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The Craven County Teachers Hold An Interesting Meeting

Discussed Plans For the Approaching County Commencement

Participated In Oyster Roast

Many Interesting and Beneficial Discussions During Day

Some time during the month of April several hundred teachers from all parts of Craven, Pamlico, Jones, Onslow and Carteret county will hold a big convention in New Bern, this meeting probably continuing for about three days. This subject is one of the chief topics of discussion among the teachers in the counties mentioned and at the regular monthly meeting of the Craven county Teachers' Association which was held in this city yesterday at Griffin auditorium, it was brought up and more fully discussed.

At the same time this meeting or convention is to be held here, there will be a big county commencement of all the schools in Craven county and several hundred school children will participate in this event. Quite a varied and extensive program has been outlined for this event and this includes a big parade over the principal streets of the city, declamation contests, athletic contests and debating contests.

In addition to this, exhibits will be made by every school in the county and a number of handsome and valuable prizes are to be awarded in this contest. Exhibits made at the two past Fairs by the school children of Craven county have shown that they are familiar with and fully able to get up an exhibit of merit and the one which will be seen here in April will surpass all previous ones.

At the commencement every pupil who has completed the course in the elementary school will be given a diploma which will entitle them to enter the high schools of the county.

The compulsory school law recently went into effect in North Carolina and the teachers have been having some trouble on account of this, many of them not thoroughly understanding the new ruling. County Superintendent S. M. Brinson probably knows as much about this law as anyone in the State and his explanation was thorough and very enlightening to his hearers. During the meeting there were a number of other discussions on various subjects of importance by teachers who were in attendance and these were thoroughly enjoyed and proved beneficial.

Usually at the close of these teachers' meetings the instructors are tendered a treat in the way of refreshments and this was not overlooked yesterday. Immediately after the close of the session those present were invited down to the basement of the building where a very enjoyable oyster roast was held. It is said that the oysters being received on the local market just at this time are superior to any brought here this season and the teachers can vouch for this assertion.

Usually the teachers depart for their homes at the social session of the meeting has been concluded, but such was not the case yesterday. In the afternoon the entire assemblage visited New Bern's newest photoplay house, the Star theatre, and viewed the excellent program exhibited there.

Taken as a whole the meeting yesterday afternoon was one of the most successful held this term and much good is expected to arise from it.

SHERIFF MAKES ANOTHER RAID.

Sheriff Lane and Deputy Sheriff Bayless made a raid at Pembroke last night on several questionable houses and also searched two or three houses at James City for whiskey but failed to find any liquor of any kind.

The Sheriff and his deputies have, of late, been very active along this line and were yesterday afternoon praised very highly for their work by Judge Daniels.

"THE MAGISTRATE" TO BE SEEN HERE SOON

PERFORMANCE UNDER AUSPICES OF CITY BEAUTIFUL CLUB.

The regular season at Daly's theatre was opened last evening with a performance of Mr. A. W. Pinero's broadly farcical comedy, "The Magistrate" now running at the Court Theatre in London. The piece made an unequivocal hit. It kept in almost constant laughter the large audience which apparently filled every seat in the house. At the end of the second act, the applause brought Mr. Daly and the author before the curtain, as well as the principals of the cast. It continued, Mr. Pinero came out and made a graceful little speech of thanks and promises for the future as to a piece on an American subject. It continued, Mr. Daly came out, bowed his recognition and retired.

"The Magistrate" recalls in some of its situations "Pink Dominoes," though it is a production of the most strictly moral character. Indeed, in points a moral, or rather two of them. It shows the possible unpleasant results to innocent people of the English Law which requires the closing of public houses at twelve a. m. It also shows the complications that may arise from ladies not stating their own and consequently their children's age.—New York Herald.

"The Magistrate" has had a very successful Western tour of the State by the University of N. C. Dramatic Club, playing in Greensboro, Raleigh and Chapel Hill. It will be in New Bern Thursday, February 19, 1914, under the auspices of the City Beautiful Club. Tickets may be had at Bradham's Drug store or from Mrs. R. N. Duffy or other members of the City Beautiful Club.

WILL OPERATE TRAINS TO THE FAIR GROUNDS

NORFOLK SOUTHERN AGREES TO FAIR ASSOCIATION'S PROPOSITION.

When the Eastern Carolina Fair is thrown open to the public next fall, visitors will not be compelled to ride to the grounds in boats and automobiles. It will be possible for them to reach that point by getting aboard one of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's cars at the union passenger station and being carried there by rail.

It became known yesterday that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company had agreed to operate a train to the Fair grounds if the Fair Association Company would construct a line of track from the company's spur track near the West Box Company's plant, to the Fair grounds and this they have agreed to do.

The Fair Association Company has asked the city for a franchise allowing them to operate a car line to the Fair grounds and this will probably be granted at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen. It was thought that it would not be possible to get this line in operation by the next Fair and the aid of the Norfolk Southern Company was solicited. However, this line will be constructed if the franchise is granted. Glenburne park is to be operated and it will be necessary to carry the visitors out to that point and it will be necessary to have the car line in operation to do this.

The construction of the line between the Fair grounds and the Norfolk Southern's spur track is to begin during the next few weeks and will be rushed to completion as early as possible.

NO POLICE COURT YESTERDAY.

Owing to the fact that there were no cases on the docket, there was no session of the Police Court yesterday.

GRAVEN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT HAS ADJOURNED

Many Interesting Cases Disposed Of During Session.

TOM HAYWOOD ACQUITTED

Jury Finds That He Is Not Guilty Of Embezzlement As Charged.

A two weeks term of Craven county Superior Court, which convened in this city on February 2, with Judge Frank A. Daniels of Goldsboro, presiding, came to a close yesterday afternoon.

The first week of this term was taken up in the disposal of the civil cases and as there were a large number of these on the docket, the entire week was consumed in their disposal. The second week was devoted to the criminal cases and this docket also consumed the entire week.

One of the most interesting cases concluded yesterday was that of the State vs. Thomas Haywood of Township No. 6. In this case Mr. Haywood was charged with embezzling a sum of money which amounted to about two hundred and twenty-five dollars. The indictment came about in a rather singular manner. The defendant was secretary and treasurer of the road fund in that township, and about six hundred dollars was turned over to him to be spent in improvements on the road. After a part of the work had been completed a number of the citizens in the township became dissatisfied and after holding a meeting, charged Mr. Haywood with embezzlement.

The case was brought to court. From the first the defendant claimed that he had receipts to show that he had paid out the money, but the State claimed that some of these receipts were secured after the charges had been brought against him. The case was hard fought on both sides. Solicitor Charles L. Ajerethy prosecuted and the defendant was represented by A. D. Ward of this city and J. L. Barham, of Goldsboro.

The case was given to the jury yesterday afternoon and after being out for a short time they returned a verdict acquitting the defendant. Quite a number of minor matters were attended to by the court after the disposal of this case before the session adjourned.

ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY AT COP- LON'S STORE.

One of the most attractive display windows we have seen in a long while is to be found at S. Coplon & Son's big department store on Middle street. This display was designed and executed by Hunter M. White, the firm's decorator, and it is really a work of art.

THE DEVIL FINDS WORK FOR IDLE HANDS.

A crowd of young men who could find nothing else to do just at that time, removed the stone steps from Miss Fannie Smallwood's residence on Craven street last night and placed them across the sidewalk. The police were notified of the incident and made a search for the miscreants but failed to locate them.

VICTIM OF EXPLOSION IS IMPROVING.

A report from Fairview hospital last night was to the effect that the condition of Mrs. W. R. Weeks, who was seriously burned when a can of gasoline exploded at the home of Mrs. S. D. Watson, on Queen street, early Friday morning, was slightly improved and that there was little doubt but that she would recover.

George Dailey left on the afternoon train for Washington, Baltimore and New York. He will return Thursday of next week.

J. W. Lane, of Fort Barnwell, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

Alex. Price, of Reelsboro, spent yesterday in the city attending to some business matters.

Mrs. Anderson, a society leader of Brookline, Mass., and Washington, and wife of the former ambassador to Japan, has written a one-act play called "Every Boy," which was produced in Boston recently.



THE MONROE'S MASTER GOES OFF THE STAND

Testimony Brings About Curious Revelations—Captain Berry Was Careless—A Mix Up.

Philadelphia, February 14. Capt. Edward E. Johnson, testified today in the trial of Capt. Osmyrn Berry, of the steamship Nantucket, that if he (Johnson) had violated the international rules of the high seas, he probably could have avoided the collision of the two ships and the consequent loss of 41 lives. This was brought out in his cross-examination by counsel for Captain Berry, who is charged with negligence.

The international rules provide that in case of fog, a steam vessel hearing, apparently forward of her beam the fog signal of a vessel, the position of which is not ascertained shall, so far as circumstances permit, stop her engines and then navigate with caution until danger of collision is over.

Captain Johnson testified that, when he heard the Nantucket's fog whistle off the Monroe's starboard bow, he stopped his engines and that a minute later, when he saw the loom of

the Nantucket's light, he went ahead full speed to port.

"If I had not put my helm hard starboard and gone ahead in speed when I heard the fog whistle I probably would have cleared the Nantucket. That is the only possible thing, I think, I could have done to avoid the collision, but I would have been violating the law."

This testimony brought about a curious situation: that is, Captain Johnson's adherence to the rule helped to make the collision possible while one of the charges against Captain Berry is that his alleged failure to obey the same rule, "was the immediate cause of the collision."

Captain Johnson today finished his testimony after having been on the witness stand three days. His cross-examination by counsel for Captain Berry did not bring on anything that differed materially from his testimony on examinations.

COUNSEL FOR MRS. BOND REST THEIR CASE

One of the Principal Witnesses For the Plaintiff Will Be Used in Rebuttal—Mrs. Bond Is Suing For \$50,000

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 14.—Counsel for Mrs. Minnie Bond, who is suing Senator Thomas P. Gore for \$50,000 damages as the result of an alleged assault in a Washington hotel, today rested their case. James R. Jacobs, who was expected to be one of the principal witnesses, will be used in rebuttal, it is announced.

Efforts were made today to impeach the testimony of Dr. J. H. Earp and T. E. Robertson, who testified yesterday. Earp was asked if he had not told Dr. D. M. Beatty, of this city, that they were going to "get Gore." He denied making such a statement. He was asked if he had not told a man named Cope, of El Reno, that the case was all a "frame-up." This Earp also denied.

When Robertson was recalled to the witness stand he was asked if he, Jacobs, and J. F. McMurray had not met in McMurray's room soon after the in-

cident in Washington and discussed the best method of placing the affair before the public, if they had not planned to prosecute Gore and failing in that to place the matter before the judicial alliance in Oklahoma.

"Nothing of the kind ever happened," replied Robertson.

Counsel for Mr. Gore claimed ground for impeachment of Robertson was laid on these questions. In reply to questions Robertson said he had been paid \$150 by Jacobs but that Jacobs owed him money and it had nothing to do with the Gore case.

Robertson was asked if Smith Chambers had not said to him, in the presence of Fitzpatrick and Jacobs: "What is it all about?" and if he did not reply: "We framed it up." The witness made no reply.

Argument over the question resulted in Judge Clark ruling the question was not competent.

LOCOMOTIVES SENT TO RICHMOND, VA.

Discovering that it was impossible for them to get five new locomotives inside of the local repair shops to be overhauled, the Norfolk Southern Rail-

way Company sent the locomotives to Richmond, Va., to be placed in the Richmond Locomotive Works, and George Mordecai, foreman of the local round house, left for that city last night to superintend the work.

THE GRAND JURY URGES ADDITION TO COURT HOUSE

Suggest That Forty Feet Be Added to Building.

JUDGE RECOMMENDED IT

Matter To Be Brought Before The County Commissioners.

In their report yesterday the Grand Jury at the term of Craven county Superior Court which has been in session for the past two weeks, recommended that an additional forty feet in length be added to the North side of the Court House.

This is a matter which has been agitated for several years and the majority of the citizens are in favor of the move. During the day a number of prominent citizens went before the Grand Jury and set forth their views on this matter and their remarks were heard with interest.

When the report was read to Judge Daniels he commented very favorably on this proposed addition and urged that the County Commissioners take the matter up at their next meeting, and act upon it.

The proposed addition would be two stories in height, the same as that of the building as it now stands and would also be the same width. In this addition will be located rooms for the jurors where they may spend the night in case they are "hung" on a case upon which they may be working. As conditions now are it is necessary to take the jurors out to some hotel and in the course of a few years the cost to the county on this is a considerable amount.

The Grand Jury also recommended that a rooming room be added to the building in this addition and that there be a room for the use of the Grand Jury, that the jury room be expanded to meet the Grand Jury's needs.

The addition would also give considerable more room in the lower floor, and would allow on the completion of the work in the summer of the Register of Deeds and the County Clerk to be located in the Court House.

The County Commissioners will be called upon to act on this matter at their next meeting, and it is expected that action will be taken.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS TO MEET

WILL HOLD IMPORTANT BUSINESS SESSION TOMORROW NIGHT.

Tomorrow night, at 8 o'clock, the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will hold a very important business session and every member of the Chamber is requested to be present at that hour.

One of the most important matters to be taken up at this meeting, will be the report of the Finance Committee, which was prepared and presented at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in New Bern last week. The Finance Committee has made an exhaustive investigation and their report will be read at that hearing.

It is possible that a new secretary will be elected at this meeting. At the present session of the organization, no applications for the position were asked to make their applications in writing and thus that time a number of these have been received. In addition to this, other important matters will be taken up.

UNION SERVICES.

Will be held by the co-operating churches tonight. The annual sermon before the Ladies' Benevolent Society will be preached by the pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, Rev. Euclid McWhorter.

This service will be held in Middle street Baptist Church. The appeal will be made for New Bern's deserving poor, and the annual report of the Society's work will be read. Please attend and respond, and receive the blessing: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."