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NEW BERN POSTMASTER "FIRES" NIGHT CLERK

Culmination Of Squabble Begun Several Weeks Ago

**ACTION WAS
UNEXPECTED**

Public Awaiting Subsequent Developments

As the culmination of the squabble which has existed in the New Bern postoffice since charges were, several weeks ago, preferred against Postmaster J. S. Basnight which was followed two weeks ago by charges being preferred against R. E. Smith, night clerk, by Mr. Basnight, Mr. Smith is no longer a member of the force of employees in the office, having been discharged by the postmaster.

There have been so many sensational developments in the postoffice during the past few weeks that the public was not in the least startled when it became known that Mr. Smith had been notified that his services were no longer needed. It was known that charges had been preferred against him and that an investigation of his record would have been made. Whether this would have resulted in his dismissal from the service is merely a matter of speculation. However the public were expecting something and were but little surprised to hear that it had occurred.

Mr. Smith was on probation for a period of six months and the postmaster, finding him, as he says, incompetent and a disorganizing factor in the office, proceeded to dispense with his services. He had the power to take this course and exercised his right in so doing. Mr. Smith worked until midnight on Saturday night and then turned over the keys of the office to the custodian of the building.

For the present, George Howard is acting as night clerk. By a coincidence Howard is, in a degree, responsible for all the trouble in the office. He is a new man in the office and when a few weeks ago he was appointed to fill a vacancy which Mr. Smith thought that he should have had on account of the fact that he had been in the office for a much longer period, he objected and took the matter up with the post-office department. This resulted in Congressman Jno. M. Faison becoming interested in the matter and upon his attempt to get an inspector to come to New Bern to look over Postmaster Basnight's record and investigate the charges against him. So far this inspector has failed to put in his appearance and there are many who are of the opinion that the charges will remain as they are until Postmaster Basnight's term expires next June.

A Journal reporter yesterday called at the postmaster's office and endeavored to get an interview from him in regard to the Smith case, but the postmaster was not in a talkative mood and gave out no information. As the situation now stands, Postmaster Basnight holds the winning hand in the situation. Charges preferred against him have been allowed to lie dormant and he has succeeded in discharging the man whom he claims was the main disorganizing element in the office. What the future will bring forth cannot be surmised but the public is awaiting the next move with much interest.

**NEW GRAIN COMPANY
INSTALL MODERN MILL**

TURNING OUT LARGE QUANTITY OF MEAL EVERY DAY

The New Bern Grain, Hay and Feed Company, one of the city's newest corporations have just installed a Star mill which is equipped with the famous Esopus grinding stones which have a capacity of one hundred and fifty bushels of a fine grade of meal a day. This company, which is composed of C. A. Sasser, J. M. Brock, E. M.

COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Craven Citizens Protest Against Stock Law.

The regular monthly meeting of the Craven county Board of Commissioners was held in this city yesterday. Among the many others matter brought before the Board was that in which a committee of citizens from Cove City and Fort Barnwell protested against Craven having a stock law. The protests of these gentlemen was heard but no action was taken in the matter. The keeper of the bridge at Maple Cypress appeared before the Board and asked that his salary be increased from twenty to twenty-five dollars a month. After considering the matter the Board granted his request.

The bonds of the county officers were presented and approved at this meeting.

ROBERT HANCOCK DIED SUDDENLY SUNDAY NIGHT

WAS ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE MEN IN THE COUNTY.

There died suddenly in this city Sunday night, one of the most remarkable men Craven county ever produced. This was Robert Hancock. Mr. Hancock's death was entirely unexpected.

He retired early and at 11 o'clock relatives found that his spirit had passed into that bourne from which no traveler returns. A physician was hurriedly summoned, but upon his arrival he found that he deceased had been dead for several hours.

Robert Hancock was born on September 29, 1844. Early in life he became affiliated with the Republican party and adhered to its policies all through life. He held many offices during past years, among which were city clerk, deputy sheriff, superintendent of the document room at the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., collector of customs at this port, assistant postmaster and acting postmaster at this place.

Mr. Hancock has been a member of the Board of Aldermen of New Bern and a member of the State legislature. For some time he was president of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. He was a member of the New Bern Camp of Confederate Veterans and also member of the local camp of the Woodmen of the World.

Truly his career was a remarkable one. He was well educated and shrewd and his executive ability was beyond question. In his death New Bern loses a valuable citizen. Mr. Hancock is survived by three brothers, R. D. Hancock, of Cleveland; F. W. Hancock, of Oxford, N. C.; and C. K. Hancock, of this city; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Seymour Hancock; and three grandchildren, Miss Matilda Hancock and Robert and Seymour Hancock.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence this morning at 10:30 by Rev. B. F. Huske and the interment will be made in Cedar Grove cemetery. At the grave the Woodmen of the World will have charge of the service.

A broken jawbone would be a serious handicap to an auctioneer, but it doesn't seem to worry a football player.

Rev. Philip Carlyon the oldest clergyman in the United Kingdom, died at Falmouth recently at the age of 101 years.

Lang Yip, a rich Chinese resident of Los Angeles, has been helpful to the police in a number of cases, and now he's a special policeman himself.

How people can enjoy camping out if they don't have to!

Lupton and A. Hamilton, also handle hay, grain and seed oats and make a specialty on carload lots. In addition to this they are putting out several other commodities.

Although a new concern, this company has already secured a number of good patrons and their outlook for increasing business is very encouraging.

TEAMSTERS STRIKE AT INDIANAPOLIS

Begun At Midnight Sunday—3,126 Men Are Involved.

POLICE HANDLE SITUATION

Their Demands Include A Wage Scale And Change Of Working Conditions.

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—The teamsters and chauffeurs' strike today, ordered by unanimous vote of the union, was begun at midnight Sunday. According to Thomas J. Farrell, general organizer, 3,126 men are involved.

With the exception of drivers of hearses, mail and other government wagons and automobiles and express companies wagons and machines and union drivers of milk wagons virtually all the teamsters and chauffeurs will join the strike and the delivery service of the city will be tied up.

"We are here for business," declared Mayor Wallace in an address to the police tonight. "If any of you feel that you can not do your duty and obey orders, now is the time to get out and not try to turn in your badge later. I expect you men to keep the streets clear and prevent rioting."

A special dispensation for milk wagons, driven by union teamsters, was made at the meeting, on suggestion of Thomas F. Farrell, general organizer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers. Drivers of hearses are exempt from the strike order. Farrell also announced there would be no interference with the mail, or other government wagons or automobiles, or with the wagons or machines of express companies. He said arrangements would be made for delivering supplies to hospitals, so there would be no added suffering among the sick.

Several employers have signed the agreement, but their men will join the strike to make it more effective. The men were ordered not to report at their respective barns tomorrow morning, but to picket the barns.

Employers of teamsters who are members of the National Vehicle Owners' Protective Association have practically decided to abandon all attempts to move their wagons on the first interference. They say they will put their horses to the county to await developments. Wholesale dealers have notified their customers they will not attempt to make deliveries if there is interference with their vehicles.

The teamsters' demands were drafted last Sunday and submitted to the employers during the week. The demands include a wage scale and changes of working conditions.

The police department, re-organized under the direction of Captain George V. Coffin, acting superintendent of police, has been making preparations to handle the strike. An order was issued Saturday prohibiting congregation of crowds. A system of military patrol has been mapped out for the downtown districts and additional mounted and foot police have been added to the force.

In addition to the extra patrolmen, 250 business men this afternoon were sworn in as a reserve force.

Large squads of patrolmen and mounted police tonight were on duty in the downtown districts and had little trouble in keeping the streets clear.

PLANNING FOR MINSTREL.

Professional Actor Engaged To Assist In Work.

Jack Miller, formerly with the Gus Edwards' original musical comedy, School Days, has been secured by the members of the Stag Club to assist them in staging the minstrel show which they are planning to give for the benefit of the De Graffenried Colony Monument Fund.

Mr. Miller is now engaged in this work, and the minstrel show will be given some time during the present month, probably during the Christmas holidays.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET.

The Board of Trustees of the New Bern Graded Schools will meet this Tuesday, evening at 7:30 o'clock in the office of Mr. A. D. Ward, in the Elks Building to receive bids for the erection of the new school building. A full attendance is requested.

KING & GIBBS PRESENTS Corinne King and Co. FEATURING "THE SONG BIRDS OF THE SOUTH."

Opened their week's engagement at the Athens last night, and, notwithstanding the inclement weather there was a full house. This act is one of the very best we have, at any time, ever booked.

There are eleven in the company—seven girls and four men. Nothing but words of praise did we hear from everybody who saw these last night.

PICTURES.

"The Great Physician."

A symbolic drama by Edison.

"A Mexican Tragedy."

A timely drama dealing with the troubles now in Mexico, by Lubin.

"Bumps and Willie."

This picture introduces a precious pair of twins and is one of Selig's very funny comedies.

If it is not convenient for you to come to our show at night, come to the matinee. You see the very same pictures and vaudeville you would at night, at 5c. for children and 10c. for adults.

You get more for less money at the Athens than anywhere else we know of.

Matinee daily at 3:45. Two shows at night, 1st starts at 7:30 promptly, second immediately after close of first or about 9:15 o'clock.

No advance in prices for three reels of the very best selected association pictures and a vaudeville composed of eleven people, and lasting nearly an hour.

JOHN BIDDLE DIES AT FORT BARNWELL

**SUCCUMBS TO AN ATTACK OF
BRIGHT'S DISEASE—
FUNERAL TODAY.**

A telephone message received in the city yesterday afternoon carried the sad news of the death, at Fort Barnwell, of John Biddle. Mr. Biddle has been critically ill for several days past with an attack of bright's disease and his demise was not unexpected.

The deceased is a brother of Ex-Sheriff J. W. Biddle, of this city, and has a large number of relatives in this section. For years he was active in political circles of this section and was, for a time, collector of customs at this port.

The funeral will be conducted from the home this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and the interment will be made at Fort Barnwell.

JOHN SASSER IS NOW WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN

**SUCCEEDS J. E. GOULD IN
MOTIVE DEPARTMENT
OF THAT ROAD**

The resignation of J. E. Gould, who for several months has had charge of the Motive Power Department of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company went into effect yesterday, and John Sasser who was formerly with the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, with headquarters at Jacksonville, Fla., took charge of the position vacated by Mr. Gould.

Just what are Mr. Gould's plans for the future has not been made public. Since going with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company he has made many friends in New Bern and their best wishes follow him into other fields.

CRACKSMEN ROB BANK.

**Secure \$3,000 And Make Successful
Get-Away.**

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 1.—Cracksmen last night blew the safe of the Bank of Ellenboro and secured \$3,000 in currency. The loss was covered by burglary insurance.

Nine charges of explosives were applied before the cracksmen succeeded in securing the cash.

It is believed that there were three or four members of the party of robbers, but so far no clue to their identity has been found.

A number of the townspeople were awakened by the explosion. Mr. Green, who lives near the bank, rushed out but was forced back to his home by the robbers.

Bloodhounds were secured and put on the trail, but it was hard to follow. The trial led towards the South Carolina line.

REV. HURLEY PREACHES HIS FAREWELL SERMON

**THE CENTENARY METHODIST
CHURCH SOON TO HAVE
NEW PASTOR.**

Rev. J. B. Hurley who, for the past four years, has been pastor of Centenary Methodist church, preached his farewell sermon Sunday night and today leaves for Oxford to attend the Methodist Conference where he will receive his new appointment.

A larger congregation has never gathered in Centenary church than that assembled Sunday night to bid Rev. Hurley good-bye. On the pulpit with the pastor were Rev. J. N. H. Summerell pastor of the Presbyterian church; Rev. Dr. E. T. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. J. B. Phillips, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church.

At the conclusion of the sermon by Rev. Hurley each one of the pastors who had gathered to assist the departing pastor in his meeting, made short talks, in which they told of the good work Rev. Hurley has done since coming to New Bern, and expressed their regret at his departure.

While there was, of course, a feeling of sadness in the meeting it was nevertheless one of the greatest good fellowship gatherings ever held in New Bern and not a one who attended who did not feel benefited.

Rev. Hurley will be greatly missed by the members of the church and the public at large. He took an active part in all the work of the various departments of the church and his assistance has greatly helped. His family also took an active interest in the work of the church and their aid will also be missed.

LIEUT. BECKER'S APPEAL HEARD THIS WEEK

**"VICTIM OF GREATEST CONSPIRACY OF AGE," HIS
ATTORNEYS DECLARE.**

New York, Dec. 1.—Twenty-five reasons why former Police Lieut. Charles Becker should not be executed for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, gambler, will be presented this week to the state court of appeals. Becker is now in Sing Sing prison under a sentence of electrocution. His attorneys said today that the court would devote four days to hearing arguments on his appeal from conviction.

Becker, says the appellant's brief, is the "victim of the greatest conspiracy of the age. He was not given a chance for his life. The effect of the ruling of the court made the trial a mockery."

One of the principal arguments in Becker's behalf will be that Sam Schepps, the chief corroborative witness for the State, was an accomplice. His attorneys claim that the trial was rushed through and that Becker was convicted by public opinion.

THOMAS T. LASSITER IS ELECTED CHIEF

**ATLANTIC STEAM FIRE ENGINE
COMPANY SELECTS NEW
OFFICERS.**

The Atlantic Steam Fire Company held their regular monthly meeting last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Chief, T. T. Lassiter; Foreman, C. P. Harker; Assistant Foreman, O. H. Street; Captain of the Hose, G. Seales; Secretary, T. D. Carraway; Treasurer, Eugene H. Williams; Practical Engineer, J. C. Seales; Representatives, Sam Coward, A. A. Kafer; House Committee, J. H. Nelson, E. H. Williams and A. A. Kafer; Business Manager of the Wagon Team, E. H. Williams; Captain of the Wagon team, Sam Coward; Auditors, L. L. Walnau, Sam Coward and J. C. Seales.

After the adjournment of the business meeting a Dutch luncheon was served and this was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Chief of Police and Mrs. Lupton returned yesterday from a visit with relatives in Pamlico county.

FIRES BULLET INTO HIS BRAIN

Dr. N. H. Street Becomes Dependent And Ends His Life.

A WELL KNOWN PHYSICIAN

Rash Act Is Attributed To Continued Ill Health.

Becoming dependent on account of ill health, Dr. N. H. Street, a well known physician of this city, fired a revolver bullet into his brain at his home on Johnson street shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning and death ensued a few seconds later.

News of the tragedy spread rapidly yesterday morning and there is general regret. Dr. Street was well known over Craven and adjoining counties and has a host of friends. In recent years his health has not been of the best and this has caused him much worry. Recently he became very despondent and had told friends that he believed his condition would never improve.

Sunday night he retired as usual. He complained of feeling unwell and his wife went into his room a few minutes before 3 o'clock yesterday morning for the purpose of seeing if he was resting easily. At that time he was lying on the bed and was apparently asleep. A few minutes later she heard the report of a revolver and rushing back into her husband's apartment found him leaning against the side of the bed with a bullet wound in his temple and his life blood slowly flowing out.

Medical aid was summoned but the victim of this sad tragedy was beyond the power of mortal aid. Dr. Street was fifty-six years of age and was a native of this city. Early in life he studied medicine and after obtaining a physician's license practised at Trenton for several years. Later he came to New Bern and has remained here since that time.

Up to the time that his health became bad, Dr. Street took an active part in everything tending to the advancement and betterment of the city and his influence was greatly felt. Surviving him are his wife who was before her marriage, a Miss Kornegay, of Kenansville, one daughter, Mrs. R. L. Hunter Smith of this city; a son, N. H. Street, Jr., of this city; a half-sister, Mrs. W. J. Jones, of Goldsboro; two sisters, Mrs. W. O. Moore, of Goldsboro; and Mrs. A. A. Ipeck, of this city; and a half brother, J. S. Erol, of this city.

The funeral was conducted from the home at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, by Rev. J. B. Hurley, and the interment was made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

HOW RED CROSS SEALS HELP IN THE FIGHT

**MONEY PAID FOR THEM USED
IN FIGHT AGAINST
TUBERCULOSIS.**

Statistics aren't necessary to prove the value of Red Cross Seals. More conclusive than any figures which could be tabulated are the living, breathing proofs of their value.

There is Angela Fradinardo, for example. Angela was born in a New York cellar which never was anything but damp and dirty. Her father and mother were sore distressed because Angela was so quiet and sombre. The neighbors called her "the little one who cannot laugh." It is more than probable that Angela would have died if it had not been for the folks who bought Red Cross Seals. Angela was taken from the cellar and placed in a fresh-air class, and today she is "the smiling one."

Then there is Jennie Levert, to add to this proof. The only difficulty in the case of Jennie is that she had changed so much in one year that it is hard to make any one believe she is the same girl.

Bessie White, of Philadelphia, is another healthy, happy person who owes her life to the buyers of Red Cross Seals. She had had tuberculosis from childhood, and her life was despaired of until a visitor to her home from the Tuberculosis Society arranged for her to begin the out-of-door treatment. It didn't seem best for her to go away from home, so she went on top of her tenement to live. She is well as ever now.