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Pennsylvania Officials Visit This Section

May Purchase The
Norfolk Southern
Railroad

**BANKERS ALSO
IN THE PARTY**
Very Much Impressed
With New Bern
And Vicinity

Recent developments have led many persons in this city to believe that the Pennsylvania Railway Company is contemplating the purchase of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company and the visit here Sunday of a party of the officials of that company and a number of Pennsylvania bankers has further strengthened this belief.

This party, in which there was the vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railway Company and several other officials, a number of officials of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company and a number of Pennsylvania bankers, left Norfolk Saturday morning in three private cars for a trip over the Norfolk Southern road.

The first stop was made at Belhaven where the party made an inspection of the John L. Roper Lumber Company plant and that company's holdings there. The party arrived here Saturday night and were met by the local officials of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company and C. E. Emmert of the John L. Roper Lumber Company's plant. The visitors were taken over the city in automobiles and shown the places of interest that could be inspected at night.

More than an hour was spent here at that time and the party continued on to Goldsboro. Early Sunday morning they made a tour of inspection of that city and then returned to New Bern for the purpose of getting a better view of this place. Upon arrival here they were met by T. G. Hyman, president of the Chamber of Commerce, C. E. Emmert of the John L. Roper Lumber Company and several other prominent citizens.

The party was taken in automobiles and carried out to the new park, the Oaks farm and other places of interest. Upon returning to the city they were shown all over the place and then taken back to the car. Later in the afternoon they left for Raleigh and yesterday was spent in that city. Before returning to their homes a run over the new line to Charlotte will be made.

The Pennsylvanians were very much impressed with New Bern and several of the bankers stated that they would like to purchase some of the city's bonds. The railway men looked over the Norfolk Southern's local shops and seemed greatly surprised that so much work could be turned out with the meagre facilities and equipment with which the shop is working.

Co-incidental with the visit to this section by the Pennsylvania Railway officials is the fact that another party of them last week visited Wilmington. Of this visit the Star of that city says:

"In the city yesterday in their private cars were Col. Samuel Moody, Passenger Traffic Manager of the Pennsylvania Lines, Pittsburg, Pa., and other prominent passenger officials of that road, including Mr. Geo. Haggarty, assistant general passenger agent, with headquarters at Pittsburg, and Mr. Chas. Weeden, assistant general passenger agent, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky. They arrived yesterday morning en route to Florida and were guests while in the city of Passenger Traffic Manager W. H. Craig, of the Atlantic Coast Line. They were entertained for luncheon during the day by Mr. Craig and Mr. T. C. White, general passenger agent of the A. C. L., at Mr. Pembroke

REV. E. H. M'WHORTER COMES TO CENTENARY

REV. J. B. HURLEY, FORMER
PASTOR, GOES TO ROCK-
INGHAM.

(Special to the Journal.)

Oxford, Dec. 8.—The following appointments were today made by the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South: New Bern district, Presiding Elder, J. E. Underwood; Atlantic, S. B. Royall, Supply; Beaufort, T. A. Sikes; Bridgeton Circuit, R. E. Pitman; Carteret Circuit, F. T. Fulcher; Dover Circuit, L. B. Pattishall, Supply; Elm street and East Kinston, J. M. Wright; Goldsboro, St. John, B. C. Thompson; St. Paul, N. H. D. Wilson; Goldsboro Circuit, C. O. Durant; Grifton Circuit, E. D. Dodd; Hookerton Circuit, J. W. Bradley; Jones Circuit, C. E. Vance; Kinston, H. A. Humble; Lagrange Circuit, J. M. Caraway, Supply; Morehead City, D. N. Caviness; Mt. Olive and Faison, J. H. Frisselle; Mr. Olive Circuit, W. A. Pilans; New Bern, Centenary, E. H. McWhorter; Riverside, W. A. Cade, Junior Preacher; Ocracoke and Portsmouth, E. T. Ippock, Supply; Oriental Circuit, E. C. Glenn; Pamlico Circuit, C. H. Caviness; Evans Springs Circuit, E. T. Hill, Supply; Snow Hill Circuit, F. B. McCall; Straits Circuit, W. B. Humble; J. B. Hurley goes to Rockingham; Rev. J. C. Wooten goes to Edenton street, Raleigh; Rev. Harry M. North, formerly pastor Edenton street is made presiding elder Durham district.

MR. AND MRS. C. H. ROBINSON
"AT HOME."

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson were at home Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Robinson. The home was beautifully decorated for the event. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Worth received in the hall. The receiving line was composed of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Robinson, Will Gairther, Miss Eloise Robinson, Will Foreman, Miss Helen Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Sheep, W. P. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Grice, Miss Maude Grice, James Derickson, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Skinner.

TWO DEFENDANTS BEFORE
MAYOR BANGERT.

Jodie Hill and Will Morris were before Mayor Bangert yesterday afternoon to answer to charge of being drunk and disorderly within the city limits. A fine of two dollars and the costs of the case was placed upon the defendants after they had been found guilty.

Jones' handsome country estate, "Airlie," on the Sound and later at Mr. Craig's home in the city. They left last evening, resuming their trip south on a general inspection of conditions in the Southern territory, the mecca of all tourists during the winter."

While the officials of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company are giving out no information at this time, those who are familiar with conditions are firm in the belief that the Pennsylvania people are either contemplating a purchase of the road or are investigating and inspecting it with a view of purchasing stock.

It is believed that if they purchase the road outright that they will extend the line to Wilmington and perhaps further. This would give New Bern additional passenger and freight service and would be a great help to the city in many ways. If they are only contemplating the purchase of stock in the company, this money will probably be used in making improvements on the road. Either action would be of benefit to New Bern, and some announcement by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company is awaited with interest.

STEAMER ABLAZE WHILE AT SEA

Passengers On The Rio Grande
Taken Off By An-
other Vessel.

BALTIMORE SHIP AS CONVOY

Catches Wireless At Night And
Hurries To The
Rescue.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9.—One hundred and ninety-seven passengers were taken off the Rio Grande at sea Sunday morning while the big ship was on fire and thought to be in danger.

The rescue was made by the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company's steamer Suwannee, plying between Baltimore and Savannah which caught the Rio Grande's call for assistance about 2 o'clock and went immediately to the rescue. The Suwannee was almost along side the burning vessel two hours later and in response to signals from the Rio Grande lowered lifeboats and sent them to the burning ship.

The Rio Grande also had her lifeboats hanging in davits loaded with passengers when the Suwannee came up.

The rescue was made 205 miles northwest of Diamond Shoals during a severe southwest blow. There was a high sea, but such perfect discipline prevailed among the crews of both steamers that not a boat was jammed against the sides of either ship.

The crew on the Rio Grande were almost exhausted by their fight with the fire when help came.

The passengers did not know that the ship was on fire until Saturday night, it is said, although some of them had spoken of the decks being hot and commented on the presence of most of the crew below decks. No passengers were permitted to go below, women and children being ordered to their staterooms.

Wireless reports, while meagre, state that after the Suwannee had taken all the passengers on board the crew helped to fight the fire on the Rio Grande.

The rescue, made before daylight far out at sea, marine men say, was one of the most thrilling recorded. The fact that not a boat was swamped and not a single life lost is considered, under the circumstances, almost miraculous.

One report from the burning ship says that after the fire was gotten under control the passengers were transferred from the Suwannee back to the Rio Grande. Another account states that some of the passengers are still on the Suwannee.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCES AT THE STAR TONIGHT

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO NEW
BERN'S NEW FOOTBALL
ORGANIZATION.

Tonight will be a "big night" at the Star theatre and it is safe to say that the house will be packed to its utmost capacity at both performances. The managers of the Star theatre have shown that they believe in lending a helping hand to local organizations which are for the benefit of the public, and they have announced that the performance tonight will be for the benefit of the football team of Ghent Athletic Association.

Every public spirited New Bernain has taken an interest in this team, and all along have assisted it in every possible manner. The proceeds of the performances tonight, for which an especial feature program has been prepared, will go to the team and the public is urged to attend.

PREPARING TO ERECT NEW
RESIDENCE.

W. N. Pinnix has had one of his buildings on Pasteur street, near Queen street razed, and is now preparing to erect two commodious dwellings on the site. Work on these are to begin at once.

ACCEPTS POSITION WITH POSTAL
TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

J. V. Finlayson, of Franklinton, Va., has accepted a position as operator with the local office of the Postal Telegraph Company.

NEW BERN ELKS HONOR THE DEAD

Pay Loving Tribute To Their
Members Who Have
Passed Away.

EX-JUDGE GUION THE SPEAKER

Hon. Charles R. Thomas De-
livered Impressive Eu-
logy.

It is probable that no more impressive service has ever been held in New Bern than the annual Lodge of Sorrow of the New Bern Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which was held in the Athens theatre Sunday afternoon and at which one of the largest audiences ever gathered in that building was present.

The stage had been appropriately decorated for the occasion. Most prominent was an electric arch in the centre, on which was written the creed of the Elks: "The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands; their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." Arranged around this were twenty-one vacant chairs, symbolical of the twenty-one members who have gone to that bourne from which no traveller returns. Farther out on the stage was a table draped with the national flag, and on this was several of the emblems of the order.

On the stage with Exalted Ruler W. W. Griffin were the speakers of the afternoon and several officers of the local lodge. The exercises were opened by a selection by Mrs. Benton, Mrs. M. R. Griffin, C. T. Pumphrey, Roberts and Willis. Following this Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, delivered the invocation. Following a short talk by Exalted Ruler W. W. Griffin and several selections by the singers who added so materially to the program of the evening, the memorial address was made by Ex-Judge O. H. Guion, of the New Bern bar.

Ex-Judge Guion is one of the State's most brilliant men, and his address was beautiful and impressive. To those who listened with rapt attention to the remarks of the speaker who told of the object of the Elks Lodge and its principles, of the innumerable good deeds performed throughout the world each day by this order, and of the founding of the Lodge of Sorrow, was intensified by the spirit of the occasion and there was not a one in the large audience who was not visibly affected. For more than an hour Ex-Judge Guion held his audience spellbound and at the close there was evident by that hush which shows unmistakably that the speaker has made a profound impression.

At the conclusion of the Memorial Address, Mrs. M. R. Griffin rendered effectively that beautiful song: "I come to Thee." During the past year the lodge has lost one member, the late David R. Davis. In his beautiful eulogy to Mr. Davis, Hon. Charles R. Thomas said:

"As the years pass like summer clouds, one after another of those whom we have known and esteemed, enters the 'dark valley of the shadow,' and departs to that 'undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.'"

"During the past year this lodge has been called to mourn the death of one of its members—David R. Davis. 'Coming in and going out among us, full of life, hope and happiness; looking forward eagerly, cheerfully, joyfully into the future; seeing there no shadows, only the bright sunlight of peace and success, and in the vista of the years only still wider avenues of business enterprises, still greater joy in living; in apparent good health, our friend met with an untimely end, closing his life work in his young manhood.'"

"Why was he so stricken down? By what theory, what philosophy, what reason, do you explain the sudden termination of a bright, happy, useful life?"

"These are questions constantly recurring, questions as old as the everlasting hills, as old as human life itself, yet ever new and recurring. Whatever may be the solution of this great mystery, and answer to these questions, we can find no consolation when one whom we love and esteem meets an untimely end, except in the thought that God, Who controls the universe, Who holds in the hollow of His hand the oceans, Who counts the sands upon the seashore and numbers the stars of the firmament, will surely find a way to bring back to life those who have passed away."

MAY TAKE PRIMARY TO ELECT POSTMASTER

New Phase Comes To Light In New Bern
Postoffice Mixup—Much Interest
Manifest

RED CROSS SEAL HAS WELL KNOWN SLOGAN

BUY SEALS AND HELP STAMP
OUT TUBERCULOSIS.
IS WORD.

"Buy Red Cross Seals and help stamp out tuberculosis." This is the slogan of 45,000 window cards that have been sent to various parts of the State by the Red Cross Seal committee. The seals were placed on sale December 1st in nearly all the cities and in a large number of the larger towns of the State.

Strong committees of leading citizens are at the head of the work in most places. The State committee has already sent out 400 sermons and lecture outlines and has ordered 200 more. In many counties the county superintendent of schools has taken up the work and will speak on tuberculosis in the schools and place the seals on sale.

Hundreds of thousands of Christmas packages and letters sent out by North Carolinians this year will bear Red Cross Seals as a marker of the sender's interest in this, the greatest of all humanitarian movements.

It may take years to accomplish it, but the time is coming when tuberculosis will be conquered as yellow fever has been and its terrible ravages of the human race cease. The Red Cross Seal is a powerful educator that is helping to bring that good day.

HARRY PARKER'S LATEST NEW
YORK SUCCESS

"THE CARABET GIRLS"

Played to one of the largest audiences of the season at the Athens last night. The company is composed of eleven people—seven girls and four men. The act is clean, refined one, and will appeal to all who enjoy good singing and dancing, with comedy galore.

PICTURES.
Today we have an exceptionally attractive program, as follows:

"The Belle Of Siskijou,"

A unique Western drama by the S. & A. Co., containing many strong scenes, very exciting all the way through "The Treasure Of Desert Isle."

In search for hidden treasure another is discovered, which forms the greatest and most beautiful ever found. See this splendid Vitagraph film and learn what the treasure is—you will be surprised.

"Our Neighbors."

A practical study in sociology. There is a splendid sprinkling of comedy to make this Selig picture serve two purposes. Remember the Athens gives you the biggest and best shows for the money to be seen anywhere in this State.

You see the same show at our matinee for 5 and 10 cents we put on at night—nothing is cut.

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

No advance in prices for two hours show of pictures and vaudeville.

SIMMONS RECOMMENDS AP-
PLICATION.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The formal application of William T. Dortch, of Goldsboro, who has been recommended by Senator Simmons for United States Marshal for the Eastern district of North Carolina to succeed Marshal Dockery, was filed with the department of justice Saturday.

RESERVED SEATS GO ON SALE
TODAY.

Reserved seats for the performance Thursday night of "Paid in Full," will go on sale today at the Wood-Lane Drug Company. The prices range from 25 cents to one dollar. All seats on the lower floor are 75 cents, and \$1.00.

There have been many sensations in New Bern during the past few years but there have been none which surpassed that caused by the dismissal of Postmaster J. S. Basnight, a full account of which was carried by the Journal Sunday morning.

The majority of the citizens of New Bern were expecting the dismissal of the Postmaster but none thought that he would refuse to give up the management of the office, as he did, until sealed orders arrived from Washington. Naturally the affair was the sole topic of conversation during the day and is still being discussed at length in all of the public places.

R. A. Nunn, the attorney for the American Bonding Company, of Baltimore, Mr. Basnight's bondsmen, is now the acting postmaster, but the ex-postmaster remains in the office. It is understood that he stated yesterday that he was, at any time, ready to turn over the keys and management of the office to the acting postmaster, but so far the "sealed orders" which figured so prominently in the case have not arrived.

Affairs Muddled.

Naturally affairs at the postoffice are pretty well muddled. An inventory of all the stock and moneys is being taken and this may continue for several days. The clerks and carriers are but little perturbed over the turn affairs have taken and are performing their duties as usual.

The most vital question at the present time is relative to the appointment of a postmaster to take the place of the deposed official. The Journal told Sunday morning how friends of the four candidates for the office kept the Postal Telegraph Company's office open until after midnight, Saturday night sending telegrams to officials at Washington recommending their favorites for the office. Sunday night C. E. Foy, D. E. Henderson, A. W. McIntosh and W. B. Blades went to Washington to confer with Senator F. M. Simmons urging him to use his influence in getting the office for Louis G. Daniels.

It is understood that another delegation left for the capital Sunday morning to urge the appointment of John Thomas. So far as is known S. H. Lane and Frank Weathers are the other candidates, have no representatives at Washington but friends of these gentlemen are using the telegraph wires to good effect.

May Have A Primary.

With four candidates in the field for the office and each having a large number of constituents, it is possible that Senator Simmons will not care to have a hand in urging the appointment of either one of the candidates, but will leave the matter up to the citizens, and a primary may be held.

If such an action is taken an active postmaster may be appointed to conduct the office until the primary has been held. It is also rumored that if a primary is held a "dark horse" will enter the race and will make the other candidates sit up and take notice.

The situation is one which is complicated, but must be settled soon and the public is awaiting further developments with keen interest.

George Howard Transferred.

At midnight last night George Howard, who was put on as night clerk after R. E. Smith had been dismissed from the service by Mr. Basnight, was transferred back to his original position as dispatching clerk and John Heath was put on as night clerk.

AN UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE
CALENDAR.

One of the most attractive of the new calendars seen this season is that being presented to their patrons by the A. T. Willis Company. The calendar is about thirty-five inches in length and contains a picture of a beautiful young woman. The colorings are so perfectly blended that the picture is a real work of art and is worthy a place in any home. At the foot of the calendar is a pad containing the customary number of leaves, each containing the calendar for the respective month.