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POSTMASTER J. S. BASNIGHT'S RESIGNATION IS REQUESTED

Charges Have Recently Been Preferred Against Him

HE DECLINES TO COMPLY WITH ANY SUCH REQUESTS

An Investigation Will Be Started At Once—Much Interest In Matter

For the past two or three weeks rumors have been going the rounds in New Bern that there would probably be a change at an early date in postmasters at the local postoffice and these rumors were partially substantiated Friday afternoon when Postmaster J. S. Basnight, who was appointed in June, 1910, was asked to resign.

For some time there has been dissatisfaction among the force in the local office and this grew stronger a few weeks ago when George Howard, who has been in the office only a short time, was appointed to the position of dispatching clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Clarence Crapon.

R. E. Smith, who is, at present the night clerk, thought that he should have been appointed to this position on account of the fact that he has been in the service much longer than Mr. Howard and would therefore be the one to stand in line for promotion. The matter was taken up by Mr. Smith with the Postoffice Department and Congressman John M. Faison, of this district, was also acquainted with the fact.

In addition to this matter, other charges were made against Postmaster Basnight and these resulted in a decision on the part of Congressman Faison and other officials to look over the record of Postmaster Basnight since being in office. After this had been done Congressman Faison came to a decision to give Postmaster Basnight an opportunity of quietly resigning without having any investigation made and just to let the matter go along quietly.

Coming to New Bern Friday morning Congressman Faison had a consultation with one of New Bern's most prominent business men, and who is a staunch Democrat, and the latter agreed to call upon Postmaster Basnight and state the case to him. This gentleman called on Postmaster Basnight Friday afternoon in behalf of Congressman Faison and asked him to resign, telling him at the time just exactly how matters stood.

This, Postmaster Basnight emphatically declined to do. Following the interview with Postmaster Basnight a message was sent to Congressman Faison in which the outcome of the interview was given. Now, it is understood that an investigation of the charges against Postmaster Basnight will be started and if these are substantiated it will in all probability mean that the present holder of the office, and also his assistant, will be removed.

There is a great deal of speculation as to who will be appointed to the position of Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster in case the present incumbent and his assistant are taken out of the office. There are many who are positive that they can name the two gentlemen who will be chosen in case the office is made vacant while others are undecided.

Mr. Jesse S. Basnight, who is a Republican, was appointed Postmaster at the New Bern Office in June, 1910, and his term will expire in June, 1914.

TAKES THIRD HUSBAND.

Former New Bernian Weds In Missouri.

News has been received in this city of the marriage, a few days ago, of Mrs. Annie Wallingford, formerly Miss Annie Green, of New Bern, but who, for the past few months, has resided at Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Wallingford was first married to George Wood of this city, but was divorced after two years and moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where she met her second husband. Her third husband's name is Albert R. Hall, an osteopath, of Clarksville, Tenn.

A UNIQUE AND EFFECTIVE ADVERTISING DEVICE.

A very ingenious and effective advertising device has been installed in front of Wright's cleaning and pressing establishment on Middle street. The device is an electrical one and throws on the sidewalk in front of the store an exact reproduction of the face of a thermometer, giving the right temperature at all times of the night. Within the face of the dial is an inscription informing the public that clothes are cleaned and pressed right by Wright.

URGES FARMERS TO WORK ON ROADS

PRESIDENT OF STATE UNION OF AGRICULTURISTS ISSUES PROCLAMATION.

November 5 and 6 has been set aside as "Good Roads Days" in North Carolina by Governor Craig, and on that day citizens of the State who feel so inclined will shoulder a shovel and go out to assist in building new roads and improving the old ones.

The following proclamation, in part, has been sent to the Craven county Farmers' Union by Dr. H. Q. Alexander, the president of the State Union:

"Whereas His Excellency, Locke Craig, Governor of North Carolina, has issued his proclamation setting apart the 5th and 6th days of November, 1913, as good roads days and appointing these days as holidays and days of festival throughout the State, to celebrate the dawn of a new day in North Carolina; a day in which the march of progress toward a higher and better civilization is made easier by good roads with modern schools as signboards guiding the people, onward and upward, and,

"Whereas, His Excellency, the Governor, has called upon the president of the Farmers' Union to issue his proclamation to the organized farmers of North Carolina to enlist in this great movement and the development of both country and town.

"Now, therefore, as president of the Farmers' Union, I hereby call upon all the local unions in the State to assemble at their regular meeting places on Friday afternoon or night October 31, and there organize and arrange to work every able-bodied man of the community on the roads of the community, on Wednesday, the 5th and Thursday the 6th days of November. Let all farmers gladly embrace this opportunity of uniting with all other classes of our citizenship, and, shovel in hand, realize that it is one of the very few instances in life where brawn will hold its own with brain."

NO CHANGE IN NAME OF CHURCH

HOUSE OF DEPUTIES DECIDES IT IS NOT NECESSARY.

New York, Oct. 18.—Appointments, resignations and transfers of prelates were considered by the house of bishops, the higher governing body of the Protestant Episcopal church at the triennial general convention today.

Bishop Edward William Osborn of the diocese of Springfield, Ill., resigned because of age and infirmity. Bishop Joseph M. Francis of Indianapolis asked to be transferred to a climate more favorable to his family and probably will be assigned either to Cuba or Porto Rico. Bishop Cameron Mann was transferred from the missionary district of Florida.

Any probability that the name of the church might be changed at this general convention was disposed of today by the house of deputies, which adopted a report from the committee on prayer book binding that it was without jurisdiction to act upon resolutions proposing changes in the legal title of the church.

E. D. Kilder who is connected with the Pepsi Cola Company left last evening for a short visit at Beaufort.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN

Decide To Purchase Three Large Wagons To Transport Pupils To And From New School In the Seventh Township

A very important meeting of the school committee of Township Number Seven was held in this city yesterday at the office of S. M. Brinson, county superintendent of public instruction.

The citizens of that township have recently voted for a central school and work on this is now in progress. When this central school is completed which will be about November 15, children from all sections of the township will go there to be instructed instead of going to a number of schools located at different points of the township.

Naturally it will be necessary for those in charge of the school to furnish the pupils with some method of transportation to and from the school and their homes. At the meeting yesterday the committeemen decided to purchase three large double horse wagons which

will be used for this purpose. These conveyances will be so constructed that they can be closed during bad weather while it will be possible to open the door and windows whenever so desired.

An order has been placed for these and they will be in readiness by the time that the school opens. Another matter that was taken up and disposed of was that of securing drivers for the vehicles. After some discussion it was decided to secure three white men to take charge of the vehicles and the contract will be awarded at once.

Work on the school building is progressing rapidly, in fact the contractor is making much better progress than it was thought could be done under the circumstances and the building will be in readiness for occupancy on November 15.

WILL GET FAIR TRIAL IN CRAVEN COUNTY

Elizabeth City Editor Engages Local Counsel To Defend Him at Next Term Of Federal Court In This City

W. O. Saunders, the Elizabeth City editor who is to be tried in the United States Court, in New Bern on Tuesday, October 28, charged with having deposited obscene and indecent

literature in the United States mails, was in the city last night. Editor



EDITOR W. O. SAUNDERS OF ELIZABETH CITY, N. C. literature in the United States mails, was in the city last night. Editor

Saunders doesn't seem to be the hideous personality one might mistake him to be from all the ominous things set out in the Government's indictment.

Saunders is a mild-mannered, cheerful, companionable fellow, not quite 30 years old. He is six feet tall and weighs 225 pounds. He is a fighter and therein perhaps, lies the trouble. He fights for anything he believes to be right; and although he may sometimes, or often, be in the wrong he is no half-hearted fighter. If he thinks Bill Jones is a liar, and thinks the public ought to know it, he says so and he'll meet Bill Jones in a back lot or go to the Supreme Court with him to prove it. And Saunders must be right a good part of the time or his enemies would have put him out of business before now. Thousands of dollars and a dozen lawyers have been employed in efforts to jail him. He was defendant in three criminal libel prosecutions in three different counties this summer and won every case.

The case in New Bern next week was tried in Elizabeth City last week and resulted in a mistrial. The jury stood nine to three for his acquittal.

Just why Saunders' prosecutors should chase him all around the State with prosecutions forcing unreasonable and unnecessary expenses upon him, looks a little queer to folks on the outside; but Saunders can come to New Bern unafraid; he'll get a fair trial here.

LENOIR CONVICTS PHOTOGRAPHED

SEVENTEEN WRONGDOERS POSE FOR THE CAMERA MAN AT KINSTON.

Kinston, Oct. 18.—Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock grouped on the green at the court house with the building as a background, 17 convicts sentenced at the term of superior court now undergoing, were photographed at the instance of the county authorities. The group was an interesting study for a number of people who witnessed the picture-making. All of the convicts were colored men and of a variety of classes. Some smiled, others were melancholy, and a few entirely indifferent. The bystanders discussed their individual choices of the best and the worst of them; and one fellow who aroused a deal of sympathy was a typical black who will do 30 days for assault with a deadly weapon and about 60 more because he is unable to pay the costs. He appeared unable to comprehend the procedure and his simplicity and expressionless face won for him the popular verdict that he was mentally irresponsible. The prisoners were taken to the county camp after being photographed. The picture will be a large one for purposes of identification in the event any of the men escape.

W. D. Ipock, of Askin, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

STORE ROBBED BY BOLD THIEF

Midnight Marauder Enters Establishment On South Front Street.

GOT WATCHES AND MONEY Police Have A Clue And Are Working On The Case.

During the wee' sma hours yesterday morning some bold thief gained an entrance into the store conducted by J. H. Hardy at the corner of South Front and Middle streets and succeeded in getting away with several valuable watches and a small amount of money. The police are at work on the case and have a clue which they think will help them in apprehending the guilty party.

The section in which the store is located is frequented by negroes and at all times of the night there is much passing in front of the place and it is frequently the case that groups of men loiter around the street until very late at night. This in a measure accounts for the fact that Mr. Hardy and his family, who have apartments over the store, did not hear the intruder when he broke a glass from one of the front windows and gained an entrance.

Mrs. Hardy heard a noise down in the store along about 1 o'clock, but thought that it was made by rats or possibly a cat which is left in the place at night, and paid but little attention to it. Upon opening his place of business yesterday morning Mr. Hardy found that one of the front windows had been broken and upon making an examination found that the cash register was missing and that a number of valuable watches were also not to be found.

The cash register was found sitting on the floor in the front part of the store but its contents were missing. The thief had evidently tried to get it through the opening in the window but had failed in doing this. Mr. Hardy has the number of the watches and can readily identify them.

Since the police have waged such a fight on the vagrants of the city, there have been comparatively few depredations of this variety and the authorities are doubly anxious to apprehend the party who broke into Mr. Hardy's store.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS MONDAY

VAUDEVILLE. The Two Crawfords. Sensational Novelty gymnasts. Our agent in Philadelphia secured this act off of the big time North and this is their first visit South.

PICTURES. "The Girl and the Gangster." This is a two reel special release by Kalem. A powerful story of the underworld, pulsating with heart throbs and teeming with thrills. 'Tis a feature of feature:

"Firs' Aid to the Injured." An educational film by the police force of Berkeley, Cal.

"Bobbie's Long Trousers." One of Edison's very funny comedies. Remember we are going to give away gold and silver money next Friday night. Will sell coupon tickets beginning Monday. Save all your coupons through the week and bring them with you Friday night.

WILL GIVE BARREL OF FLOUR AWAY. E. B. Hackburn has offered a barrel of flour to the lady who has the best exhibit of bread at the approaching Fair. The committee in charge of the exhibits in the culinary department request all ladies who intend making exhibits to get them in readiness at once.

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

Rev. Marion Bethea, of Williamstown who will preach today at Christ Episcopal church arrived in the city last night and is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn.

ONE WEEK UNTIL THE BIG FAIR

The Opening Day Of Great Exhibition Is Fast Drawing Near.

EVERYBODY IS COMING

Final Arrangements For Opening Are Now In Progress.

J. Leon Williams, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association Company, returned yesterday from a visit to Greensboro, N. C., and Petersburg, Va., where he visited the Fairs being held in these two cities.

While at these Fairs Mr. Williams made arrangements to secure a number of attractions for the midway at the Eastern Carolina Fair which is to be held in this city on October 28 to 31 and he assures the public that they will find the greatest assembly of midway attractions ever seen at a Fair held in this State.

It is well to state that there will be no gambling allowed on the grounds. There will be no places where the unsuspecting visitor will be buncoed out of his hard earned money and every attraction will be worth the price of admission. Another thing that is of importance is the fact that there will not be a single attraction on the grounds which any lady or child cannot visit without the least fear of being in any way offended.

This week will be a busy one for every officer of the Fair and the heads of the many departments. The buildings at the grounds are now being decorated and the exhibits will begin to come in about the middle of the week and by Saturday the majority of them will have been placed.

Workmen are now engaged in the erection of the new machinery hall and this will probably be completed by Wednesday or Thursday and will be in readiness for the placing of the exhibits in this section. Last year the machinery exhibit was placed in the main exhibit building and was rather crowded. This year this condition will be changed and will without any doubt prove much better in every way.

Numbers of entries have already been made in the live stock and poultry departments and the exhibits there bid fair to eclipse any ever made in Eastern North Carolina. Just how many visitors will be here during the week is a matter of much speculation. However, it is safe to say that the crowd will be much larger than last year. Transportation facilities will be better, the Fair will be larger and the exhibition, as a whole, will eclipse all previous ones.

The railroads entering New Bern are offering reduced rates over their lines. Special trains will be operated on Wednesday and Thursday (the big days) and every inducement will be made to get the people to come to New Bern and assist in making the Fair the best and most successful ever held in the entire State.

AUTOMOBILE STRIKES BICYCLE RIDER INJURED.

A white man whose name could not be learned was run down and injured last night by Charles Turner, son of T. J. Turner, while driving up Pollock street. The accident occurred on Pollock street near Burn and was witnessed by several persons. The injured man was riding a bicycle and when the automobile struck this the rider was thrown beneath the machine and dragged along the pavement several feet.

Rodman Guion returned home last evening from a visit at New Orleans, La.

Ned Delemar left last evening for a short visit with relatives at Oriental.

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GREAT FREE ATTRACTIONS—FINE EXHIBITS

LARGEST FAIR IN EASTERN CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA

J. LEON WILLIAMS, SECRETARY