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LOCAL NEWS.

Journal Miniature Almanac.

New Berne, latitude, 35° 6' North.
longitude, 77° 8' West.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

FOR SALE—Two Show Cases—one three feet and one six feet. J. W. Hines Furniture Store.

We are selling best Pianos and Organs at remarkably low prices. Old Pianos taken in exchange.
at
MEARES & HARTSFIELD.

A full line of Plows, Harrows and Cultivators, at prices to suit the times.
GEO. ALLEN & CO.

Fertilizers, Lime, Plaster, Cement, Glass, Paints, Varnish and Oil at low prices.
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The election at Trenton on Monday was finally decided against the hog.

Mr. J. Havens shipped a fine lot of peas yesterday to Walter S. Hill of New York.

R. N. & C. Duffy offer a building on the corner of Middle and Pollock streets. See "Ad."

E. B. Hackburn commands the attention of housekeepers in today's issue. Read what he says.

We have a communication in regard to the "public singing" on Monday night which will appear to-morrow.

The old board of city council closed up last night. The new board will meet today, at 10 o'clock, for organization.

We learn that the Davis Cadets of La Grange contemplate coming to our memorial services on the 10th of May. We trust the report is true.

Moore & Brady wound up oyster canning for the season yesterday and will now begin on peas. (Owing to the bad weather in the early of the season they have not done so large a business as heretofore.) The oystermen report that there are millions of young oysters on the rocks where they fished two and three years ago that will be fine stock next season.

The New Berne Journal of Saturday printed the name of that town three different ways.—W. H. Star.

We invariably write it, when speaking of the city, New Berne. This is our way of spelling it. We have long since concluded to let other people spell it as they see fit. There is a steamer of the Old Dominion line running to and from this port called "The Newberne." When we write of it we write it as it was written by those who named her.

Steamer Movements.
The steamer Eagle of the E. C. D. line arrived about noon yesterday with large cargo of merchandise, and sailed at 5 o'clock for Elizabeth City with truck.

The steamer Vesper of this line will arrive today and leave tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The steamer Newbern of the O. D. line sailed on regular trip yesterday for Norfolk with 1,000 boxes of peas and other truck. A large number of passengers were aboard.

The Danian of the Clyde line arrived yesterday from Baltimore with a cargo of merchandise.

MURDER IN CRAVEN.

A White Man Charged with Choking his Wife and Drowning her in Neuse River.

A white man named Chas. Jones, about 26 years of age, was put in jail yesterday for the murder of his wife under the following circumstances:

Jones was born in Jones county but has been somewhat of a rambler. Last year he appeared at Dover, in this county, and married the daughter of Moses Westbrook. He and his wife lived with her father for a few months, and after a general free fight, in which all parties took a hand, he left wife and all the rest and went to the north side of the Neuse river near Maple Cypress and lived there since. In the meantime he got infatuated with another woman, so rumor says, and wanted to marry her but could not. He returned Saturday to Dover after his lawful wife and crossed or tried to, to the north side, where he was living. He told the neighbors Monday morning that she was drowned—never mentioned anything Sunday night about her. He was at once suspected and arrested by deputy sheriff N. A. Cobb upon a warrant issued by J. W. Lane, J. P. Tuesday the remains were found in the Neuse river a mile or more below Maple Cypress, and showed signs of foul play.

Special Coroner David Tripp summoned a jury of twelve, and with Dr. E. G. Cobb viewed the body, examined witnesses and returned a verdict that the deceased came to her death at the hands of her husband, Charles Frank Jones, by choking and drowning in Neuse river.

We are informed that the crowd of people present at the trial before Jus-

tice Lane, both colored and white, were very much incensed against the prisoner and open threats of violence were made, but cooler heads allayed their feelings and he was permitted to be brought to jail. The people gave as justification of their feelings that people were not punished in Craven county for violating the law.

Schools Defeated.

The committee appointed by the board of council on Tuesday night to examine the registration books and report as to whether a majority of the qualified voters had voted for schools in the election on Monday, upon examination found that there were 1284 names registered while only 531 votes were cast for schools. There are undoubtedly many names on the books that ought not to be there, but as there were 1054 votes polled in the city election and only 531 for schools, it was at once apparent to the committee that purging the registration books of names that ought not to be there would not change the result.

Seventy-five votes more would have saved it, and these could have been obtained had the matter been properly canvassed. Goldsboro, we are glad to learn, carried the school question, although the maximum tax fixed in the bill was thirty cents on the hundred dollars, ten cents more than New Berne. The people there took interest enough in the matter to canvass it and bring out the vote for it. An anti-school mass meeting on Friday night before the election was attended and captured by the friends of schools and turned into a strong school meeting. Speeches were made by such men as Capt. Swift, Gallowsay, W. S. O. H. Robinson, C. B. Aycock and others in favor of schools. No one could doubt the success of the measure after such earnest work in its favor.

In New Berne, with two or three exceptions, our leading men were absorbed with other matters and the schools failed. But now the excitement of the city election is over, we hope to see those who feel an interest in the city's welfare come together and devise means for carrying on a good public school. We doubt if the people will longer submit to the public school funds being used while free tuition is confined to the 1st and 2d grades. It is not right; it is not law and it is unjust to children who have passed these lower grades and are unable to pay tuition in higher grades. A large majority of our colored people have said by their actions last Monday that they do not want our assistance in providing schools for their children. The Academy fund, the Griffin fund and the public school funds together run up in the neighborhood of \$2,000. This ought to give free tuition to at least 500 children five months in the year. With \$2,000 more it would give nine months and pay all incidental expenses. We are cast down somewhat on the school question, but not dismayed.

Kinston Items.

Solicitor O. H. Allen is attending court at Clinton, Sampson county.

Miss Mattie W. Rountree's school at Beeson, closed. She is now at home.

Major W. J. Barret and Mr. J. W. Grainger left Tuesday for Washington, D. C.

W. E. Mewborne was in town Monday. Will look as though the good folks of Pitt feed him well.

On the first day of May Mr. J. D. May took charge of the restaurant formerly run by Henry Archbell.

Quite a serious shooting affair took place at Greenville last week. I have not been able to learn full particulars.

The U. S. jury at New Berne made a mistrial in the case against Grady Smith for counterfeiting silver dollars.

Mrs. Jackson, mother of our townsman W. H. Whitfield, and also of Jesse Jackson, died Monday night after long suffering.

Fire at Falling creek last week destroyed the barn and stables of Capt. A. D. Parrott, with a large amount of corn, fodder, oats, &c.; also one mule belonging to Ben Uzzell, a colored tenant of Mr. Parrott, and badly damaged another. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

The party suspected of stealing the horse and buggy from Mr. Sam Howard last week is a white man about 35 years old, weighs about 165 pounds, has gray eyes, reddish sandy hair and mustache. He is also wanted in Robeson county for the same offense. He was arrested in Pamlico county only a few days before he stole Mr. Howard's horse, but made his escape by knocking the deputy sheriff out in one round. The horse and buggy that was stolen in Robeson county was recovered.

The town election passed off quietly Monday, with the following results: For mayor—A. T. Hill, Dem., 183; F. B. Becton, Rep., 45. For aldermen—1st ward, E. M. Hodges, Dem., 62; J. K. Davis, Rep., 53. 2d ward, J. B. Cummings, Dem., 41; G. E. Miller, Dem., 41. 3d ward, W. A. Coleman, Rep., 33; S. H. Abbott, Dem., 33. 4th ward, W. A. Aldridge, Dem., 44. There was no fight, except in the first ward, which is uncomfortably close. Sheriff Davis, as will be seen, has again been defeated by a "Hodges." He next intends trying the "old man," swearing to beat one of the family before he stops.

City Council Proceedings.

NEW BERNE, May 3, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the board was held this evening. Mayor Meadows in chair and all the members of the board present.

The following annual reports of the different officers and committees were read and adopted:

MAYOR'S REPORT.

NEW BERNE, April 29th, 1887.
To the Hon. Board of City Councilmen.

Gentlemen—In assembling today we close the administration of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1887, and transfer to our successors the several trusts of administering the municipal affairs of the city of New Berne. Trusting that in their skillful guidance the city will increase in numbers, health, wealth, educational advantages, and in whatever else may promote the happiness of our people.

You are deservedly due the highest commendations of your fellow-citizens for your persistent efforts to economically and prudently administer the affairs of the city.

We can well invite the health seeker to our beautiful city, for by reference to the health statistics we find a less percentage of severe maladies, and the general health of our community better than any city on the Atlantic seaboard, being exempted from the dreaded diseases concomitant with the rigors of a Northern climate, or the excessive heat of the South. I would recommend that monthly health reports be furnished the N. C. Medical Journal.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.
The general business of the city has been fairly profitable and gradually increasing in volume. Our lumber industry is assuming immense proportions and promises still greater increase. The benefits of our mills and canning factory, and the industries established at Graywood by our esteemed townsmen, Capt. S. H. Gray, are appreciated by our entire section. These industries should be encouraged, for in them lies our future prosperity.

FINANCE AND TAX.
It is one of the most difficult problems in political economy to adopt an equitable system of taxation for a country or community. The principal object in levying a tax should be to make it fall as lightly and equitably as possible on all alike. There are two forms of taxation, direct and indirect. The latter, or indirect form, is that laid upon commodities imported into a country for consumption, and the principal objection to this is that the consumer is not aware of the exact amount which he pays when he buys an article of foreign manufacture. Yet the percentage of tax paid thereon often bears a disproportionate part to its whole cost. From the lack of general information of the people in this regard, the general government is not likely to be held to a just accountability in its appropriations, and wasteful expenditures may be the result.

In municipal affairs the form of taxation is indirect. Every one is supposed to pay in exact proportion to the true value of his property. Under this system we are more likely to feel a direct interest in local government and to see that the money we pay out of our earnings is judiciously applied.

It is a matter of great importance that the valuation of property in New Berne should bear an equal and just proportion to that put upon property in other cities and towns in this State, to the end that our city should not bear a disproportionate part of the State and county taxes. In this matter our assessors should examine carefully. Your concurrence in the financial policy adopted by a former administration is highly commendable and should be continued by your successors. Under this wise policy the current expenses of all the departments and the interest on the debt has been promptly met, and \$4,579.85 applied to the payment of the judgment and floating debt of the city.

In my opinion the tax levy for 1887 should not exceed fifty cents on the \$100 valuation of personal property and real estate. The amount raised from this levy, with the license tax, poll, and fines and costs from mayor's court, will be adequate to meet the demands of an economical administration.

STREETS AND PUMPS.
The shell streets have proven beneficial in many respects and may be kept in excellent condition at little expense. They are badly worn in several localities and should be repaired at an early day as possible.

More curbing should be laid in many of the sidewalks, as the cost of temporary work is in excess of permanent improvements. The adoption of the concrete tiling for pumps for drinking water and fire purposes was much needed and will result beneficially in many respects.

POLICE.
The police officers have rendered efficient service under the supervision of Marshal Harget. This officer is deserving the highest praise for his efforts in freeing the city of crime and the enforcement of the ordinances.

CEMETERIES.
The committee under the care of Councilman Miller, aided by his efficient committee, are in excellent condition. Their beautiful appearance, care, as well as his knowledge in forestry and taste as a florist.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
The efficiency of this department is still sustained to the highest standard of excellence. It is well supplied with the modern appliances used in the extinguishment of fires. We have been exempted from any large or destructive fires during the past year. It behooves the city to continue its liberal aid to sustain this department.

Thanking you for the many evidences of your esteem and the aid rendered me in the discharge of my duties, I am, with high regard,
Your obedient servant,
E. H. MEADOWS, Mayor.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE, May 3, 1887.

To the Mayor and Board of Councilmen of the City of New Berne.

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1887.

I have made 208 arrests during the year, of which 184 were convicted, 24 discharged, 1 appeal, 11 worked upon the streets and cemeteries.

Amount of fines collected \$ 92 60
" " " " " 58 80
" " " " " 46 23

Total \$497 63

For that portion of the above due the city I hold the treasurer's receipts and respectfully refer you to the finance committee.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. HARGET, City Marshal.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of City Council.

Gentlemen—I herewith submit to you the following report of my collections for the year ending May 4th, 1887.

Amount collected real estate personal and poll tax \$5,560 00
Am't collected license tax 4,331 50

dog tax 134 00
rental city scales 14 50
market 330 00
oil tax and cost 57 50

Less per centum 2 54 40
cost on drain 14 50
quents 14 50

Less Thomas' drain 14 50
Less Treas' receipts 14 50

Am't white school tax collected \$47 90
Less 2% per centum 9 58
Wm. Watson's receipts 38 32

Am't colored school back tax \$ 9 90
Less 2% per centum 1 98
Less Isaac Patterson's receipt 7 92

City Tax Collector.
May 3, 1887.

The city tax collector's report was examined and found correct.

E. W. HANCOCK,
R. P. WILLIAMS,
J. M. PRANLEY,
Committee.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

To the Mayor and Board of Councilmen of the City of New Berne.

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Cemeteries would submit the following report of their work for the year ending May 4th, 1887.

On May 4th, 1886, we had a balance on hand from the Elizabeth Gooding trust fund for the graving of walks and avenues of \$212.29. As suitable gravel could not be obtained for the walks or avenues, and with the consent of Mr. A. E. Woodruff, trustee of said fund, your committee expended said amount in the purchase of two pairs of wrought iron gates for the east and west entrance of Cedar Grove Cemetery, which we desire to be designated as the Gooding Gates. They add much to the appearance of our cemetery and are highly appreciated.

CEAR GROVE CEMETERY.
By vouchers on hand May 4, 1886, \$ 47 90
Cash on hand May 4, 1886 9 90
Received from sale of 19 burials lots and 8 marked graves 481 00

\$538 80

EXPENDITURES.
As per receipts \$224 27
Vouchers on hand 128 50
Note for two lots sold 25 00

\$377 77

Balance cash on hand for Cedar Grove, \$224 27

Cedar Grove Cemetery is in excellent condition. Your committee cheerfully commend Mr. W. N. Russ, the sexton, for his past year's faithful work. We have completed the shell-rock wall. During the year have set out 208 oak and maple trees, and paid all interest on outstanding notes.

GREENWOOD CEMETERY.
By vouchers on hand May 4, 1886, \$86 80
Cash from the sale of 10 lots 48 20

\$135 00

EXPENDITURES.
As per receipts \$53 20
Vouchers on hand 86 80

\$140 00

Balance on hand May 4, 1887, \$135 70

We have planted this year in Greenwood Cemetery 112 oak and maple trees and 60 shrubs, and the fence around the cemetery repaired. This cemetery is kept in good condition at all times, and we can heartily recommend Robt. Williams, the present sexton, as the proper man for the care of Greenwood Cemetery.

RECAPITULATION.
CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY.
Balance on hand May 4, 1887, \$224 27
cash 9 90
City Vouchers, 128 50
Note for two lots due June 28, 25 00

\$477 82

GREENWOOD CEMETERY.
Cash balance on hand May 4, 1887, \$135 70
Vouchers on hand, 86 80

102 58

\$580 35

Respectfully submitted,
ALEX. MILLER,
F. W. HANCOCK,
VIRGIL A. CRAWFORD, Committee.

The board proceeded to canvass the vote of the election, with the following results: 1st ward R. H. Williams was declared elected 2d ward J. V. Williams 3d ward H. H. Lane 4th ward V. A. Crawford 5th ward H. H. Kennedy

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