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New Fire Alarm System For New Bern Is Secured

Board Of Aldermen Made Decision At Meeting Last Night

Twenty Stations To Be Put In

Fifteen "Imaginary Stations" Will Also Be Put Into Operation

New Bern has for several years been making out with a fire alarm system which was far below the standard, and for the past two or three years this has been giving the authorities all manner of trouble. A few weeks ago it gave out completely and since that time it has been necessary to telephone all alarms to the City Hall and the alarm has been rung by hand.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held two weeks ago a number of the members and officers of the fire companies went before that body and asked that a new system be installed. A representative of the Gamewell Fire Alarm Company of New York City was present at the meeting and made a short talk before the Board explaining the most popular system now being used by that company.

Not desiring to rush into the matter without making an investigation the Board placed the matter in the hands of the Fire Department Committee and requested them to thoroughly look into it and to make a report to that body at some future time.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last night and the committee appointed to make this investigation made their report recommending the installation of a new system and the Board ordering that this be done.

Previously there have been twenty-five alarm boxes in the city. These were on one circuit and at points the wires had come into contact with the electric light wires and the boxes had been burned out. All of the boxes will be sent to the Gamewell Company and as many of them as possible will be rebuilt and in place of those which cannot be used, new boxes will replace them.

A New "Wrinkle."

In addition to the twenty boxes in use there will be fifteen "imaginary stations." These stations will be rather unique and have never before been in use in this part of the State. They are arranged as follows: The entire city is laid off in zones or sections and these are placed on a variety of electric switchboard which will be located at the City Hall. This switchboard very much resembles a map and at various points are apertures for the insertion of a plug. Now in case a fire was to be discovered near the corner of Broad and Middle streets and someone would telephone the alarm to the City Hall, the man in charge of the office would ask for the exact location and upon being told it was near the corner of Broad and Middle streets would look over the chart and find that section. If there was no aperture just at that point he would place the plug in the one nearest to that place and this would cause the alarm to be automatically turned in from the nearest alarm box.

This is a unique plan and has proven successful in many of the large cities. It does away with a number of alarm boxes and is equally as effective. In the past what is known as gravity batteries have been used in furnishing the current for the alarms. These are to be replaced with the more powerful and modern storage battery and, in addition to having all of the alarms on one circuit, there will be two circuits. By having two circuits all danger of having every alarm in the city thrown out of commission by a broken wire or burned out box will be done away with. This work will cost the city \$1,980 and the installation of the system will begin in about two weeks.

To Aid Victim Of Gasoline Explosion. Another matter which came up at the meeting last night was in regard to

BEAUFORT'S BOARD WALK IS TO BE DESTROYED

FAMOUS STRUCTURE IS DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION.

Beaufort, Feb. 17.—This year will witness the passing of the famous board walk at Beaufort. The town commissioners have ordered the extension of Front street from its present terminus at Queen street, clear to the eastern limits of the city. The plan contemplates the construction of a temporary board sea wall, the filling of the street by a government dredge which will be operating here this spring and summer, and finally the tearing down of the old board walk and shelling of the street.

Owners of property abutting the proposed Front street extension agreed that no buildings will be constructed on the water side of the street. This will give Beaufort a beautiful Broad avenue a half mile in length along the water with an unobstructed view of Beaufort Inlet, the Atlantic ocean, Fort Macon and the life-saving station there. In the farther distance, southeastwardly, on clear days may be seen the lighthouse, and on clear nights, the light, at Cape Lookout, where is to be located the government harbor of refuge. It is the hope of the people of Beaufort that in the not distant future this avenue, or boulevard, will be extended down the shore to Lennoxville, three miles east of here.

On the water side of the street to be extended a space will be reserved for parking purposes, along which at frequent intervals will be placed seats for the convenience of the home people and visitors who come to this resort both in winter and in summer.

The first board walk was constructed in the late fifties. At that time Beaufort was the leading watering place on the South Atlantic Coast and was the gathering place of the aristocracy of the Old South. The storm of 1879, which demolished the Atlantic Hotel, two persons losing their lives in the wreck, also destroyed the board walk. The hotel was not rebuilt, but the walk was, and ever since, as a whole, it has withstood the onslaughts of the winds and waves. Thousands of North Carolinians have promenaded up and down the old walk. If the old planks could only talk, what interesting stories they could tell. Over and over again they have heard love's sweet song sung, and important business plans and political deals discussed.

DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY TO MEET.

The U. D. C. will meet Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Daughters' Hall on South Front street. All members are urged to come as an attractive program has been arranged.

The city taking some steps toward taking care of Mrs. W. R. Weeks, of Wilmington, who was seriously injured last Friday morning in this city when a can of gasoline with which she was endeavoring to start a fire, exploded.

It is understood that the victim of this accident is without funds. Since the day of the explosion she has been receiving treatment at Fairview hospital and is presumably in need of assistance.

The matter was discussed and the Board appointed Mayor Bangert and City Health Officer Joseph F. Patterson to make an investigation and to give whatever assistance they saw fit.

Asks For Permit. The proprietor of Midgette's garage on Craven street appeared before the Board and asked for a permit allowing him to place a gasoline tank on the street. This matter was referred to the Streets and Pumps Committee for investigation.

REVENUE CUTTER TOWS DISABLED BOAT INTO PORT

Four Masted Schooner Carried To Morehead City.

VESSEL STRUCK BY STORM

Sails Carried Away While Spars And Steering Gear Were Damaged.

(Special to the Journal.) Morehead City, Feb. 17.—The American Schooner Bayard Hopkins, loaded with lumber, and very badly disabled was towed in port here today at noon and members of the rescued crew stated that but for the fact that help arrived when it did their situation would have been serious.

The loaded vessel encountered a severe N. W. gale Friday night with loss of sails, damaged spars and steering gear it was in a helpless condition from Friday night until Sunday evening, when they were rescued by the Revenue Cutter Seminole. One of the crew, a foreigner, as a result of the falling boom received a broken arm and several other bruises about the body. In the raging sea with water washing over the boat decks the water supply of the sailors was lost and this together with their shortage in rations caused them to feel fearful regarding the future.

With only a wireless note in regard to the disabled schooner the Seminole made haste to go to the relief of the craft and after having run for about two hundred and fifty miles against the severe N. W. gale and the high seas, the unfortunate crew were rescued off Diamond shoals and was afterwards towed to Cape Hatteras, where on account of the weather and the rough sea on the bar they were compelled to wait until today before coming into port.

The Bayard Hopkins is a four masted schooner bound for New York and had left Wiggins, S. C., on January 20. The cargo was consigned to Hilton-Dodge and company of New York, and contains about 235,000 feet of lumber. The owners of the schooner are C. C. Paul and company of Baltimore.

Captain Harrison, of Baltimore, who was in charge of the vessel says that it was one of the most awful experiences that he had ever gone through with.

Survey Boat Ashore. Captain W. T. Willis, of the U. S. Life Saving Station at Cape Lookout, was in the city today, bringing the wounded man from the Bayard Hopkins for medical attention at the local hospital, and stated to your reporter that the U. S. Survey boat "Sunshine" went ashore on Cape Lookout shoals Sunday afternoon but that with the aid of only the little power boat belonging to the station he was able to pull the stranded boat off and that it was now safely anchored in harbor at Cape Lookout.

MRS. WEEKS CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

The condition of Mrs. W. R. Weeks, who was seriously injured when a can of gasoline exploded in her hands at the home of Mrs. S. D. Watson, and who has been receiving treatment at Fairview hospital, was considerable improved yesterday.

Mrs. Weeks is from Wilmington and the Star of that city has the following to say in regard to her:

"It was learned yesterday that Mrs. W. R. Weeks, who was so badly burned in a gasoline explosion at New Bern Friday morning, particulars of which were published in yesterday's Star, has lived in Wilmington for some time. She was in New Bern on a visit to her friend. Her husband works across the river, but they have their home on South Front street. As soon as he learned of her injury her 14-year-old son left for New Bern."

THE EWORTH LEAGUE MEETS THIS EVENING.

This evening, at 8 o'clock, the Eworth League of Centenary church will hold a social and literary meeting in the League Rooms at the church. All the young people of the church and Sunday school are cordially invited to be present. A pleasant evening is promised all who attend.

Kermit Roosevelt, son of Colonel Roosevelt, is soon to become a benedict. A few days ago announcement was made that at an early date he would lead to the altar Miss Belle Willard, of Richmond, Va. Miss Willard is one of the most popular social leaders of the Virginia City.



LANCASTER MAKING FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE

Victim Of Brutal Assault May Recover—George Bell, Assailant, Remains In The County Jail

Richard C. Lancaster, the rural free delivery mail carrier who was attacked by George Bell, colored, on South Front street late last Saturday night, and whose skull was fractured, is putting up a fight for his life and it is believed that, unless some unexpected complication occurs, he will win.

A report from Fairview hospital yesterday afternoon was to the effect that if there was any change in Mr. Lancaster's condition it was for the better. Still the attending physician does not say that he will recover and, in fact, this cannot be stated for a day or two.

As stated in the Journal yesterday, a section of the victim's skull, about the size of a quarter of a dollar, was knocked in when the heavy machine hammer struck his head and it was necessary to remove these pieces from the brain, on which they were pressing. George Bell, the alleged assailant,

is being held in the county jail without bond awaiting the result of Mr. Lancaster's injuries. A few hours following the arrest of the negro there was a very prevalent rumor that some of the victim's friends were planning to take Bell from the jail and mete out swift justice to him.

However, after the excitement had abated these rumors died out and the county authorities are fearing no trouble along this line, but are prepared for such an outbreak if it should occur.

The local police have not the slightest doubt but that in the capture of Bell they have the right man, although he stoutly denies the insinuation that he is the guilty party. Flora Dudley, a colored woman, who was with him at the time of the assault, says that he struck the blow and then boasted about it. Bell was also seen to run away from the locality in which the assault was made a few minutes after Mr. Lancaster had been attacked.

THOMASVILLE POLICEMAN COMES AFTER CURLEE

ARRIVES IN NEW BERN TO TAKE BOOK AGENT IN CUSTODY.

David Curlee, the young book agent who claims that Charlotte is his home city, and who was arrested in this city Monday by Chief of Police Lupton on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a diamond ring from Miss Violet Metters, of Thomasville, remains in the county jail.

Immediately after his arrest Curlee telegraphed to his mother asking her to forward him the sum of sixty-one dollars which he intended to forward to Miss Metters in payment for her ring. This arrived yesterday morning and Curlee was positive that he would be released. However, Sheriff Lane was not so anxious to turn his prisoner loose. He had telegraphed the Thomasville authorities on the previous day as to what disposition to make in the case and they had asked that Curlee be held and after considering the matter the Sheriff decided that as long as an officer was on the way to this city to take Curlee in charge that he might as well hold him.

This officer arrived in New Bern last night and went to the county jail where he had a conversation with the prisoner. Just what the ultimate result of this case will be is not known. However Curlee remains in jail.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE AT THE ATHENS CAFE.

During the past two weeks a number of improvements have been made at the Athens cafe and that popular restaurant is now one of the most up-to-date in the State. The entire

FREIGHT CARS WRECKED ON NORFOLK SOUTHERN

THREE CARS OVERTURNED BETWEEN KINSTON AND LAGRANGE.

While enroute from this city to Goldboro last night three cars of a freight train on the Norfolk Southern road were overturned between Kinston and La Grange and, in consequence, all traffic on that end of the line was tied up during the remainder of the night.

It was impossible for the train due to arrive in New Bern from Goldboro at 12:20 to pass the wreck and it is supposed that the passengers were compelled to spend the night at La Grange.

A train was made up here and went to Chocowiny, returning at 4:20 this morning and going up as far as the wreck where the passengers were transferred. The track will probably be cleared in time to permit the east and west bound trains to pass this morning.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY TO MEET.

A general meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society is called for Friday, February 20, at 3:30 o'clock in the Elks' Club Rooms.

A full attendance is desired.

B. F. HUSKE, President.
M. W. MOORE, Cor. Secretary.

interior has been repainted and the walls papered. New linoleum has been placed on the floor and the culinary department has been thoroughly renovated and re-painted. P. Raffellis, the proprietor, is endeavoring to give New Bern a first class eating house in every sense of the word.

PROSPECTS FOR THE WAREHOUSE GROW BRIGHTER

Tennessee Tobacconist Spends Days Here.

CONFERS WITH COMMITTEE

Report On Conference May Be Made Public Tonight.

New Bern's prospects for securing a tobacco warehouse during the approaching season, grow brighter every day and those who are familiar with existing conditions state that they are confident that one or more warehouses will be in operation in this city before the close of the year.

The Journal told yesterday morning of the meeting on the previous night of the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to make an investigation of the probable cost of the erection of a warehouse and the selection of a site for the same. It was also stated that W. W. Bernard, of Tennessee, who, with his father, has been engaged in the operation of a warehouse at Richlands, this State, had made an offer to lease the warehouse to be operated in New Bern and would arrive here yesterday morning.

Mr. Bernard spent yesterday in the city and in company with the committee went into the matter of the erection of a warehouse here and its operation. The site which has been selected at the corner of

Maple and Pasteur streets was also inspected. Just what Mr. Bernard decided to do in the matter was not made public, the committee deciding to withhold this until they made their report to the Chamber of Commerce.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce may be held tonight and at that time this report will be made and some action taken in the matter. While no definite information in regard to the matter has been given out, it is known that Mr. Bernard is impressed with New Bern as a tobacco market and believes that the operation of a warehouse here would prove to be a paying proposition.

Heretofore the farmers in Craven and surrounding counties have been forced to carry the weed grown by them to Kinston, Wilson or some other distant point and this has worked a hardship on them. The acreage devoted to the growing of tobacco is becoming larger each year and reports reaching New Bern are to the effect that the coming season will see even a greater amount of the weed grown than heretofore. Naturally, if New Bern has a tobacco warehouse it will get the business of these farmers and this will help the city in numerous ways.

THIS OYSTER ROAST ELABORATE AND "TASTY"

CITY ATTORNEY ACTS AS HOST TO HIS MANY FRIENDS.

R. A. Nunn gave one of the most delightful, elaborate and "tasty" oyster roasts of the season, Saturday evening at his home on New street, and the guests all voted that Mr. Nunn had won the Gold Medal for being the "King Host on Oyster Roasts." The beautiful dining room of Mr. Nunn's home was transformed into a typical oyster parlor, the improvised oyster table extending the nearly entire length of the spacious room was heavily laden with pickles, crackers and all the good things that go to make up a "real oyster menu," and as the oyster containers were brought in even the oysters themselves were heard to work their superior and inferior maxillaries, and the guests were not far behind them, though they needed no initiative, for everything was most tempting.

Mr. Nunn had, as his guests, somewhere near the fifties, and numbered among these were a number of New Bern's greatest minds, and the pleasure of the evening seemed more than an inspiration for the "witty cord," and the donation of the guests along this line was no lacking.