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SAYS TOBACCO IS PAYING CROP

Prominent Citizen Urges Craven Farmers to Devote More Land To Growing This Weed.

WILL TRY TO GET WAREHOUSE

Commissioners Will Be Asked To Turn County Farm Into Demonstration Farm.

The Farm Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce held a very important meeting last night in the organization's rooms in the Elks' Temple. A comparatively small number of the members were present at this meeting but the lack of numbers was more than offset by the enthusiasm manifested in the proceedings by those who attended.

A number of very important matters were taken up and discussed during the evening. Monroe Howell made a very interesting talk in which he told of the advantages that tobacco growing offers for the farmers of this section. Mr. Howell said that last year he planted five acres of his land in tobacco and had two barns. It proved such a profitable crop that this season he has thirty acres planted in tobacco and has six barns. The price he received for his crop last year averaged sixteen cents per pound. It is Mr. Howell's belief that if the farmers of Craven and adjoining counties could be interested in growing tobacco that the income from their farms would be greatly increased.

Considering Mr. Howell's suggestion, the Farm Committee wants the New Industry Committee to start a movement to get a tobacco warehouse for New Bern. Unless there is a warehouse and a market here the farmers will be compelled to carry or ship their tobacco to some other place, as is now being done, and in this way the business interests of the city are being injured.

A committee was appointed to interest the farmers in peanut growing. Peanuts can often be grown on land on which other crops will not thrive and they can always be disposed of at a good price.

A committee composed of Monroe Howell, George N. Ennett, J. W. Stewart and W. C. Willett were appointed to go before the Craven County Board of Commissioners at their next regular meeting and ask that the county farm be used as a demonstration farm. It is their plan to have from one to five acres of this farm planted in the different varieties of produce grown in this section and used as a demonstration farm for the farmers who come here from other points with a view of locating.

This committee was also instructed to take up with the State Agricultural Department the matter of furnishing agricultural lecturers to visit this county every month or two and give lectures before the farmers on subjects that will be interesting and instructive to them. The committee is also to endeavor to have farm bull pens mailed to the Craven county farmers.

Every farmer and real estate dealer who has one or two farms to sell is asked to furnish the committee with the location and size of these farms so that information relative to them can be placed in the pamphlet now being compiled by the Advertising Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and which will be distributed among the farmers of the north and west.

Tonight the Sanitation Committee, of which Dr. R. N. Duffy is chairman, will meet. Every member is urged to attend this meeting, as a number of matters of importance are to be transacted.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

The Retail Extension Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet in the Chamber of Commerce room Thursday night at 8:30. This committee is composed of every retail merchant in New Bern who belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

COMMITTEE TO MEET.

The Wholesale Extension Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet in the Chamber of Commerce room Friday night at 8:30. This committee is composed of every wholesale merchant in New Bern who belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

ALLEGED FORGER HELD.

Probable Cause Found In Case Against Colored Man.

E. J. Blount, colored, was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace S. R. Street yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with forgery. Probable cause was found and the defendant bound over to the next term of Craven County Superior Court under a bond of one hundred and fifty dollars, in default of which he was committed to jail.

It is alleged that Blount forged the name of B. F. Cloude, also colored, to checks on the People's Bank aggregating thirty dollars. The evidence given by the witnesses was very damaging to the defendant and there was no other course for the magistrate to pursue but to hold him for the higher court.

The checks were forged some weeks ago and Blount left for parts unknown a few days later. Last Saturday he was located at Wilmington and placed under arrest and held until Sheriff R. B. Lane came to take him in custody.

THOSE INTERESTED INVITED TO MEET WITH COMMITTEE.

The Health and Sanitation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce which meets in the Chamber of Commerce room tonight will be glad to have any citizen of New Bern who is interested in sanitation meet with them. The committee is composed of the following members: Dr. R. N. Duffy, Chairman, E. H. Wood, T. H. Bennett, R. F. Butler, R. R. Eagle, Dr. Raymond Pollock, Dr. R. S. Primrose, Dr. N. M. Gibbs, Dr. Geo. Clon, S. M. Brinson, H. B. Craven, J. A. Bryan, Dr. J. F. Foley, S. F. Bridges, Chas. W. Lewis, W. H. Deppe, J. W. Huff, Dr. Walter Watson.

WEDDING GIFTS WERE HELD UP

ENGLISH BARONET REFUSED TO PAY FORTY FIVE PER CENT DUTY ON THEM.

New York, April 29.—Unromantic customs inspectors seized \$10,000 worth of wedding gifts and sent them to the public stores because Sir Willred Peck, Baronet, of Seaton, England, refused to pay 45 per cent. duty on them.

They were intended for Miss Edwina Thornburgh, of St. Louis, who is to marry Sir Willred on May 7, and consisted of gold and silver plate from his relatives and friends in London and Europe.

Sir Willred was hunting in India when he received a cablegram from Miss Thornburgh naming the day. He caught the first liner from Calcutta and hurried to Seaton. There he found an array of wedding presents awaiting his bride. These he had packed in two large boxes, intending to take them to St. Louis, display them at the wedding and bring them back to England a month later. The thought of paying duty, he says, never crossed his mind.

She left them here, to reclaim them on his departure, with the exception of eight gold plates. He took these with him to St. Louis after paying \$64 duty.

Sir Willred is expected to arrive in St. Louis tomorrow for the wedding on May 7. He and his bride-to-be differ politically, he being a Conservative and opposed to woman suffrage, while she was recently converted to the cause. The future Lady Peck says she is a progressive, a "Woodrow Wilson-Progressive" is her way of putting it.

Miss Thornburgh's father, was the late Henry Thornburgh, a pioneer paint manufacturer, who left his daughter millions.

Sir Willred is accompanied by his mother, his sisters, Miss Violet and Miss Gwendolyn Sir John Sholley and daughters and H. A. Banyon, who is to be best man.

It takes a truly great actor to realize that he isn't the whole show.

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DEVASTATION IN EXPRESS OFFICE

Practically Every Article In The Office Badly Damaged By Smoke and Water.

APERTURES MADE IN FLOOR

Company's Representative And Insurance Adjuster Will Arrive Here Today.

The interior of the Southern Express Company's office, located in the Hughes building on Craven street and which was visited by a costly fire Monday night, was a scene of devastation yesterday when the place was opened for the first time after the conflagration of the previous night.

Practically every article in the office which had not been locked up in the big iron safe or one of the many cabinets was badly damaged by smoke and water. Apertures had been cut in the floor and in this manner hundreds of gallons of water which had been thrown on the blaze were drained from the building. On every side were express packages, many of them having burst open and the contents scattered here and there. One package had contained several suits of men's clothing. These had been washed to the rear of the building by one of the streams of water. In order to save them, the office force constructed a temporary clothes line in the office and hung the articles on this in the hope that they would dry out.

Z. V. Taylor, manager of the office, stated that things were in such a shape that he could do nothing until one of the company's representatives and the insurance adjuster arrived, these gentlemen are expected today. The office was open to the public during the day and business transacted as usual with the exception of the delivery of packages which were in the building during the conflagration. Mr. Taylor endeavored to secure a building yesterday in which a temporary office could be opened but was not successful in doing this. He stated last night, however, that this would be done probably today or tomorrow and that the present office would be turned over to the carpenters to be repaired.

In France the top of a mountain fell off and ruined gardens and orchards, and now for a recall of the laws of nature.

DR. J. F. RHEM IS A REPRESENTATIVE

WILL ATTEND MEETING NEXT MONTH IN TEXAS OF THE OASIS TEMPLE.

Dr. J. F. Rhem of this city is one of the representatives of Oasis Temple at the Imperial Council meeting A. A. O. N. M. S. to be held at Dallas, Texas next month. Dr. Rhem will leave this city on May 7 enroute to Charlotte where he will join the other representatives and a party of delegates.

The trip to Dallas will be made on a special train and will be one of interest. After leaving Charlotte, the first of the many delightful stop-overs that have been arranged will be made at New Orleans where the party sojourns for 24 hours. Then through Houston, for a side trip of a few hours spending an afternoon in Galveston, thence to Dallas, arriving Monday morning May 12.

The party spends four days in Dallas enjoying the hospitality of that bustling city and participating in a delightful program of entertainment. Leaving Dallas Thursday night the first stop-over will be at Hot Springs, Ark., where the party will visit this famous resort renowned the world over for delightful climate, curative waters and social activity. Stop-overs will also be made at Memphis, Birmingham, Chattanooga, and Asheville, the party returning to Charlotte on the afternoon of the 18th of May.

W. E. Patterson spent yesterday in Beaufort on business.

CHALONER BLOOMS FORTH AS A POET

Sends Out Volume of Trenchant Cubist Verse Under Title Of "Scorpio".

'WHO'S LOONEY NOW' HIS WORK

Verses Show That Author Possesses Nothing But Charity For Mankind.

New York, April 29.—John Armstrong Chaloner has pushed George Bernard Shaw under the pile driver and tripped Rudyard Kipling onto the skids. Mr. Chaloner has just sent broadcast from his comfortable retreat in the Old Dominion his trenchant volume of cubist verses bearing the significant title "Scorpio."

Mr. Chaloner will be remembered as the author of that neat little brochure "Who's Looney Now?" dedicated to the at-that-time-husband of Mile. Lina Cavalieri, and of the more recent work on exploration entitled "Hell". This latest message from Roanoke was published in England in 1903, but because of several pending suits in American courts, which might be, according to the poet's own admissions, affected disadvantageously by the appearance of his verses. America has had to wait in patience until the present moment.

It may readily be seen from a perusal of the prologue to the Chaloner sheaf of sonnets that the "Roaring Warbler of Roanoke" possess nothing but charity for all mankind, and that he maintains a dairy for the milk of human kindness on his estate. For, toching upon the inspiration for his songs, Mr. Chaloner refers thus to a well-known philanthropist:

We shall take pleasure in pointing out how that bald-headed old rogue, Rockefeller, is attempting two impossible things, to wit: First, to throw dust in the eyes of the public by prodigious gifts to education, with the veiled hope of educating the rising generation to his nefarious way of thinking; and the flaring, flaunting, brazen-faced hope of buying the public's forgiveness."

Since there is a million cold cash behind the author, and he is publishing "Scorpio" at his own expense—take it from his own assurance in the prologue—this book of verse is "a medium for flaying fools that in concentration, swiftness of action and completeness of results beats any other form of satirical flagellation."

TOPEKA TO HAVE TWO POLICEMEN

LOS ANGELES WILL ALSO TRY CUT PLAN OF USING FEMALE OFFICIALS

Topeka, Kan., April 29.—The immediate appointment of two women members of the police force was decided upon today by the City Commission, acting upon suggestions from the Woman's Advisory Board. The idea was started by Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, who is taking an active interest in the municipal affairs of his home city.

The Woman's Advisory Board of Topeka was appointed by Mayor Coffran recently. Its functions are to confer with the City Commission in many matters of city government.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 28.—The "plain-clothes" patrolwomen will walk beats in the downtown district of Los Angeles at night, beginning May 1. This innovation was announced by Police Chief Sebastian today, accompanied by the statement that the police women would devote most of their efforts to the protection of girls.

Mrs. Alice Stebbins Wells, who claims the distinction of being the first policewoman in the United States, and Mrs. Rachael Shatto, for some time a police matron, will be the pioneer patrolwomen. They will visit dance halls, skating rinks, "movies" and cafes.

H. S. Hancock, one of the local contractors, went to Wilmington yesterday to bid on a moving picture and vaudeville theatre that J. M. Solky is to erect there.

MAILS A COCOANUT.

Case Where Post-Office Carries a Package Containing Liquid.

Indianapolis, April 29.—"Guess you'd better handle this carefully. Sounds like it might break," said a postman as he gingerly handed a big brown package over the desk at the Hotel English.

The clerk looked first at the package, then at the postman, with a puzzled expression on his countenance. He picked up the package and shook it. There was a sound of dashing water, then he saw the label, "Palm Beach cocoanut," and he laughed. It was not a patent bottle or an ostrich egg. It was just a cocoanut, but different in appearance from the kind offered in the local market. The smooth outer shell had not been removed, and the label and postage were pasted right on the nut.

The cocoanut weighed three pounds and it cost 24 cents to send it by parcel post from Palm Beach, Fla.

MAJOR AND MRS. CHARLES M. STEDMAN PASS THROUGH.

Congressman and Mrs. Charles M. Stedman and their daughter, Mrs. Palmer, of Greensboro, passed through the city last evening in a private car enroute home from Beaufort. Mrs. Stedman, who is seriously ill, has been at Beaufort for some time in the interest of her health but failing to improve, her physician ordered that she be taken to her home. Miss Etta Manson of Beaufort accompanied the party as far as New Bern.

The man who always tries to get what is coming to him seldom stops at that.

NEW CARS TO BE SHIPPED SOON

LOCAL STREET RAILWAY COMPANY TO GET NEW ROLLING STOCK.

The New Bern Ghent Street Railway Company have received a message from the Cincinnati Car Company, who are now engaged in the construction of two cars for the former company, stating that these cars will be shipped from their plant on May 10.

These cars, which are to be used on the local line, represent the "last word" in the construction of surface cars. One of them is a single truck car, similar to the ones now in use in this city, and the other is a two truck car and is much larger. The latter car will have a carrying capacity of about seventy-five people.

Before these cars arrive several alterations will be made in the track now in use. At the corner of Metcalf and Pollock streets which is now used as a "junction" a three point switch will be put down. With the use of this the present method of backing a car into the switch in order to let another pass will be done away with. Other alterations will also be made and the present service improved in a number of ways.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TODAY.

Our patrons will enjoy today, matinee and night one of the best picture programs of the year. We have secured at an additional cost to our regular picture service. Pathe's celebrated production.

"The Passion Play"
This famous moving picture is composed of three full reels, three thousand feet, beautifully colored, describing in detail every incident in the life of our blessed Saviour.

Many perhaps have seen the production before, but like reading the holy book, there is always room for one more time.

Another interesting picture to complete our program is

"China and the Chinese"
A feature educational subject of merit.

No advance in prices—same 5, 10 and 15c admission.

Matinee daily at 4:35. 2 shows at night. Let starts at 8 o'clock. 2d at 9:15. By observing the hours you will always get a desirable seat.

FEDERAL COURT NOW IN SESSION

Two Weeks Term Convened Yesterday Morning With Judge H. G. Connor Presiding.

FIRST DAY A BUSY ONE

Large Large Number of Violations Of the Internal Revenue Law On the Docket.

A two weeks' term of the U. S. Court for this district was convened in this city yesterday morning with Judge H. G. Connor of Wilson presiding. The first week will be consumed in the disposal of the criminal cases, of which there are a large number, while the second and last week will be devoted to the hearing of the civil actions.

At the opening of the term the following grand jury was selected: Ken Hay, Giles Hinson, J. J. Brinson, W. H. Whitley, H. E. Ellis, W. B. Brown, W. T. Murphy, R. H. Rowe, J. H. Trott, N. J. Leary, T. J. Herring, Jefferson Bennett, John A. Manning, J. A. Hudson, J. A. Edwards, Jr., N. W. Taylor, Samuel Alton and George E. Kornegay, Foreman. After Judge Connor had delivered his charge to the grand jury, explaining to them their duties, the regular business of the day was begun.

The majority of the cases on the criminal docket are offenses against the Internal Revenue Law and the offenders come from all over this section of the State. During the past few months the revenue officers have been very diligent and in consequence have rounded up a large number of defendants. A number of these cases were disposed of during yesterday. The following cases were taken up and disposed of during the day.

J. T. Scurvy of Onslow county pleaded guilty to a charge of aiding and abetting in illicit distilling. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs and the defendant to give a bond for his appearance at the next term of court and prove that he has been a law abiding citizen during the intervening time.

L. A. Garner and Charles Garner, two young men from Carteret county, pleaded guilty to a charge of destroying a rural free delivery letter box. Judgment was suspended in this case upon the payment of the costs.

Richard Artis of Wayne county pleaded guilty to a charge of retailing and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs of the case.

Walter Faison of Wayne entered a plea of guilty in a case charging him with retailing and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost of the case.

James Woodard of Greene county entered a plea of guilty in a case in which he was charged with retailing and was sentenced to thirty days in jail or to pay a fine of one hundred dollars and the costs of the case.

Alonzo Riggs was given a jury trial on a charge of retailing and a verdict of guilty was rendered. Judgment has not been passed.

Peter Harris plead guilty to a charge of retailing and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs of the case.

BAY RUM A DRINK.

Supreme Court Classes It As "Spirits," Not Toilet Article

Washington, April 29.—Bay rum, popular for both inside and outside application, according to individual taste, is "booze."

This, in effect, is the decision of the Supreme Court. The question was too knotty for the New York Federal courts, who certified it to the high tribunal for the final decree today.

New York importers of bay rum provoked the question. They objected to paying duty on the fluid as "alcoholic spirits," declaring it was a "toilet preparation." They recited that it is composed of 50 per cent. alcohol and 50 per cent. water, with a "touch of bay leaf essence."

The Supreme Court declared that the "touch" of bay leaf and its 50 per cent. alcohol subjects it to taxation as "spirits" and not as toilet water.

George N. Ives spent yesterday at his Newport farm, returning home last evening.