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## NORTHERN CAPITALISTS PLAN TO PURCHASE TRACT OF LAND

Property Is Located In The Counties Of Jones And Onslow

**EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND IN THE ENTIRE TRACT**

**Surveys And Investigations Are Now Being Made**

If drainage and civil engineers find that the land can be drained, and it is believed that this will be done, eighty-three thousand acres of land located in Jones and Onslow counties and owned by the Jones-Onslow Land Company in which several prominent local capitalists are interested, will be purchased by a company of Northern capitalists and after being drained will be cut up into farms and a colonization company formed to develop the land.

S. F. Chapman, of Asheville, one of the gentlemen interested in the purchase of this vast tract of land and R. L. Church and Charles Sargeant, of Baltimore, expert drainage and civil engineers, arrived in New Bern a few days ago and on the following day went over to the property in question for the purpose of making an inspection of it.

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Church have returned home but Mr. Sargeant is yet on the scene making investigation and he will continue this work until some definite decision has been reached in regard to the probable drainage of the land and will then return to Baltimore and make a report on his findings.

The owners of the property are firm in the belief that it can be drained. The tract is ten miles wide and twenty-five miles in length, lies between Trent and New Rivers and White Oak rivers within its borders. Three railroads the Atlantic Coast Line, John L. Roper Lumber Company's and Dover and Southbound traverse it.

Sections of the tract are heavily timbered with some of the finest woods found in Eastern North Carolina, while other sections have been cleared and with a little preparation will be in readiness for farming.

The gentlemen who are behind the proposition to colonize that section have studied the soil and climatic conditions, and from their observations have come to the conclusion that there are none better in the State. If they purchase the tract of land and after it has been cut up into small farms every inducement will be made to get new people to come to that section and locate there.

If this proposition goes through, and there is but little doubt that it will, it will mean much to this section of the State in numerous ways. New people will come to make their home here and naturally the amount of farm produce will be increased. This will help the merchant, the manufacturer and many others. The result of the survey and investigation of the land will be awaited with interest.

## SAYS NEW BERN IS A FINE PLACE

**VIRGINIAN THINKS WELL OF "THE ATHENS OF NORTH CAROLINA."**

After spending several days in the city looking after his interests here, S. M. Baylor, of Richmond, Va., who recently opened an establishment here at which ladies' coats, coat suits and fur goods are handled exclusively, last evening returned home.

Mr. Baylor is very much pleased with the patronage given his establishment by the ladies of New Bern and while in conversation with a Journal reporter, stated that he was thinking seriously of enlarging his line of stock by adding ladies' furnishings.

"I had no idea that New Bern was such a thriving city," said Mr. Baylor, "and I am more than delighted that I decided to locate a store in this city. Richmond is a busy city but I believe New Bern will be just as busy in the future."

## WATERWAYS CONVENTION.

Canals Would Greatly Help Country In Time Of War.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 20.—Benefits to be derived from an inland waterway along the Atlantic coast, both in times of peace and in the exigency of war, were described by speakers who appeared today and tonight before the sixth annual convention of the Atlantic Deepwater Waterways Association.

Captain Jacob, of the United States Revenue Cutter service, principal speaker today, dwelt upon the advantages that such a waterway would afford coastwise shipping, should the Atlantic coast be threatened by a formidable navy. He also pointed out that much of the present loss of life and property in storms along the shore would be obviated by an inland canal.

Greetings from the Mississippi to the Atlantic Waterways Association were presented to the convention tonight. The association which yesterday closed its annual convention at Palatka, Fla., and sent a large delegation to attend the meeting here, heartily endorsed the proposition of a coastal canal.

## ARE SENDING OUT BOOKLETS

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ABOUT NEW BERN.**

Several thousand booklets which contain descriptive write-ups of New Bern and Craven county, are now being distributed by the Chamber of Commerce. These booklets are being sent all over the country and it is believed that they will prove of value in advertising this section.

J. Leon Williams, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, stated yesterday that there was a large number of these booklets on hand at his office in the new Mitchell building on Middle street, and that if any of the citizens of New Bern desired to secure a number of them to friends, that he would be glad to furnish them with as many copies as they desired.

Mr. Williams can be found in his office at any time during the day and the booklets can easily be secured.

## THE HOLIDAY MAIL PROBLEM SOLVED

**MAIL YOUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES IN ADVANCE AND LABEL THEM.**

The first assistant postmaster-general at Washington has issued a circular to postmasters in which is stated: "Patrons are vitally interested in the delivery of packages on or before Christmas day, and every effort should be put forth to make delivery of all Christmas packages before the close of that day. Postmasters will lighten their labors in this respect by assiduously seeking the co-operation of their patrons. A supply of placards, urging early shipment and proper wrapping of parcels, will be sent to each post-office, to be conspicuously displayed in the office and in other public places. It should be advertised that parcels may bear the words, "Not to be opened until Christmas," or similar inscription, and that this, together with early shipment, insures the timeliness of Christmas gifts, whereas the practice of mailing packages late in the hope that they will reach their destination on Christmas day is likely to defeat its own object, through unavoidable delay due to the congestion of the mails."

## REMAINS OF ALEX HARDISON LAID AT REST.

The funeral of Alex Hardison who died at his home, near Thurman, Wednesday afternoon, was conducted from his late residence yesterday afternoon and the remains laid at rest in the family burial ground.

## DRAINAGE FOLKS NEXT AT WILSON

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt Is Again Elected President Of Association.

**THE REPORTS WERE FINE Malaria Banished And Farm Land Reclaimed And Made Productive.**

Charlotte, Nov. 20.—With the reelection of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill to the presidency, the selection of Wilson as the place for the next meeting, and the adoption of resolutions touching numerous phases of reclamation work, the North Carolina Drainage Association, assembled in sixth annual convention, adjourned yesterday afternoon at 3:30.

The morning session was marked by a number of reports from drainage districts, some of them being in this immediate section, from Iredell, Catawba and other counties and each one was of the most optimistic nature. The story in each case was one of the banishment of malaria and the utilization of farm lands which for years has been unproductive. President Pratt in his speech of acceptance when re-elected said that he expected a number of new districts to result from the reports made at this one. He declared that never before had he been so delighted with developments in drainage.

The election of officers corresponded precisely to the recommendations made by the committee on nominations and next meeting place the report of this committee being rendered as follows and adopted unanimously:

"We recommend Wilson, as the place to hold the next convention, the date being left with the president.

"We recommend for the office of President of the Association, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill.

"We recommend for the office of secretary, Mr. A. B. Skelding, of Wilmington.

"We recommend for Treasurer, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill.

"We also recommend that the by-laws of the Association be amended so as to provide for the election of a first vice-president and second vice-presidents, one for each county.

"We recommend Mr. Lawrence Brett, of Wilson, for the office of first vice-president.

"We recommend that the following named gentlemen as second vice-presidents:

Anson County, B. A. Barrett, Polkton; Beaufort, P. H. Johnson; Bertie, Francis D. Wiltson, Windsor; Bladen, O. L. Clark, Clarkton; Brunswick, Jackson Johnson, Town Creek; Cabarrus, J. Lee Crowell, Concord; Chowan, W. S. Privott, Eden-ton; Columbus, Joseph A. Brown, Chadbourn; Cumberland, W. A. Beard, Fayetteville; Cleveland, C. F. Ham-bright, Kings Mountain; Gates, A. P. Godwin, Gatesville; Guilford, N. W. Thompson, Greensboro; Halifax, John L. Patteron, Halifax; Harnett, A. J. Dunn; Hertford, R. C. Bridger, Winston; Iredell, E. S. Misaps, Statesville; Jones, J. H. Bell, Pollocksville;

"For some of the counties we cannot make recommendations for the reason that we do not know the parties, and we ask that the President of the Association make such appointments as he may see fit."

## MET HERE YESTERDAY.

**Executive Committee Neuse-Atlantic Association In Session.**

The Executive Committee of the Neuse-Atlantic Association met in this city yesterday at the office of A. D. Ward for the purpose of proportioning the amount of money to be used in the Baptist Mission Field in this section. A specified sum is donated for this purpose and it is the duty of the executive committee to set aside the amount which will be used in each section. Those in attendance at the meeting were: L. L. Leary, of Morehead City, L. F. McCabe of Oriental, F. M. Jenkins of Maysville, J. P. Joyner of La Grange, Rev. G. T. Watkins of Goldsboro and A. D. Ward and J. S. Miller of this city.

Beware of toy pistols and platonic love.

## NO MEXICAN WAR TO OUST HUERTA

President Wilson Determined That To Resort To Force Will Be Final Move—Policy Of Waiting For Internal Disruption

Washington, Nov. 20.—President Huerta need have no fear for the present that the United States will resort to the use of force to oust him from the seat of power in Mexico. President Wilson has determined on a policy of waiting for the settlement of the Mexican situation through internal developments. The president believes that these developments inside Mexico are inevitable and that they will surely lead to the downfall of Huerta.

In the meantime, it is doubtful if this government will lift a finger in Mexico, except to renew its insistence upon the protection of the lives and property of Americans and other foreigners.

With the definite information today that this government expects to let the Mexican situation drift for the present, came the announcement that orders had been issued to the British squadron in the West Indies to proceed to the east coast of Mexico.

The British government has previously announced that Great Britain would send no ships to Mexico, and the move today attracted much attention in Washington. It was in keeping with the action taken by most of the other European governments, and the question raised here was whether it did not indicate a continued lack of confidence on the part of Great Britain in the course which the United States is pursuing in the Southern republic. France now has one ship on the

east coast of Mexico. Germany has two on the east coast, and one on the west side, while Italy and Japan are rushing cruisers to the east and west coasts respectively. Today's orders to the British warships will increase the foreign squadron in Mexican waters, exclusive of the American vessels by three. The British vessels are sailing from Barbados, British West Indies.

The suggestion was advanced here that Great Britain in sending the cruiser squadron also may have desired to impress upon Huerta the fact that the British Government no longer has confidence in his ability to maintain himself as president of Mexico.

The Wilson administration has no assurances of positive support from other governments for its policy in Mexico. It has only assurances that these governments will do nothing for the present, pending action by the United States.

Interest in the Hale negotiations with Carranza, of which so much was expected has about ended here. No less discouraging to those who had hoped that something might be done through the medium of the constitution alists, are the reports of the bloody battle which resulted in the capture of the city of Victoria by the rebels. Reports that everyone of the federal garrison was slain, coming on the heels of the accounts of the executions following the capture of Juarez, have made an unfavorable impression here.

## SEVENTY-FIVE NEW MEMBERS

**KINSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS AN ACTIVE ONE.**

Seventy-five new members for the chamber of commerce were secured in one hour's time Tuesday afternoon, when a committee from the organization made a whirlwind canvass of the business district. The canvass was the beginning of a campaign to double the chamber's membership, which has been about 125. It is proposed to raise the number of members to 250 by January 1. Another canvass will be made Friday. Comprising the committee were Messrs. W. D. LaRoque, H. H. Grainger, F. I. Sutton, T. V. Moseley, Wm. Hayes, E. G. Barrett, Y. T. Ormond, and A. L. C. Hill. The new members become stockholders in the chamber, an incorporated organization, by the purchase of one or more shares of its stock at \$5 per share. Concerns and individuals subscribing to more than one share were: Hines Bros. Lumber Co., 10; L. Harvey & Son Co., 7; Garrett & Hartsfield, 5; T. W. Mewborn & Co., 5; Quinn & Miller, 3; East Carolina Land & Lumber Co., 3; Kinston-Carolina Railroad Company, 3; B. W. Candy & Son, 5; Copeland Bros., 2; Sumerell & McCoy, 2; Kinston Cotton Mills, 3; Orion Knitting Mills, 2; Caswell Cotton Mills, 3; and Lenoir Oil & Ice Co., 2.—Kinston Free Press.

## RED MEN CELEBRATING.

**Navajo Indians Sing And Dance In New Mexico.**

(Special to the Journal.)

Farmington, N. M., Nov. 20.—The four hundred Navajo Indians encamped on Beautiful Mountain sang war songs and danced around council fires all night while sentries stood watch at the many signal fires which fringed on the northeastern side of the Mesa, at Shiprock extra precautions were taken against surprise of night attack by followers of Chief Beshosho who have been wrought almost to a state of frenzy by their Medicine Men.

## WILL MAKE HARD FIGHT FOR SCHMIDT'S LIFE.

(Special to the Journal.)

New York, N. Y.—Judge Olcott, one of the highest priced attorneys in the city has been engaged to head the battle to save Hans Schmidt's life. It was admitted today that money to fight the legal battle had been forthcoming from some mysterious source.

## VANCEBORO MAN GROWS TOBACCO

Stephen Whitford Sells Thousand Dollars Worth On Wilson Market.

**SAYS IT IS A PAYING CROP**

**Prominent Citizens Want Warehouse Opened In New Bern.**

Stephen Whitford, of Vanceboro, one of Craven county's most progressive farmers, was in the city yesterday enroute home from Wilson where he had been to sell a quantity of tobacco which was grown on his farm near Vanceboro. As conclusive evidence that high prices are being paid on the Wilson market for the weed, Mr. Whitford had in his possession a check for one thousand dollars.

There was three grades of the tobacco carried to Wilson by Mr. Whitford, the best grade sold for fifty cents per pound and the remainder brought forty-eight and thirty-four cents per pound.

There is much tobacco being grown in Craven and adjoining counties and because New Bern has no tobacco warehouse the farmers are compelled to carry it to some other town to dispose of it. Several prominent citizens have recently discussed the advisability of making New Bern a tobacco market for this section of the State and it is their belief that if a warehouse is opened in this city that it will be patronized by farmers in Craven, Onslow, Pamlico, Carteret, Jones and other counties.

The farmers in Eastern North Carolina realize that there is money to be made in growing tobacco and every year the acreage increases and it is believed that this will continue. One well known gentleman is urging the Chamber of Commerce to take this matter up and push it forward and there are likely to be some developments along this line at an early date.

## MANY PARCEL POST PACKAGES

**CLERKS IN LOCAL POSTOFFICE HANDLING LARGE AMOUNT OF MAIL.**

With Thanksgiving Day only a few days hence and Christmas only a few weeks distant, there has been a decided increase in the number of parcel post packages sent through the local postoffice and in consequence the clerks in that department have that weary feeling when the day's work is done.

For the past few days there has been a steady stream of parcel post packages going through the office, consigned to points all over the country. Not only are packages going away from New Bern in large numbers, but many are being received from other places.

The main trouble that the parcel post clerk has to contend with is that many of the packages are not properly wrapped and addressed and when they are found in this condition it is necessary for them to be returned to the consignor to remedy the defects. If those who send out parcel post mail would see to it that the packages comply with the postal regulations they would save themselves unnecessary trouble and also make it easier for the clerks in the office.

## UNUSUALLY LARGE ORDER OF GRAIN

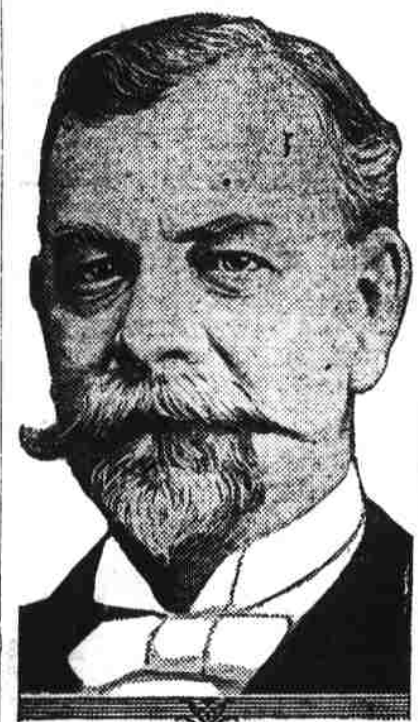
**TWENTY CARLOADS PURCHASED BY A NEW BERN DEALER.**

One of the largest orders of grain and feedstuff ever made by a dealer in this city was placed yesterday with two Western dealers by T. P. Ashford. This order consists of twenty car loads of grain and feedstuff.

Ten carloads of the order will be shipped out from St. Louis, Mo. while ten will be sent out from Chicago Ill. The shipment will arrive in New Bern within the next two weeks.

The placing of such orders as this shows that New Bern grain and feed dealers are right after the business of this section and are enjoying a satisfactory patronage in this line.

## FRANCIS G. BOURNE



Francis G. Bourne will aid in building a defender for the America's cup.

## Johnson & Manzie's Big Musical Comedy Co.

Will appear at the Athens today, Matinee and night, in a complete change of program, presenting a very pretty and funny novelty entitled:

"The Cabaret Girls."

This is said to be their very best bill. Bill Leight, the world's greatest triple piano player, will render several musical selections from the stage, thus giving the entire audience an opportunity to see and hear this master musician.

## PICTURES.

"The Bribe." A great political drama by Kalem, showing the corruption that exists in political circles.

"Bonnie Of The Hills." A thrilling and sensational Western drama by S. & A. in which a girl outwits a desperado.

"An Exclusive Pattern." A very laughable Lubin comedy.

All next week Richard E. Harding's "Dicky Birds" musical comedy company. Ten performers, seven girls and three men. Every member a competent vaudeville artist.

"Chorus of singers and dancers. This company has just completed a sixteen weeks' engagement in Atlanta, Ga. This week they are playing at the Grand Theatre, Raleigh, to two capacity houses every night, so we are informed.

Matinee daily at 3:45. Two shows at night, first starts at 7:30, second about 9:15 o'clock. NO ADVANCE IN PRICES.