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MANY CHANGES MAY BE MADE IN POSTOFFICE

Rumored That The Janitor Will Also Be Dismissed From The Service.

THE COLORED CARRIERS TOO

Some Facts About Selecting Another Assistant Postmaster

Tomorrow is the day on which it is believed Senator F. M. Simmons, will name a postmaster to fill the office made vacant a little more than a week ago by the dismissal of Postmaster J. S. Basnight. Interest in the matter increases as the day draws near and the appointment is awaited here with much anticipation.

It is a foregone conclusion that John Thomas, Jr., or L. G. Daniels will receive the appointment and the general public is undecided as to which will be the fortunate candidate. Many think Mr. Daniels will be the man for the place while others are of the opinion that Mr. Thomas will get it. There are a few "wise" ones who claim to know which will be appointed but these men know no more than the general public.

There is a great deal of interest being manifested in the selection of an assistant postmaster. Those who are not familiar with conditions think that the postmaster can appoint whoever he desires as an assistant, but this is not the case.

The President's Order.
On September 30, 1910, President Taft signed the following order relative to the appointment of assistant postmasters:

"It is hereby ordered that the position of assistant postmaster in post-offices of the first and second classes and also the position of clerk of what ever grade in post-offices of the first and second classes not hitherto classified shall be included in the classified competitive service, provided that no assistant postmaster or clerk appointed without examination prior to this order shall be classified who fails to establish to the satisfaction of the Postoffice Department his capacity for efficient service in the position held, and Schedule A of the civil-service rules is hereby amended accordingly; this order to take effect December 1, 1910.

"The purpose of this order is twofold, i. e., to bring into the competitive classified service under the Civil Service Rules (1) all positions of assistant postmaster in first and second-class postoffices, and (2) all positions of clerk in postoffices of the first and second classes not hitherto classified. The clerks referred to are with few exceptions employed in first and second class postoffices which do not have free city delivery, the establishment of which has heretofore been a prerequisite to classification as competitive under the Civil Service Rules.

"The order does not in any way effect assistant postmasters or clerks in postoffices of the third and fourth classes, and does not affect the position of postmaster in any office.

"Section 6 of Rule II of the Civil Service Rules provides:

"A person holding a position when it becomes classified and subject to competitive examination shall have the rights which he would acquire if appointed thereto upon examination under these rules, except that he shall not be transferred without first passing the examination provided by the Commission."

"The persons affected by the order will become classified on December 1, 1910, and incumbents thereof will under the above provision of the rules be brought into the competitive classified service when they establish to the satisfaction of the Postoffice Department their capacity for efficient service in the position held. The duty of passing upon the efficiency of such employees rests upon the Postoffice Department, and the commission has no function to perform in connection therewith."

The postmaster is not compelled to appoint his assistant from the clerks in the office, but unless he does so, it will be necessary to hold a competitive first grade examination.

There are two men in the office who would like to have this place. These are George Wood, dispatching clerk, and J. W. Watson, of the money order department. Both gentlemen have been in the office for a number years and are thoroughly familiar with all details of the work. Friends of both are advocating their appointment and the result of this agitation may result in bringing about the result desired by them.

May Dismiss Janitor.
T. D. Hewitt, the present assistant postmaster, has been asked to resign, but has so far taken no steps toward complying with this request. It became known yesterday that Hyman Thompson, the colored janitor, will also be requested to hand in his resignation and upon failure to do so an effort will be made to replace him.

Congressman Jno. M. Faison, who is taking an active interest in the New Bern postoffice squabble, wants to get rid of all the negroes and has investigated the record of those employed at the building and also those on the rural routes. The reports of the inspectors who have been here in the past have been to the effect that Thompson's work was not satisfactory. The janitor has been employed at the Federal building for many years and is under the Civil Service, but if his work is found to be unsatisfactory, the fact that he is under the Civil Service will not by any means help him to hold the place. Once before Thompson thought that he would lose his position and at once hot-footed it to Washington and succeeded in bringing pressure to bear which kept him in the place. At that time, however, the Republicans were in office, and that, in a measure, accounted for his retention.

No official announcement of the proposed dismissal of the janitor has yet been made and will, in all probability not be until after the selection of the postmaster.

EPWORTH LEAGUE IS STUDYING MEXICO

DISCUSSED THAT COUNTY LAST FRIDAY EVENING.

(Written for the Journal.)
The Study Classes of the Epworth League of Centenary Methodist church, met with the manager, Mrs. Whit Gaskins, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. The class is studying "Mexico today." It is a very interesting study, written by Geo. B. Winton, with the hope of a better understanding between neighbors. The Mexicans are shown in their true light.

Nearly all the class was present. Mrs. Gaskins taught the lesson of the evening. Much interest was manifested in this new study. At the close of the study, refreshing hot drinks, cake and candy were served.

For the remaining few minutes Mrs. Gaskins rendered some of her humorous readings.

"BILL" HYSLOP BLOWS IN.

William (better known to his numerous friends as Bill) Hyslop, one of the most popular representatives of the Lanston Monotype Machine Company of Philadelphia, Pa., blew into the city on the 12:40 train this morning. This is "Bill's" second visit to "The Athens of North Carolina." He spent several weeks here last summer and was so well pleased with the city that he says he has been anxious to get back ever since. Mr. Hyslop is stopping at the Gem Hotel and will remain here for several days, making an inspection of the Journal's Monotype plant.

Ellen Gleditsch



Miss Gleditsch, who has an international reputation for her experiments with radium in association with Mme. Curie, of Paris, is now carrying on some investigations at Yale University.

MACK AND HASTINGS

An All Star Company Presenting High Class Tabloid Musical Comedies

appeared at the Athens last night to a very crowded and appreciative audience. This is an excellent company, one of the cleverest and best ever booked. Hear them tonight. We are satisfied you will be pleased.

"The Medal Of Honor."

An exciting and thrilling fire picture. It shows the heroism of a fireman whose sweetheart was about to be burned to death. You can probably imagine the balance. This film will hold you spell bound.

"Pathe Weekly."

Interesting news from all over the world.

"Saved From The Vigilantes."

A Western picture showing how a telegraph wire outwitted a rope. Some exciting scenes are to be seen in this Selig film.

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

No advance in prices.

OYSTERS ARE IMPROVING IN QUALITY.

The quality of the oysters being received at this port is improving each week. While in conversation with one of the leading fish and oyster dealers yesterday, a Journal reporter was informed that the bivalves were improving rapidly and the product of local waters is equal to that shipped here from Virginia.

INTERESTING FEATURE OF TEACHERS MEETING

DEMONSTRATION OF PRIMARY READING BY 1C GRADE.

One of the most instructive and entertaining features of the meeting of the County Teachers Association last Saturday was the demonstration of Primary Reading Methods by Miss Mollie Heath and eleven of the children of the 1C grade.

The work of these little girls showed excellent training and was really remarkable.

The thoroughness of their training and their lively interest in their work impressed the teachers greatly and won for the little ones almost constant applause.

The following were the children: Sara Dill, Mary Faulkner, Kathleen Chadwick, Julia Shrinar, Verna Hodges, Minnie Howard, Margaret Armstrong, Lillian Hill, Evelyn Avery, Martha Hall, Annie Probst.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Miss Heath and the children for their fine work.

CLUB CALENDAR.

December 16.—Current Events to meet with Mrs. W. K. Baxter, at 4 p. m.

December 18.—Music Club to meet at Griffin Auditorium at 4 o'clock.

FOUND MURDERED IN LONELY CABIN

Virginian Found Lying On Floor With A Bullet In His Brain.

HIS REVOLVER NOT FOUND

Robbery Believed To Have Been Motive Of Foul Deed.

Ridgeway, Va., Dec. 15.—Frank Flynn, was found murdered in his home about four miles south of Ridgeway, Henry county, today. A colored woman visited the Flynn home about 8 o'clock in the morning on some errand and not being able to get a response at the door looked in at one of the windows. She saw the dead man lying on the floor, and gave the alarm. The Flynn home is situated a few feet south of the State line and the North Carolina authorities were summoned. The officers found the outside doors locked and nailed from within. A small window with mud on the sill indicated the manner in which the murderer made his escape from the building.

Flynn was lying on the floor in a pool of blood with a pistol wound in the head and another in the back showed how he met his death. There were three other bullet holes, two perforating the walls of the house and one lodging in a bundle of clothing in a corner of the room. That these were fired from within the room is clearly indicated by the manner in which they penetrated the wood work. The clothing of the dead man was torn as if in a hand to hand struggle, and a pistol holster was lying on the floor beside the body. The revolver which Flynn is known to have possessed was missing. Smears of blood around the walls show that a desperate struggle took place within the room and leads to the belief that Flynn probably wounded his adversary before being himself shot.

Either of the wounds found on the body would have prevented further resistance if not instant death. Flynn was alone in the house at the time of the tragedy, his wife and children having gone to visit her father who lives ten miles distant. It is believed the murder was committed Sunday night, the 13th instant, from the fact that he had not been seen since that time, and from other evidence.

He was in Ridgeway last Saturday and was shaved by the local barber. One day's growth of beard indicates Sunday as the date of the murder. The features were also disfigured by rats, which had destroyed one ear. A number of rumors are current as to identity of assailants and probable motive for the crime. The one most credited is that Flynn became involved in some illicit liquor transactions and was probably the victim of an attack from this source. The finding of a considerable quantity of corn whiskey at Flynn's home gives color to this theory.

The dead man was known to have considerable money, which he always carried on his person and a large roll of bills was seen in his possession when in Ridgeway the day before the murder. When found today, his pockets contained only a knife and some letters.

IN POLICE COURT.

Few Cases On The Docket Yesterday Afternoon.

Mayor Bangert had a small docket in the police court yesterday the following cases constituting the docket.

Willie Barnes charged with speeding in his automobile was fined \$1.00 and costs.

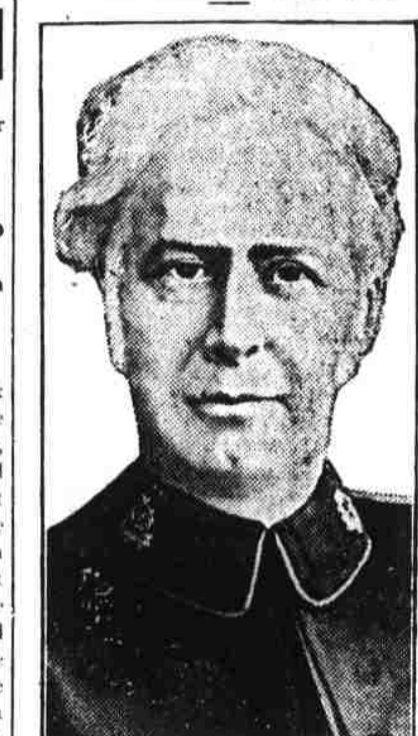
Johnnie Jones, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, waived examination and was bound over to the next term of Superior Court under a bond of \$100.

John Westley and Jas. Bryant charged with riding their bicycles on the sidewalks were found guilty and taxed with the costs.

NEW CONCERN TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE.

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—A charter has been granted to the People's Brick Company at New Bern, with total authorized capital stock of \$10,000; to begin business with \$5,000, subscribed by N. M. Gibbs, John Rhodes and G. T. Meacham, all of New Bern.

Bramwell Booth



General William Bramwell Booth, commander of the Salvation Army, is now in America.

ORGANIZATION OF RED CROSS SEAL SOCIETY

LADIES HAVE MET WITH MUCH SUCCESS IN WORK.

The ladies who have been selling the Red Cross Seals have met with so much success and find so much interest in it's great campaign against the "White Plague" that they feel impelled to organize a society here in New Bern for local work.

The plan under which they accepted the work of selling the Christmas seals provides that all funds raised by selling seals is to be turned into the Red Cross Seal Headquarters at Charlotte where the work is thoroughly organized and systematically divided, pro rate, in unorganized territory: 75 per cent. of the amount is kept in the State for tubercular work and the remaining 25 per cent. is divided between State and National expenses of making and distributing seals, circulars, advertisements, etc., etc.

But if there is an organized society selling the seals in any town, the then 75 per cent. may be kept by them for local tubercular work. The sale of seals will stop at Christmas, at which time, if there is no organization, the funds must be turned in to the State organization. But the ladies find there is ample need for an organization here in New Bern, and are anxious that this goodly sum shall be spent for the benefit of our own town. To who feels any interest whatsoever in the stamping out of this deadly plague among us, meet with us in the Elks' club rooms on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock and discuss the situation fully before proceeding to organize.

This work is upon the grounds of humanitarianism, irrespective of dogma or creed, and the call is to any one loving his fellow creature enough to do him a service. Let New Bern not be a laggard in this noble work. See to it every loyal citizen that we take a stand along with the other sister cities of our State.

CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS TAKE NOTICE.

State pension warrants for Confederate soldiers and widows of Confederate soldiers are now in my hands for delivery.

Those living at or near Vanceboro will please call on N. M. Lancaster, Esq.

Those living at or near Cove City will please call on J. S. Robinson, Esq.

Those living at or near Fort Barnwell will please call on J. W. Lane, Esq.

Those living at or near Dover will please call on G. V. Richardson, Esq.

Very truly yours,
W. B. FLANNER,
Clerk Superior Court, Craven Co.

AUDITOR WILL REPORT TONIGHT.

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen tonight at which time the auditor who has been investigating the various departments of the city, will make his report. All those interested in this work should hear the report.

MERCHANT'S USE PRINTERS' INK

New Bern Tradesmen Firm Believers In Gospel Of Advertising.

THE JOURNAL IS POPULAR

Six Extra Pages Of Advertising In Two Editions Of Daily And Semi Weekly

With Christmas only a few days distant the New Bern merchants and those citizens who have something to sell, are using printer's ink profusely. Sunday morning the Daily Journal was forced to add two extra pages to accommodate the large amount of advertising which was carried.

Not only are the merchants offering inducements to the people here in the city but they are also making attractive propositions to the rural residents. The first section of the Semi-Weekly Journal, which is issued today carries four additional pages to accommodate the increased amount of advertising.

In today's issue of the Daily Journal the leading merchants of the city have a message for every reader which will mean money in their pockets. Don't fail to read their announcements.

The merchants of New Bern have, this season, placed on sale the largest and most extensive stock of holiday goods ever brought to this section of the State. Realizing that money is somewhat scarce on account of the fact that there have been short crops and damage by floods, they are offering their stock at prices which are most reasonable.

Thousands of dollars will be spent during the next few days for Christmas gifts. A present must be purchased for mother, father, sister, brother, aunt or uncle, or perhaps "she" is going to purchase a gift for "him" and vice versa. The list of gifts to be found in the local establishments is unlimited. There is anything you might desire from a rattle for the newest arrival in the home to a pair of "comfy" slippers for grandma.

These articles are all being advertised. Right in this issue of the Journal you will find enough suggestions from which to purchase every gift on your list and at prices that are as reasonable as can be.

Weeks ago the "shop early" slogan was put in circulation. Time has passed by since then but it is not too late to "shop early." Procrastination, however, is nagging at your heels and saying "Oh, wait a day or two." Don't listen to any such argument. Read the message in today's Journal and begin your shopping this morning.

FUGITIVE FROM CRAVEN CONVICT FORCE CAUGHT

WALTER LAWRENCE APPREHENDED AT WASHINGTON.

Several weeks ago Walter Lawrence, colored, made his escape from the Craven county convict camp. The escape was made one Sunday afternoon and at that time a thorough search of the locality in the vicinity of the camp was made but Lawrence could not be found.

Yesterday morning the authorities at Washington notified the authorities here that a man answering Lawrence's description had been apprehended at that place and was being held pending the arrival of an officer from New Bern.

Policeman A. L. Bryan was sent over to identify the man and upon arrival there he found that it was Lawrence. The fugitive was brought back to New Bern yesterday afternoon and will today be returned to the roads.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET.

There will be a meeting Thursday night of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association. Company. Matters of importance are to be discussed and every member is urged to be present.

NOTICE TO BAND MEMBERS.

All members of the Peoples Concert Band who are to play at the hand sale tomorrow are asked to meet in the band hall ready to start at 9:30 tomorrow morning.