANIC HEROES

Shafts are Proposed For The Entrances to New York and Liverpool.

## NORFOLK LEADS MOVEMENT

**Undertaking Launched at Annual Banquet Held By Marine Engineers.**

Norfolk, Jan. 4.—A movement was set on foot last night at the annual banquet of the Marine Engineers' Benefit Association, by John G. Tilton, commonwealth's attorney, to perpetuate the memory of marine engineers who are buried in the sunken hull of the Titanic. If the association continues this movement it will be the first organization in the world to give official recognition to the bravery and heroism of the 34 men who remained at posts of death in the engine rooms of the doomed vessel.

Not one engineer was saved from the sinking ship. They remained in the hold until the ship turned her bow to the bottom, going down with lights burning, propellers churning and wireless apparatus still supplied with current. Mr. Tilton classed those men with the bravest heroes of history. Every marine engineer bears similar responsibilities and Mr. Tilton declared they should take steps to see that the memory of those who sacrificed life to ambition never grows dim. He suggested that memorial shafts be erected at the entrance to New York and Liverpool harbors, with Norfolk the first to head a subscription list.

Charles A. Bond was toastmaster and made the initial speech of the evening. In a few words he explained the aims and objects of the association, saying 1912 had been a prosperous year for marine engineers in Norfolk and had been marked by almost no friction between engineers and employers. Short talks were heard from several other guests, among them Edward A. Richardson of the New York Pennsylvania and Norfolk Railroad; James V. Treby, George W. Harney, Richard A. Dobie, B. Gray Tunstall, Walter H. Taylor, Jr., Clinton L. Wright and Dr. James G. Riddick.

## HEWS HIS FOOT.

While engaged Friday afternoon in trimming a piece of timber to be used in the construction of a small bridge, J. T. Moore, who lives near Truitt's, had the misfortune to seriously cut his left foot with the axe which he was using in his work. The instrument in some way slipped from the piece of timber and struck Mr. Moore's foot with full force. A telephone message was sent to Dr. Raymond Pollock of this city and he went to the home of the wounded man and rendered medical aid. The accident is such that the victim will not be able to walk again in several weeks.

## UNION ELECTS OFFICERS.

(Special to the Journal)  
Jan. 4.—The Onslow County Farmers' Union met in Jacksonville Wednesday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. H. Aman, President; O. B. Basden, Vice President; A. W. Cooper, Secretary and Treasurer. During the past year the Union has added a large number of new members and the work accomplished by them has been manifested in the improved farming conditions in this section. The new officers are men of ability and the prospect for the ensuing year is very encouraging.

## RETRENCHING.

Besides the changes in train service affecting New Bern which take place today the Norfolk Southern is making a number of other changes that affect other places to a greater degree than New Bern. Norfolk loans the local train between that city and Edenton. The regular forenoon trip out of Norfolk will leave at 9:45 instead of at 11 as now and will run as local. A train between Raleigh and Fayetteville will also be discontinued.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

New Bern Banking and Trust Co.—Your financial resources.  
People's Bank—No minimum on checking accounts.  
S. K. Eaton—Street railway men travel on time.  
Burrus & Co.—Improved machinery makes improved farmers.  
A. Caslet—Porkers and porkers.  
S. Coplon & Son—White goods and