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BIG ILLICIT STILL IS FOUND

Sixty-Five Gallon Plant Confiscated Near Town Of Vanceboro.

ALLEGED OPERATOR IN JAIL

Sheriff Richard B. Lane and Several Deputies Due Credit For Their Work.

One of the most successful raids ever made in this section took place yesterday afternoon when Sheriff R. B. Lane, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff J. W. Huff, Samuel Lilly and Will Bonds went to the home of Leon Laughinghouse, about four miles from Vanceboro and after confiscating a sixty-five gallon illicit still, took Laughinghouse under arrest and brought him to this city and placed him in the county jail.

Sheriff Lane and several of his deputies went to Laughinghouse's home about two weeks ago and made a search of the premises, but at that time they failed to find anything which even resembled a still. However, Sheriff Lane had reliable information that Laughinghouse was engaged in the business of illicit distilling and he made up his mind to catch him napping.

Yesterday morning the Sheriff and the parties mentioned above, left New Bern in an automobile, they reached Laughinghouse's home without any delay and started a search of the premises. Laughinghouse was on hand and was at once taken into custody and kept under guard while the search was being made. The searchers found a spot which they judged to have been the location of the still but the object of their search was not to be found there.

A close inspection of the premises showed that on a trail leading down through the woods there was a quantity of soot. Sheriff Lane at once came to the conclusion that the still had been hurriedly taken up and carried to some other point and secreted. This trail of soot was followed up and in the center of a marsh some distance away was found the still, it having been carried there when it became known that the officers were in that section.

Laughinghouse denies all knowledge of the operation of the still but Sheriff Lane believes that he has a strong case against him and that he will be convicted when the case comes to court.

SAMUEL LILLY GETS HIS HEAD CHOPPED OFF

THAT IS TO SAY, HIS POLITICAL HEAD—WAS A CAPABLE OFFICER.

Samuel Lilly, who has for years held the office of United States Deputy Marshal in this section, has been notified that his services are no longer required by the government, his political head being chopped off simultaneously with that of Marshal Claudius Dockery, who has been succeeded by W. T. Dortch, of Goldsboro.

Mr. Lilly has made a capable and efficient officer for the government and his work has been highly commended. While being appointed by the Republican administration, he has many friends among the Democratic ranks who would have liked for him to have retained the position which he held.

It is understood that Thomas Hayward, of Havelock, is to be appointed to fill the vacancy.

SAUNDERS GETS BEATING.

Too Offensive With His Ink Slinging.

Elizabeth City, Jan., 22.—Charles O. Robinson, one of Elizabeth City's prominent citizens, walked into the office of W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent this afternoon, and after a few words with Mr. Saunders, gave him a thrashing, badly bruising his face.

Editor Saunders printed an article in last week's issue of the Independent concerning the street costume of a society lady. Mr. Robinson construed the article to refer to his wife. He asked Mr. Saunders if he had her in mind when he wrote it. Saunders gave him an evasive reply and ordered him out of the office. It was then that Mr. Robinson struck him several times in the face, hitting him so rap-

TO TAKE CHARGE OF OFFICE ABOUT JAN. 1

NEW POSTMASTER HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED.

In the words of our distinguished townsman, Frank T. Patterson, the genial keeper of the city's records, seals, etc., the postoffice situation "remains statue quo."

That is to say L. G. Daniels, who was last week recommended for the office by Senator Simmons, has not yet taken charge and in all probability will not do so until after the first of the approaching year.

Neither Mr. Daniels or Mr. Lane, the latter who was recommended for assistant postmaster are anxious to rush matters. Senator Simmons is overseeing all operations and until Mr. Daniels has been confirmed the office will remain in charge of R. A. Nunn, who has been acting postmaster since the dismissal of Postmaster J. S. Basnight.

CRAVEN COUNTY BOYS ARE GOOD FARMERS

YOUNGSTERS EXHIBIT SOME FINE CORN AT FARM LIFE SCHOOL.

That the boys of Craven county are taking an interest in the cultivation of corn is evidenced by a magnificent exhibit which was shown at the Corn Contest held at the Farm Life School at Vanceboro last Friday.

There were a number of entries in the contest and the corn on exhibit, which was grown by the boys of the county on one acre of land, proved conclusively that the younger generation have the right idea about tilling the soil and believe in intensive farming.

A number of prizes were awarded, among these being half a ton of fertilizer donated by the E. H. & J. A. Meadows Company; half ton of fertilizer donated by the Craven Chemical Company; shotgun, donated by Cutler Blades Hardware Company; pair of shoes, donated by S. Coplon & Son; Morris chair, donated by the J. S. Miller Furniture Company and five dollars donated by A. D. Wadd of this city.

So much of a success was the exhibit that it is expected that another contest will be held at an early date.

GIVE AN ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE NEEDY

SPECIAL SERVICE AT THE TABERNALE THURSDAY.

There will be a special service at the Tabernacle Baptist Church Thursday evening (Christmas) at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. S. J. Phillips has had charge of the program and one of the very best entertainments ever given at the Tabernacle will be given to the public of New Bern. The seats will all be free and everybody is urged to attend. There will be an offering received at the close of the exercises for the poor of the city. The public is asked to assist in this great service for Christ and humanity. Offerings will be received of second hand clothing, wood tickets, coal tickets, orders for provisions and cash. All charitably disposed people of the city are urged to render assistance in this great work and if there are any who cannot attend they can send their offering to Mrs. Phillips at 123 Pollock street. The missionaries of the Tabernacle meet with cases in their visits that the sight of would melt the hearts of the hard hearted and it is to help these poor unfortunate ones that this service is held and this appeal made.

ELKS NOTICE.

There will be a regular session of your lodge at 8 o'clock this evening. All members are requested to be present.

By order of E. R. T. B. Kehoe, Secretary.

idly and so hard that Mr. Saunders did not get a chance to return the blows.

FIVE HUNDRED KILLED BY VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS

Details Of Disaster On Island Of Ambrian, In New Hebrides Group Reached Sydney—Awe Inspiring Night Scenes.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 22.—Incoming steamers bring terrible details of the recent volcanic eruptions on the Island of Ambrian, in the New Hebrides group, in which 500 natives lost their lives. Witnesses of the disturbance describe it as having been so sudden and violent that they expected to see the whole western side of the island disappear.

With a terrific roar, which was followed with a rapid succession of artillery-like detonations, all the craters of the volcano entered into full activity, spouting flames and lava, and throwing out huge boulders.

Great streams of lava were seen rushing down the slopes, cutting off the villagers from escape. In one instance two currents of the molten mass joined and made an island of one entire

section of a village. Here 50 or 60 persons perished.

The scenes at night were awe-inspiring. Flames shot into the air to a height of a thousand feet, illuminating the whole area of destruction. The ocean seemed to boil as huge, super-heated masses of stone fell into the sea and streams of lava poured into the bay. Dust from the craters gradually formed a black cloud which blotted out the stars.

The bay after the eruption, was filled with dead fish and large numbers of dead turtles. The water in the river was hot.

The British hospital buildings were wiped out, but previous to their destruction the doctors pluckily removed all the patients to a launch and escaped with them.

SEAWELL AND DOCKERY OUT

TEO OTHER REPUBLICANS HAVE BITTEN THE DUST.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—District Attorney H. F. Seawell and United States Marshal Claudius Dockery received their official notification today from Attorney General McReynolds notifying them that President Wilson had signed orders removing them from office at the close of business today. Both will, of course, have to vacate in compliance with the order. District Attorney Seawell gave out this statement:

"I received a telegram from the Attorney General informing me that the President had signed an order removing me from office at the close of business today. No reason is assigned for the action of the President. I assume that it was done at the instance of those who would impress upon the general public their great power in such matters. I have no complaint to make and no bid for sympathy. If I had, under the existing circumstances they would probably receive but scant consideration. Power exercised without right we all know is tyranny, but even a tyrant does not lack for popularity in certain quarters while his conduct is successful. The only reason ever suggested for my removal is foreshadowed in correspondence with the Attorney General some weeks ago. I know of no reason why the public should not have this correspondence."

Mr. Seawell gave out copies of a letter he had from the Attorney General November 30th, asking for his resignation and his reply declining to resign. The letter asking for the resignation merely states that "It is desired to effect a change in certain conditions in your district, and in order to accomplish this it is expedient that a change be made in your office. Will you therefore be good enough to send me your resignation to take effect when your successor is appointed, or such earlier date as the President may designate?"

The reply to this by District Attorney Seawell was to the effect that the letter did not indicate the nature of the changes desired in the district; that from newspaper publications it was indicated that his and other resignations were wanted for political reasons to give places to Hon. Francis D. Winston and Mr. W. T. Dortch. He had not credited these reports and did so now with reluctance; and he would be pleased to learn of any other cause.

TO DUPLIN TO ATTEND BIG LAND SALE.

The following party left last night for Hallsville in Duplin County to attend a sale of small farms: J. M. Howard, J. Leon Williams, W. B. R. Guion, D. E. Henderson, M. H. Sultan and Hill Humphrey.

The party was in charge of J. M. Howard of this city, and was accompanied by the Peoples Concert Band who will furnish music for the occasion.

EXPRESS OFFICE CENTER OF ATTRACTION AT ARAPAHOE

HUNDREDS OF CHRISTMAS PACKAGES, BEING RECEIVED THERE.

Arapahoe, Dec. 22.—Christmas is almost here, but about the only evidence of it around Arapahoe is the increased number of visits to the express office.

Mr. W. H. Lewis has sold his farm to Capt. J. T. Boyd who has been with Mr. J. W. Rawls on the Arlington Farm for several years. Capt. Boyd will be gladly welcomed to the city.

Mr. Lewis who is not only one of our most successful farmers, but an efficient building contractor, goes to Wendell to superintend the construction of several buildings at that place. Mr. Lewis has only been at Arapahoe a few years but has made himself a friend to every one, and the entire community regrets at his leaving.

Mr. A. E. Tingle and Mr. A. G. Powell are moving to Bridgeton today. They, two, are of our best citizens and we hate to see them leave.

Our school is progressing as well as could be expected, considering that we have more measles than money just now. About 200 have been enrolled to date. Though many of them are out on account of the measles which seem to be pretty well distributed over the entire community.

North Carolina Day was fittingly observed Friday by the school. An appropriate program in memory of the late Dr. Seaman A. Knapp was rendered by the school to many visitors who were delighted at the talent demonstrated by many of the students.

Friday night a delightful shadow party was enjoyed at the school house. The party was conducted by the lady teachers, Misses Ruth Reel, of Reelsboro and Lizer McWilliams, of Portsmouth, assisted by several of the students and ladies of the community. After the shadows were sold fruit punch cake and other refreshments were served. But for the rudeness of a few boys, the evening was very enjoyable and a nice sum of money was raised, which will be used on the purchase of a piano for the school. Misses Reel and McWilliams have both shown already that they are on the progressive list, and we desire to say that we are ever ready to co-operate with them in any movement for the improvement of the school or the community at large.

Mr. Editor just please tell that stock law knocker to "knock off." That this is a progressive age and the stock law is coming sooner or later. Speed the day, the sooner the better.

Times are a little hard of course on account of the recent storm, but let's be thankful that our neighbors, up State were not affected and that there is still plenty to eat and some money coming in. Let us begin the new year with a cheerful countenance and better resolutions. Just think, corn selling at 80c, cotton 13c, wheat \$1.00, eggs 55c, Wilson president, Simmons chairman, of two of the most important committees in the Senate, compulsory school attendance and the stock law coming.

Here's hoping for a happy Christ-

NEW BERN TO HAVE A MUNICIPAL TREE

WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN AN UNUSUAL MANNER.

More than a week ago the Journal suggested that New Bern follow the action of several other North Carolina cities and have a municipal Christmas tree. This suggestion met with the favor of the City Beautiful Club and they have decided to have such a tree.

The tree will be located on Broad street between Middle and Craven and will be brilliantly illuminated, both on Christmas Eve night and also on Christmas night. The music for the celebration will be furnished by the Peoples Concert Band.

The tree will be for the benefit of every citizen of the town and everyone will be expected to be in attendance. Greensboro, Charlotte and Wilmington will have similar trees and are planning to make the idea a lasting one.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

Travellers Returning Home For Christmas.

Every passenger train arriving in New Bern just at this season is filled to its utmost capacity with passengers who are homeward bound to spend the holidays. For the past week college students, who are off for Christmas, have been arriving in and passing through the city and it is indeed a jolly crowd. Then, too, there are many shoppers each day who come to the city to do their trading and then return home in the afternoon. As might be supposed, the trains are oftentimes far behind their schedule time, but the railway people are doing everything possible to handle the crowds with expedition and are doing the best that they can.

NEW BERN GARAGE GETS CAR OF AUTOS.

The New Bern Garage Company have just received two car loads of Buick automobiles, the machine which they handle locally, and now have on exhibit at their place of business on Craven street.

INFANT DIES AT BRIDGETON.

Lucille, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Halthcocks, died at the home of its parents on C street, Bridgeton, Sunday afternoon. The funeral was conducted from the residence yesterday afternoon at 3:30 and the interment made in Cedar Grove cemetery, this city.

ALDERMAN WILLIAM ELLIS OUT OF HOSPITAL.

It will be a source of gratification to his numerous friends to know that Alderman Ellis, who has been critically ill at Stewart's sanatorium, has sufficiently recovered to be discharged from that institution.

Chas. Gramlich Majestic Musical Comedy Company Composed of Ten Players

Opened a week's engagement at the Athens yesterday. Last night it was impossible to seat all on the first show. This company well sustains its reputation as being one among the best on the circuit. There are two splendid comedians who kept the house in a constant roar of laughter. By all means come and bring your friends.

PICTURES.

Today's program comprises three reels of excellent subjects.

"The Fiancee and the Fairy." A Lubin love story, dealing with two millionaires. See this great society drama and learn how the whole affair terminated—'tis rich.

"The Ballyhoo's Story." An Indian tale impressively told, showing contrasting interests of life. A Vitagraph.

Pathe Weekly. Showing news from every section of the globe. Mutt & Jeff are handling the comic section.

Matinee daily at 3:45, 2 shows at night, 1st starts at 7:30, 2d about 9:15. No advance in prices.

mas and a prosperous New Year to the Journal and its many readers. W. R. Tingle.

OFFICERS AND MEN EXECUTED

Members Of The Federal Garrison At Guaymas Put To Death.

HAD PLANNED TO DESERT

All Of The Commissioned Officers And Sergeants Of Tenth Battalion Were Shot.

Hermsillo, Mex., Dec. 22.—The commissioned officers and many sergeants and corporals of the tenth battalion of the federal garrison at Guaymas yesterday were executed at sunrise at that city, according to word brought here tonight. Officers and men of the tenth were disgraced several days ago by General Ojeda, federal commandant, when he discovered that they were plotting to desert to the insurgents.

Accompanied by three of the federal officers, who surrendered to the insurgents at Maytorema, General Obregón field commander of the constitutionalists in Western Mexico, last night returned here to assist in locating the scattered groups of federal soldiers who had deserted from the Guaymas garrison. General Ojeda and his remaining troops are in Guaymas, as far as could be learned, but sentries reported that one of the federal gunboats had disappeared. This was taken as an indication that at least a part of the federal garrison had departed for Mazatlan or Manzanillo.

It was announced last night that the services of neither officers nor privates of the deserting federals would be accepted in the constitutionalist army.

Pay \$250,000 For Terrazas' Release.

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 22.—Although negotiations have been under way for payment of \$250,000 for his release, Luis Terrazas, fed. today still was held prisoner by General Villa at Chihuahua. The father, whose vast estate together with that of his brothers, was confiscated through a decree issued by Villa, attempted to procure the prisoner's release and safe conduct to the border, first through an appeal to Washington and now by the payment of money to the rebels.

When Terrazas, Sr. accompanied the federals in their flight to the border the women members of his family refused to leave. They are still in Chihuahua, helping in their efforts to release Terrazas.

Terrazas was not charged with any activity against the rebels, but was arrested because of his father's great wealth. The elder Terrazas was reported to have taken much of his cash and securities to the United States, and Villa is asking for the return of some of it. The division of the million acres of Terrazas' land among the rebels is one of the planks of the revolutionary platform.

Looters Will Be Shot.

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 22.—Anyone who hereafter loots or molests property of foreigners or Mexicans will be executed. The right to confiscate property will rest only with the constitutional government.

General Francisco Villa today issued this order as showing his intention to maintain strict military discipline. As an example he executed on the plaza a band of rebels who had been found guilty by court martial of sacking the home of a wealthy Mexican. While the six rebels were marched before the firing squad the stolen goods were returned to the owner.

All stores confiscated from the expelled Spaniards today were closed and sealed. Orders were given that no more goods are to be taken from them.

BUSINESS GOOD.

Satisfactory Condition Down At Oriental.

John Gibson, one of the prominent citizens of Oriental was here yesterday and while in conversation with a Journal reporter, stated that business conditions in that town were very gratifying just at this time.

Oriental and surrounding section was one of the sections which suffered considerably during the September storm and flood, but the people there were not dismayed by the damage wrought and cheerfully started out again to repair the loss.

That Christmas feeling is in the air there as well as in New Bern and, according to Mr. Gibson's statements the citizens are preparing to observe the occasion in a very befitting manner.