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## COLONEL DELL M. POTTER SPOKE HERE LAST NIGHT

### President Southern National Highway Association Made Address

### SAID NEW BERN WOULD BE ON NEW HIGHWAY

### Several Prominent New Bernians Also Made Interesting Talk

Several hundred of New Bern's representative citizens attended the mass meeting held at the Court House last night at which Colonel Dell M. Potter, of Clifton, Arizona, president of the Southern National Highway Association, was the principal speaker. Colonel Potter is probably as much or more interested in the subject of good roads than any other citizen of the United States, and for years he has devoted his efforts to unite the different sections of the country by a network of thoroughfares that would be a credit to America. He has succeeded remarkably well and is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. However, he thinks that his work is not yet done and is steadily hammering away and helping the good work along. As president of the Southern National Highway Association whose object is to get a highway leading from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean. He is thoroughly familiar with everything going on in the good roads work in the country and his addresses are always heard with interest wherever he goes.

The main object of Colonel Potter's visit to New Bern was to get the people here thoroughly interested in this ocean to ocean highway which will pass through New Bern and Morehead City. This will mean a big thing for New Bern and in fact the whole State will receive material benefit from it. G. D. Canfield, of Morehead City, another disciple of good roads and a man who is thoroughly interested in bringing this national highway in this direction, induced Colonel Potter to come to New Bern, and was to have been on hand to participate in the meeting but, unfortunately, was detained at home and not able to attend.

Colonel Potter said that the future of the United States lies in the improvement and betterment of its roads. That hundreds of farmers are leaving this section of the country every year and going to the great Northwest where the roads are excellent. Until the South and Southeast has good roads they will, each year, be heavy losers. He said that the Association now has \$8,750,000 for improvements and this is not including the amount North Carolina has expended.

"People talk about the great undeveloped West," said Colonel Potter, "but after what I have seen travelling down here, the South is the one undeveloped section of the United States. Compared to the South the West is oversettled. Just such a system of good roads as is contemplated in the Southern National Highway is needed to insure the development of the vast tract of unworked land."

According to the statement made by Colonel Potter, the sum of \$8,750,000 has already been raised for the construction of this transcontinental highway. The section from San Diego, Cal., to Yuma, Ariz., costing \$1,170,000 has already been built. Arizona is preparing to issue \$2,000,000 in bonds to construct her share of the road; New Mexico has recently voted a \$500,000 appropriation; Texas has \$1,700,000 now available for this road; Arkansas has arranged to provide the entire amount necessary; Tennessee has built the link from Memphis to Bristol, and has arranged to complete the rest of the line, and is building a \$3,000,000 railway and automobile bridge across the Mississippi river at Memphis.

While the main object of the Southern National Highway Association, said Colonel Potter, is to force Federal appropriation to aid in the building of the proposed road, it will also be used as a medium for conducting a great campaign to advertise the resources of the South and Southwest.

In presenting his plan to Congress at the regular session, the Southern

National Highway Association is anticipating a sharp struggle with the Central National Highway Association, which is seeking Federal aid for a transcontinental highway to run via Philadelphia and other Northern cities. The assistance of all the Southern States has been pledged to the Southern route which will lead through New Bern to Morehead City.

Colonel Potter told his audience that on or about January 1, 1913, a party composed of himself and several others, would take a trip over this Southern national highway, and that the route would be mapped out by a government expert. Along with party will be one of the best descriptive writers in the country and this gentleman will compile during the trip data and information for a descriptive booklet to be issued by the Association.

Two hundred and fifty thousand copies of this booklet will be issued and each will contain a description of every town through which the highway passes. The booklets will be distributed through out the entire country and placed to the best advantage. It will be an excellent mode of advertising and so far the citizens of every town and city through which the road passes has contributed, pro capita, assessment toward the cost of publishing it.

The pro rata assessment is six per cent on the population. Therefore New Bern's contribution to this cause will be about six hundred dollars. After considering the matter a committee composed of James A. Bryan, C. D. Bradham, R. A. Nunn, T. A. Uzzell, C. T. Foy, Owen Dujin and H. K. Land were appointed to secure contributions from the public toward securing this amount. These gentlemen are to confer with the Board of Aldermen and County Commissioners and solicit their assistance and also to secure contributions from the citizens. The money is to be turned over to the Association as early as possible.

The gentlemen are also to get up and have in readiness data about this section which will be used when the book is compiled. During the evening a number of gentlemen made interesting talks on the subjects of good roads and the advantages and benefits to be derived therefrom. Among these were Col. James A. Bryan, C. D. Bradham, R. E. Snowden, C. E. Hancock, T. G. Hyman and J. S. Basnight. The remarks of these gentlemen were listened to with interest by all and proved very beneficial.

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ever held in New Bern. The Peoples Concert Band, New Bern's newest musical organization, furnished the music for the occasion and this added much to the enjoyment of the evening by those who attended. The people of New Bern and surrounding section are greatly interested in this good roads movement and even more so in the prospects of being on the route of this National Highway, and it is little wonder that there were so many in attendance.

Colonel Potter left at 4:20 this morning for Goldsboro, where he will tonight deliver an address before the citizens of that city. From there he will go to the Western part of the State and then to the North, where he will use his influence in securing an appropriation for this highway.

### WELL KNOWN LAWYER HERE

### BRUCE CRAVEN, LAWYER AND WRITER IS IN THE CITY.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Craven and their son, Baxter, of Trinity, are visiting the family of Prof. H. B. Craven. Mr. Craven is a well-known lawyer and writer, member of the law firm of Craven and Redding, of Asheboro, author of the "Land Title Guaranty Law of North Carolina," and the North Carolina representative of the Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company, of Rochester, N. Y. In the latter capacity he will be in this section of the State several weeks, during which time his family will remain here.

A man with nothing to lose can afford to take chances.

## WIRELESS AGAIN SAVES MANY LIVES

### Cargo Of Spanish Steamer Catches Fire And Serious Results Follow.

### PANNONIA HEARD CALL Vessel Was One Hundred And Eighty Miles North Of New York.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Nov. 17.—The Spanish Steamer Balmes, with her cotton cargo on fire, was towed into St. George's harbor this morning by the tugs Galdysen and Powerful, conveyed by the Cunard liner Pannonia.

The Cunarder had on board 130 passengers of the Balmes, taken off the burning ship Friday morning in mid-ocean, while heavy seas were running, after a race to the rescue in answer to wireless calls for help.

When the Balmes came to anchor in the harbor her hatches were lifted. Great clouds of smoke belched forth, but powerful pumps soon extinguished the fire. The steamer is in good condition except for the damage done by the water and the fire in her cargo.

The Pannonia, when she had finished her task of conveying the Balmes, pointed her prow toward New York and steamed away at 10 o'clock this morning, the passengers of the Balmes lining her decks.

The fire on the Balmes was discovered Wednesday night at 11 o'clock while the steamer was ploughing eastward on her trip to Cadiz, Spain, from Galveston and Havana. The flames were in hold No. 2, and spread rapidly, the smoke penetrating to the engine room and the stokehold. The second engineer and several members of the crew were partially suffocated but stuck to their posts.

The wireless operator by direction of Captain Ruiz then began sending out calls for assistance. The call reached the Pannonia, 180 miles to the north, bound for New York, and Captain Robert Capper answered he would come to the Balmes' aid. The British cruiser Suffolk also answered the steamer's call, but her message was indistinct.

Turning south the Pannonia, under forced daught, raced at top speed toward the spot where the Balmes had said she was in distress. Thursday night the Spanish vessel was sighted and the Cunarder soon was alongside the burning vessel.

Captain Capper stood by the Balmes until morning and then took off her passengers, the captain and crew electing to remain on their ship to navigate her and fight the fire. The Pannonia and Balmes then headed for Bermuda.

The Balmes' crew fought the fire throughout Friday but all the time it continued to gain headway. Saturday night the flames had reached such proportions it was thought they might spread to the run in the hold and that the vessel might have to be abandoned. The crew, however, never ceased their endeavors to subdue the fire.

### NEW SCHOOL TO OPEN SOON

### CENTRAL SCHOOL IN TOWNSHIP NO. 7 OPENS DE- CEMBER 1.

It is now only a matter of a few days before the new central school, being erected at Thurman, in township number seven, will be in readiness for opening. Rapid progress is being made in the construction of this building and the school committee hope to be able to open the school on the first Monday in December.

The opening day will be marked by quite a celebration. Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction, has been extended an invitation to be present and deliver an address and it more than probable that he will accept this as he is greatly interested in these central schools.

Hon. S. M. Brinson of this city, superintendent of the public schools of the county, will also be present and address the pupils and others who attend the exercises and there will also be several other speakers.

Mrs. Jane Meadows and daughter, Mrs. E. H. Gorham, of Morehead City, left last evening for Baltimore where they will spend several days shopping and visiting friends.

## JAUREZ SURRENDERS TO VILLA'S REBELS

### Federal Garrison Taken by Surprise Early Sunday Morning—American Non-combatants Among the Dead—There Was Absolutely No Looting Allowed

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 17.—For the sixth time in the last three years, Ciudad Diaz changed governments when 2,000 rebels led by General Pancho Villa attacked and captured the town between 2:30 and 5 o'clock Sunday morning. Taken by surprise, the federal garrison of about 400 men put up a weak resistance. Villa's troops even reached the center of the town before a shot was fired.

The rebels lost five men, the federal dead is estimated at thirty and four or five non-combatants were killed. Among them was Charles Segerson, El Paso automobile driver, who was in the main street in Juarez in his automobile.

"No looting," was the order given by Villa to his men, after the town had surrendered, and not a single case of theft has been reported. Guards were placed at downtown stores with orders to shoot the first man who attempted to loot.

The rebels captured 125 federal prisoners, 95,000 rounds of ammunition, two field pieces and two machine guns, in addition to an important border port of entry and a military strategic point.

General Francisco Castro, commander of the Juarez garrison, is among the missing. It is the general opinion that he escaped.

El Paso police this afternoon thought

they had captured General Castro here, but the prisoner proved to be a colonel from the Juarez garrison.

Bullets fell thick in El Paso during the attack and Chester L. Burnett, a messenger boy, was shot through the hand. All El Paso was aroused by the firing and the streets were soon filled with people. Miraculously no others were struck.

United States troops took stations near the international boundary and held the Americans away from the danger zone as much as possible.

Order was quickly resorted in Juarez after the capitulation and at 2 o'clock street car service between El Paso and Juarez was resumed and Americans began to flock to the Mexican city. Little damage was done in Juarez, as the rebels had no cannons.

Villa assured Mayor C. E. Kelly of El Paso that all Americans would receive protection.

Mayor Kelly, after a conference with the constitutionalist commander, ordered the bridges opened and traffic between the towns was restored.

Villa expressed regret that an American had been killed and declared that if the federals came from Chihuahua to attempt to retake Juarez, he would meet them south of the town and prevent a battle that would endanger Americans in El Paso.

## CHICKEN THIEF IS AT WORK

### SEVERAL LOCAL ROOSTS ROB- BED DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS.

After a brief period of rest, chicken thieves are again rampant in New Bern, and, in consequence, a number of hen roosts have suffered during the past few days and poultry owners will do well to keep their fowl under lock and key after nightfall.

Mark Twain once said that it took the very meanest man to steal a Bible. And basing an assumption on this saying, it would take the very cussedest sort of a thief to steal chickens from a preacher. If this is true, then New Bern can claim the distinction of having the meanest sort of thief within her borders.

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, the estimable pastor of the Presbyterian church, reported yesterday morning that on the previous night his poultry yard had been visited by some marauder and that a number of valuable fowls were missing. The police are making an effort to apprehend the person who is taking such liberties with other peoples' property and if they succeed in locating him it is safe to say that he will be placed where chicken is served to the boarders only about twice during the year.

### BISHOP STRANGE IMPROVING.

### Taking Walks And Enjoying Ball Games In New York State.

Many friends throughout the eastern part of the State will be gratified to learn that Rev. Robt. Strange, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, who became ill in New York City a few weeks ago and whose condition for a while was considered serious, is now rapidly recovering at Kerhonkson, N. Y., where he went a few days ago to recuperate. A friend of the family yesterday received a letter from Mrs. Strange, who is with her husband, stating that Bishop Strange is taking long walks each day and is also enjoying baseball games, which is the chief diversion in the little town. Bishop Strange hopes to be able to return to his work in the diocese the first of the year.—Wilmington Star.

### FOOTBALL GAME RESULTED IN A TIE.

In the game of football played Saturday afternoon between the New Bern High School Team and the Kingston High School Team, the score at the close of the game was 6 to 6. Both teams played well and won the admiration of the many spectators.

## FILES BRIEF IN BEHALF OF WEST

### Senator Simmons Active In Be- half Of Court Mar- tialled Officer.

### CAPTAIN IS LOCATED HERE

### Is In Charge Of The U. S. Re- venue Cutter Pam- lico.

Washington, D. C. Nov. 17.—Senator Simmons called on Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today and filed a brief in behalf of Captain H. B. West of the revenue cutter Pamlico which patrols the waters of northeastern North Carolina.

Some weeks ago Captain West, who is the senior captain of the service, and therefore in line, succeeded the commandant, Captain Berthoff, at the end of the latter's term, was court-martialed at Arundel Cove, Maryland, on charges of persistent delay in answering communications from his superior officers at the Treasury Department, which had charge of the revenue cutter service. While no official information has been given out it is well understood that the findings of the court were adverse to Captain West, although his friends declare that the charges were trivial in their nature and not sustained by the evidence.

Appeal is being made to Secretary McAdoo to disapprove the finding of the court-martial on the ground that they were not justified. The friends of the captain felt that the circumstances by no means warrant the placing of a blot upon his fine record, and some of them do not hesitate to suggest that there may be a disposition to get him out of the way of other officers desirous of holding the attractive positions at the head of the service at Washington.

Senator McAdoo agreed to postpone his own action of the court-martial findings until Senator Simmons had time to present the brief which was filed today. There is much interest in the service, as to the secretary's decision.

## REDUCED FARES TO CONVENTION

### LOW RATES FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND DRAINAGE MEETING.

In connection with the Sixth Annual Drainage Convention which is to be held in Charlotte, November 18th and 19th, a message has been received from Mr. W. H. Fitzgerald, Commissioner of the Associated Railways of Virginia and the Carolinas, in which he states that reduced fares have been authorized on railways in North Carolina, as follows: Delegates pay full fare on going trips, returning one-half fare plus fifty cents, provided two hundred delegates attend meetings. Tickets on sale November 17, 18 and 19, with final return limit the 22nd.

Everyone interested in the promotion of the drainage work of the State is cordially invited to attend and take part in the proceedings of the Convention. A splendid start has been made in the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands of the State, but a great deal remains to be done not only along these lines but in the proper ditching of farm lands and use of tile drainage, a discussion of which will be of interest to farmers. Headquarters at Selwyn Hotel and meeting will be held in Assembly Hall of this Hotel.

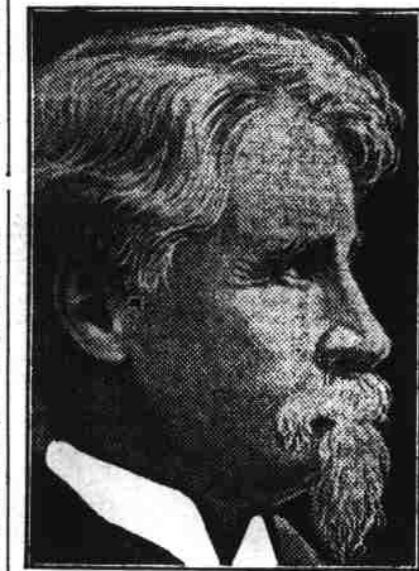
### STEAMBOAT ENGINEER WANTS HIS SALARY.

Lee McLawhorn, engineer on the river steamer Vanceboro, which plys between this port and that town, has started an action for seaman's wages against T. S. Jackson, owner of the vessel, and as soon as United States Deputy Marshal Samuel Lilly, who is now out of the city, returns, the papers will be served on the owner.

County Commissioner E. Z. R. Davis, of Cove City, was in the city yesterday attending to business matters.

Nothing ever pleases his neighbors more than to see a man get what he deserves.

### WASHINGTON GARDNER



Washington Gardner of Michigan was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the recent national encampment at Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Johnson & Man- zie's Big Musical Comedy C o.

Opened a week's engagement at the Athens yesterday. This is undoubtedly the biggest and best company of the season. Every seat in the house was taken and people standing long before the end of the first show last night. Good singing, the best dancing ever seen on a vaudeville stage in this town, good clean comedy—nothing said or done to offend the most refined, sensible person.

### PICTURES TODAY.

"Slanders' Tongue." A powerful Edison drama, which teaches a great lesson and will make a lasting impression upon you.

"Across The Chasm." A thrilling Western drama by Pathe.

"Old Middington's Daughter." This Vitagraph picture is just what live human beings like and enjoy. A touch of the dramatic and a liberal scattering of comedy.

Matinee daily at 3:45. Two shows at night, first starts at 7:30, second about 9:15.

### NO ADVANCE IN PRICES.

### PROMINENT MILL MEN ARE IN THE CITY.

W. Leonard Harley, Frank Starr, Dr. H. H. Grace and Killian E. Bennett, of Philadelphia; W. L. Church and H. R. Sargent, of Boston, Mass., and S. T. Chapman, of Asheville, stockholders in and officers of Munger & Bennett's mill, are in the city for a few days.

How the rest of us like to find fault with the rich.