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THOMAS' FRIENDS RETURN TODAY

Coming Back From A Conference With Senator F. M. Simmons.

POSTOFFICE IN BAD SHAPE

Washington Newspaper Men Send Out Some Interesting Dope.

The delegation of New Bern citizens who left here in a private car Thursday afternoon enroute to Washington, D. C., to confer with Senator F. M. Simmons and urge him to appoint John Thomas as postmaster at this place, will return today.

W. E. Yelverton, the Raleigh News and Observer's Washington correspondent, yesterday wired his paper the following dispatch relative to the New Bern Postoffice situation:

"The New Bern postoffice, according to the report of the inspector who recently went through the office, is in bad shape because of inefficiency in the postmaster and his assistant and not because of an inefficient personnel. The inspector reports, it is said unofficially, that both Basnight and Assistant Postmaster Hewitt are inefficient, which probably means that Hewitt will go out shortly following the dismissal of his chief. The inspector reported that the clerks were efficient, which probably means that R. E. Smith's retention is assured.

"The forecast of most people here who are acquainted with the New Bern situation is that Louis G. Daniels will be recommended by Senator Simmons to succeed Basnight. He, John C. Thomas, Jr., and S. H. Lane are considered the strongest candidates. Both Daniels and Thomas are strong politically and Lane is chairman of the county Democratic executive committee. Mr. Daniels and Senator Simmons have long been close personal and political friends, and it is believed here that if he makes as strong a showing locally as Thomas he will be appointed.

The selection will not be announced until next week, however when all applicants will have been given a chance to be heard. A delegation in favor of Mr. Thomas will come to Washington today."

Parker Anderson, the Greensboro News' Washington representative, sees the situation in the following light:

"It is probable that either John Thomas or L. G. Daniels will be named postmaster at New Bern early next week. Daniels has been a close friend of Senator Simmons for years and Thomas is known to have a powerful influence not only in New Bern, but throughout Craven county. The removal of Basnight is but one of many changes that are to be made in the eastern section of North Carolina, according to reports. It is understood that the ire of certain Democrats has been aroused and Republicans in that section had better prepare for a fight. It is coming and much sooner than they had expected. Details cannot be given at this time, but it is enough to say that a number of changes in Federal jobs is going to be demanded on the Democratic administration in short order.

"While the report of the in-

Chas. R. Crane



It is now reported in Washington that if H. M. Pindell goes to Russia as ambassador, he will serve only a year, until Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, has arranged his affairs so he can take his post.

BREAKS RIGHT SHOULDER IN FALL FROM CAR

COLORED LOGGER SERIOUSLY INJURED NEAR JASPER.

Gus Adams, a colored man who has been logging in the woods near Jasper, was painfully if not seriously injured yesterday afternoon when he fell from the top of a car load of logs.

Only meagre details of the accident could be learned here, but it seems that Jackson, who was employed by a Mr. Flowers, had assisted loading a car of logs and for some purpose had climbed on top of them. He lost his foothold on the logs and fell to the ground, a distance of several feet.

Dr. N. M. Gibbs, of this city, was summoned to give the injured man medical attention and he found that, in addition to his right shoulder being broken, that his left leg was also badly injured. After having his injuries dressed, the man was taken to his home.

THE JOURNAL 'FORCE AGAIN REMEMBERED.

The members of the editorial and mechanical department of the Journal wish to express to Alfred A. Kafer, proprietor of Kafer's Bakery, their thanks for a nice large fruit cake which was presented to them yesterday. The cake was up to the usual high standard of those made by Mr. Kafer and was indeed a treat.

How do the "Spugs" stand on the subject of fancy slippers and pink suspenders?

Inspector sent to New Bern to investigate the charges against former Postmaster Basnight has not been made public, it is understood that the report says Basnight was incompetent and that he neglected his duty in many ways. Notwithstanding this, several ministers of the gospel have protested to the President against Basnight's removal, declaring that it was but the move of machine politicians."

COLORED MAN MAY BE COUNTERFEITER

Government Officials Believe They Are On the Trail Of Gang Of Counterfeiters Who Have Been Passing Spurious Coin In This Section. One Man Is Now in The Craven County Jail.

A dollar which is made out of composition of zinc and pewter and which was passed off on Bill Cannon, colored, Thursday night is the chief reason why Moses Dudley, colored, and whose home is at No. 77 Elm street is now in Craven County jail awaiting trial at the next term, of Federal Court and judging from the evidence in the case, the defendant has a term in the Federal prison in Atlanta, Ga., awaiting him.

Thursday night Dudley and a friend went to a dance hall conducted by Cannon in the northern part of the city. Dudley tendered a dollar, said to be the counterfeit piece, in payment for two tickets and received eighty cents change. Cannon told Commissioner Hill yesterday afternoon that he thought at the time that the money was "queer," but just at that time did not make a careful investigation.

A few minutes later Cannon scrutinized the coin and found that it was indeed a counterfeit and without further ado went in search of the man who gave it to him. Dudley was found but when requested to return the eighty cents change he had received, he positively refused to do so. Cannon at once notified Chief of Police C. Lupton and the latter placed Dudley under arrest a short time later. The other negro escaped and up to the present time has not been found.

After taking the alleged "passer of the queer" into custody Chief of Police Lupton turned him over to the United States

officials. At the hearing yesterday Dudley emphatically denied that he had given the bad coin, stating that the dollar he tendered for the tickets and for which he had received the eighty cents change, was a good one in every particular. Several persons saw the negro give Cannon the coin and they so testified.

Recently a number of counterfeit coins have been circulated in New Bern and the Government officials have been endeavoring to learn the source from which they have been coming. The majority of the bad coins seen here are twenty-five cent pieces and dollars.

It has been several years since there was a counterfeiting case in this district of Federal Court. At that time two white men, living in Pitt county, had rigged up a set of molds out of plaster of Paris and were doing a flourishing business. Their output consisted entirely of fifty cent pieces and they were excellent imitations of the genuine article.

The dollar which Dudley is claimed to have passed on Cannon is a pretty good specimen and would easily pass by the average person. It is somewhat discolored, but it is almost identical in weight, and the "ring" is about the same as that given out from a genuine coin.

It is believed that the man who was with Dudley Thursday night knows something about the affair and the authorities are on the lookout for him and it is probable that he will be picked up during the next day or two.

Harry Parker's Latest New York Musical Comedy "The Cabaret Girls"

Close their week's engagement tomorrow night at the Athens, presenting their very best tabloid:

"The Topsy Turvy Girls." This act is good clean comedy all the way through, with good singing and dancing.

PICTURES.

"Caste." This is a special two-reel Edison picture, from the famous comedy by Tom Robertson. The comedy has been extremely popular for years and is without question, one of the cleverest that has ever been written.

The Masterly strokes of characted delineation alone are something marvelous, so cleverly has the author drawn each individual. The story, as the title indicates, is founded upon the sharp lines of social rank which are drawn in England. This two reel subject is worth the price of admission. Another good Vitagraph picture is:

"When Friendship Ceases."

It ceases where rivalry exists. Shorty and Sandy fight for the lady's love. Silas wins and the two rivals are reconciled.

All next week Mack and Kastling musical comedy company, presenting tabloid musical come-

R. P. Hodson



Congressman Hobson, of Alabama, is the chief opponent of Congressman Underwood in a race for a seat in the United States Senate. This is a new photograph of "the hero of the Merrimac."

NEW BERN SCHOOLS CLOSE ON DEC. 23

PUPILS WILL HAVE HOLIDAYS UNTIL AFTER FIRST OF YEAR.

The New Bern public schools will close for the Christmas holidays on December 23 and will not be open again until after the first of the year. Only a few days remain before the date of closing and the pupils are eagerly expecting the arrival of that occasion.

As usual, many of the pupils and teachers will spend the holidays out of the city while others will remain at home and enjoy the many entertainments, etc., which will take place during the week.

The first half of the present term has been a very successful one in every sense of the word and Prof. H. B. Craven, the able superintendent, and his corps of teachers are greatly pleased with the work which has been done. Plans for the second half of the term include a number of new innovations, and these will be put into effect after the holidays.

JEWELRY STORE UNDERGOING IMPROVEMENTS.

Among the many other improvements being made down in the business section of the city, it is noticed that J. O. Baxter's jewelry store is being repainted.

MUST FACE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Charles Moore, colored, was given a hearing before Mayor Albert H. Bangert yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with carrying a concealed weapon. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to the next term of Superior Court. In default of a bond of one hundred dollars he was committed to jail.

The cow that swallowed \$280 in bills should not be made the model in fixing the price of beef.

There must be no "empty stockings" in this city.

REVENUE OFFICERS ON THE WARPATH

Go To Slocumb's Cerk In Search Of An Illicit Distillery.

DID NOT FIND OUTFIT

Discovered Bar-room In Operation In Alleged Distiller's Barn.

United States Deputy Collector Tull, recently appointed to the office, made his first raid in this section, Thursday, when he and Deputy Marshal Samuel Lilly, who is one of the best "revenuers" in the Government's employ, raided the premises of Don Taylor, a white man living at Slocumb's Creek.

It had come to the ears of the revenue officers that Taylor was operating an illicit distillery. They have been keeping him under surveillance for some time and Thursday afternoon, thinking that the proper moment for action had arrived, swooped down on his place of business.

The officers found unmistakable signs that there had been drinking going on around the place but despite the fact that they made a thorough search they failed to find the still which was supposed to be in operation. After the raid Deputy Marshal Lilly told a Journal reporter that Taylor's barn, where so much liquor was found, was one of the most complete bar-rooms he ever saw; that there were whiskey bottles and jugs on every hand and that even a glass was on hand for the use of the patrons.

In addition to the whiskey which the revenue officers saw there were several boxes around the place which were securely locked, and they are of the opinion that these contained whiskey or other intoxicants. Government officers cannot make an arrest or even confiscate the "booze" unless they have some evidence of a sale and as Deputy Collector Tull and Deputy Marshal Lilly had not succeeded in getting anyone to swear that they had purchased whiskey or beer from Taylor, they were forced to leave his stock unmolessted.

Naturally the revenue officers were not well pleased with the outcome of their long trip to Slocumb's Creek and in order to make up for lost time Deputy Marshal Lilly went to Croatan and took West Ward, colored, under arrest on a warrant charging him with retailing spirituous liquors without a government license.

Ward, whose brother John Ward was arrested a few days ago on a similar charge, was taken before U. S. Commissioner C. B. Hill for a preliminary hearing. Owing to the fact that several of the witnesses in the case were absent, the hearing was continued until Monday, and in the meantime the defendant is being held at the county jail.

WORK OF ENLARGING SEWER COMPLETED.

The force of workmen who have for several days past been engaged in lowering and enlarging the drain pipe leading from in front of the Athens theatre, on Pollock street, have the work almost completed and the street in that section has been put back in its usual condition.