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BRIDGE TENDER NEARLY DROWNS IN ICY WATERS

Fell Into Trent River Yesterday Morning.

WAS RESCUED BY BOATMAN

Foot Slipped On Piece Of Ice And He Plunged Into Fifteen Feet Of Water

Claud Harris, a young white man who assists the keeper of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's draw bridge, had a narrow escape from death yesterday morning when he slipped on the icy woodwork of the bridge and plunged into fifteen feet of water.

The accident occurred just after A. E. Pittman's boat, Gaston, had passed through the draw with a tow of logs. Mr. Pittman had blown for the draw to be opened and Harris had come out from the bridge tender's home to do the work for him. Just how the man slipped is not known and in fact he does not know himself, further than that he attempted to place his foot on one of the sills of the bridge and that he failed to get a firm foothold and plunged into the water.

When Mr. Pittman passed through the draw he saw Harris standing on the bridge and had not the least idea that he had fallen into the icy water of the river. Fortunately for the latter Mr. Pittman happened to glance back and saw Harris struggling in the water and making an attempt to swim to the log raft which he intended to catch hold of. Seeing that the man was nearly exhausted Mr. Pittman unfurled his tow line and hurried with his boat to give the man aid. A second or two before the boat reached the point at which Harris was struggling in the water, he succeeded in grasping the end of one of the logs in the raft and hung on to this for all he was worth.

Harris was "all in" and Mr. Pittman had considerable trouble in getting him into his boat but this was finally accomplished and the bridge tender sank to the bottom of the craft and lay motionless for several minutes while he regained his strength and revived from his icy bath.

A short distance down the river Harris transferred from Mr. Pittman's boat into a skiff which was going up the river and was taken back to the bridge tender's house near the draw. There is not the least doubt but that for the fact that Mr. Pittman saw Harris predicament in the nick of time that the latter would have been drowned.

LOCAL REAL ESTATE COMPANY SELL LOTS

MADE A RECORD OVER IN DUP-
LIN COUNTY FEW
DAYS AGO

When one hundred and sixty town lots are sold in three hours in a sleet and snow storm it creates a new record in land sales. That is just what the East Carolina Realty and Auction Company, of New Bern did at Beulahville, Duplin County last Tuesday.

Although Tuesday was one of the most miserable days of the present season yet about five hundred people were present and stayed by the wagon. Not the water wagon but the auction wagon. To keep the people on the jump valuable prizes were given away all through the sale and everybody had their fill of good old Duplin County barbecue at the close of the sale.

The East Carolina Realty and Auction Company is New Bern's latest commercial venture. It has already conducted several sales and has "made good" from the start. Those who have seen this organization at work, after seeing the work of similar organizations, predict a successful business career. The development of real estate in the South is only in its infancy. This organization realizing this fact is now in the game well equipped to handle all kinds of real estate.

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB TO MEET ON TUES- DAY.

Owing to the illness in the family of Mrs. J. A. Jones, the Current Events Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Spright on Johnston street Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

ON SLOW COUNTY MAN HAS BOTH LEGS CUT OFF

Dave Freshwater Suffers Serious Injury.

WORKED IN SAW MILL

Another Man Accidentally Shoots Himself With An Automatic Revolver

Jacksonville, Feb. 27.—With both legs cut off, one just above the knee and the other nine or ten inches higher, Dave Freshwater, a very prominent young man of Bear Creek, and a prosperous farmer of that place, is doubtless in a dying condition. Just exactly how the accident happened has not been reported at this time. From a telephone we were able to learn that Mr. Freshwater in some manner while working in Mr. D. W. Russell's saw mill, fell and came in contact with one of the saws, near which he was working, the same amputating both legs.

That it is unlucky to find a pistol and especially so to handle one if you do not know how to do so, is the opinion of one Columbus C. Hancock, who Saturday afternoon shot himself with a 38 Automatic Colts Revolver. Mr. Hancock who lives in the neighborhood of Half Moon, met a young friend of his, who had previously found the pistol: He told the lad that he had better let him, Hancock take charge of the pistol, that it was dangerous for a child to handle it; whereupon the child handed the pistol over to Mr. Hancock, and in trying to unload the same, he shot himself through the palm of the hand, the ball entering exactly in the middle of the hand.

Mr. Hancock was at once brought to this city where medical aid was rendered him. He is getting along very nicely, and was here Monday. He stated that he was feeling fairly well under his present conditions but that he did not care to come in contact with any more automatics.

That Jacksonville has lost one of the best public servants it has ever had, and one that accommodated the patrons of office whenever possible, or anybody else for that matter, was realized Monday when it was announced that Mr. M. B. Humphrey, who has been for eleven years, the popular and efficient Southern Express Agent at that place had resigned, such to take effect March the first.

With over two hundred poles laying flat upon the ground, and with wires broken the Onslow Telephone Company is today unable to handle any out of town calls. Local operators were unable to get Wilmington, Richlands, Swansboro, New Bern, and places on these lines. Jacksonville is simply cut off from the outside world. The estimated damage to the lines of the Company is estimated at twelve hundred dollars. As soon as the weather abates an extra force of men will be placed on the lines as quick as possible and the lines will be replaced.

THE GAS PACKET H. & S. IS IN TROUBLE

In an account of the blizzard which raged at that place on Thursday morning the Kinston Free Press has the following which will be of interest locally:

"After daybreak the gasoline packet H. & S., from New Bern to Seven Springs with fertilizer, picked its way through the treacherous channel of Neuse river until almost off the draw of Parrott's bridge, at the foot of Caswell street, her screw struck a submerged log and the entire engine stopped dead. The 60 feet of the vessel's beam swung around, crashed into the bridge, and now lies alongside the dilapidated wooden pile, the slightly swollen current eddying around bow and stern. The propeller is not damaged, the crew believes. Parrott's bridge, long ago condemned, today is threatening to fall in sections from the weight of snow.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET MONDAY.

The board of county commissioners will meet Monday and at this meeting the matter of a forty foot annex to the north side of the court house will be discussed. This plan was recommended by the grand jury at the last term of court. Judge Daniels endorsed the movement.

Haskin's Parents Ask \$10,000 Damage

Citizens Of Oriental File Claim Against Merchantss
and Miners Steamship Boat Company—Their
Son Drowned When Monroe Sank

Damages in the sum of ten thousand dollars have been asked for the death of Braxton Haskins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Haskins of Oriental, who lost his life when the ill-fated steamer Monroe of the Old Dominion Steamship Company was rammed and sunk a few weeks ago by the Nantucket of the Merchants and Miners line.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskins came to New Bern a few days ago and employed D. L. Ward to look after their interests in the case and he is being assisted by Percy S. Stephenson of Norfolk.

Yesterday a claim for ten thousand dollars was filed against the steamship Nantucket and the Merchants and Miners Steamship Company, this claim being filed with special master John B. Jenkins at Norfolk, Va.

Haskins who was twenty-three years of age, was third engineer on the Mon-

roe and drew a salary of eighty dollars a month. On the night he met his death he had gone off duty a short time before the collision and his place had been taken by Oscar Perkins, also of Oriental. When the Nantucket struck the Monroe, Haskins hastily vacated his berth and went on deck and after seeing that the ship was sinking, dived overboard along with several other members of the crew.

Half asleep and exhausted from his work in the engine room the young man was partially dazed and according to the version of another member of the crew who saw him after he had gone into the water, he was unable to swim and sank within a few minutes.

This is one of the many claims for damage which have been filed against the Merchants and Miners Steamship Company by relatives of those who were drowned when the Monroe sank.

A GREAT DAY AT THE TABERNACLE TOMORROW SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAM FOR THE OCCA- SION.

The membership of the Baptist Tabernacle are looking forward to a great day tomorrow. The building has been cold for the past several Sundays on account of the boiler being bursted, but a new one is being put in today and a warm house is promised the congregation. Tomorrow, Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. J. S. Miller supt., Preaching, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.

Rev. J. B. Phillips the Pastor is anxious to have each member of his Bible Class present at the Sunday School and Mr. Miller and the other teachers are anxious for every pupil to be present. There will be a special musical program before the evening sermon. The public are cordially invited.

FEBRUARY WORST MONTH TO CONTRACT PNEUMONIA

HOW TO GET DISEASE AND HOW
TO MISS IT EXPLAINED BY
STATE DEPARTMENT.

February is the worst month in the year for pneumonia, according to a bulletin sent out by the State Board of Health. This disease, the bulletin continues, annually kills more people than any other human malady, not even excepting consumption. It is a germ disease and is caused by a small organism similar in some respects to those causing other diseases that are familiar to everyone. The following interesting and instructive facts about the disease are given in the bulletin:

"The germs of pneumonia get into the lungs through the mouth but not every one who has the germs in his mouth will have pneumonia. If he did practically all of us would have the disease before the Winter is over. It is only when the system is run down that the germs do their dreaded work.

"We here give three good ways to encourage pneumonia, first, drink lots of alcoholic liquors, the poorer the quality the better; second, expose yourself without sufficient clothing, particularly in extreme weather; third, and best of all, live and sleep with open windows.

"If you don't want pneumonia heed the following ways of avoiding it: First, let all alcoholic drinks alone; second, dress according to the weather instead of according to the fashion; third, if exposed to rough weather or if you get wet and numb undress in a warm room, rub the skin with a coarse towel and go to bed; fourth, avoid constipation by eating more fruit and less meats and pastry and drinking more water and taking more exercise; fifth, keep your feet warm and your head cool, and last of all, live and sleep in the fresh air all the time."

BURLESON'S ACTION IS CRITICISED IN SENATE

ABOLISHMENT OF FIFTY-MILE
PARCEL POST ZONE BLOCKS
POSTOFFICE BILL.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Criticism of Postmaster General Burleson's action in abolishing the fifty mile parcel post zones and extending the low rates of the service to territory within the 150 mile zones, today blocked passage of the postoffice appropriation bill in the Senate.

Senator Bryan and Bristow led the attack, the latter questioning other senators one by one as to whether they regarded the rates as fair to the places having the short haul.

"The American people have benefited from the postmaster general's change," replied Senator Vardaman, "and anyway, no system is perfect."

Senator Williams disagreed with his colleague and declared the express companies would not be permitted for a minute to discriminate against the short haul as the Government was doing.

"Oh, the express companies soaked them both on the short and long hauls when it had a chance," interrupted Senator Lane.

Senator Bristow was speaking when the bill was laid aside for the day.

FRIZZELLE NOT TO BE A CANDI- DATE

The political situation in the fifth judicial district has been simplified by the withdrawal from the race of the solicitorship of J. Paul Frizzle, Esq., mayor of Snow Hill, according to a report which reached here yesterday. Frizzle was announced as a candidate by friends some time ago, with statements that he had consented to make the run against Charles Abernethy, of Beaufort, the incumbent, and two others. He now states that he had not definitely given his permission for the use of his name, and that he will positively decline to be a candidate, from stress of personal business.

BABY LEFT AT DOOR AS BLIZ- ZARD RAGES

Indianapolis, Feb. 27.—With the temperature at zero and snow a foot deep, some unidentified person deposited a baby boy but a few hours old on the door step of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. White in fashionable Washington place, rang the bell and disappeared. Mr. White is secretary-treasurer of the Pivot City Realty Company.

The infant was wrapped in two folds of thin cloth, but apparently did not suffer from a few minutes' exposure.

F. E. Brooks left yesterday for Greenville for several days visit.

Alex Hall left yesterday for Jacksonville in the interest of T. P. Ashford Co.

R. D. Sharp left yesterday for Jacksonville where he will spend a week with his brother J. B. Sharp.

MELANGE OF NEWS FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Spelling Bees Prove Very
Interesting.

HOLIDAYS PROVE POPULAR

Bad Weather Interferes With The
School Work.

The pupils and teachers of the 1C Grade wish to express their appreciation of the tickets so kindly sent them for the matinee on Friday by the managers of the Athens theatre. They all enjoyed the treat very much.

Last Monday the 4B Grade noticed the anniversary of Washington's birthday by having little compositions submitted, "He Would Not Tell a Lie." They were illustrated by drawings of the cherry tree and hatchet. Red hatchets were selected by the pupils as the kind the renowned Washington used on the occasion where his truthfulness saved him a severe punishment.

The weekly Spelling Bee of the 3A Grade, which occurred on Friday, was very interesting. The following pupils remained standing at the close of the period: Robert Aldrich, Charles Pugh, Mary Mohn, Sarah Shriner, Otis Rhodes, Eloise Taylor, Ivy Bell, Long, Ivy Cooke, Nettie Hill, Maggie Sawyer, Effie Hill, Olga Paris, Mercer Bailey, Lillian Davis, Charles Gaskins, Elizabeth Roberts, Carrie Louise Ward and Lillian Wiggins.

In the 1B Grade Phonetic Contest, the Blues won one week, and the Reds two weeks.

On Friday all the Grades in the School, except the 5B, 5C, 8A, 8B, and 9A, had half-holiday. These half holidays are given at the end of each month, or four weeks, to those grades which have had no tardies, nor absences for which excuses have not been brought within three days.

On Friday morning the Primary Grades as usual assembled in the Auditorium and had the following program:

"Dear Old Flag"—song by the entire assembly.

"Recitation"—sixteen girls of the 5A Grade.

"Soldiers of the Flag"—by the 2B Grade.

Recitation, "Red, White, and Blue" by Irene Craven, Lupette Crawford, Naomi Grey, and Sallie Ball.

"Yankee Doodle"—by the entire assembly.

The attendance on the Thursday was 515, and the number absent 292. This was our smallest attendance for several years. With our usually fine weather, such a day was just awful, but in the States north of us, pupils go to school much of the time in such weather as we had on Thursday, and never think of missing a day.

In a Phonio Card Contest of the 1A Grade, the Pinks won a victory over the Greens.

The attendance in the High School has held up splendidly this week in spite of the rough weather. In the 10A Grade there were only five absences, in the 9B only one during the whole week.

The M. L. Hendren Literary Society held its first meeting of the Spring term Friday afternoon. The new officers, who should have been inaugurated three weeks ago, were inducted into office. Lou Mitchell Nixon, the incoming president, read a helpful paper before the Society, in which she outlined the work of the Spring term, and asked for the interest and support of every member in making the Society a strong part of student activities. The program for the meeting was the debate, Resolved that: The Woman's Club has done more for the welfare of New Bern than the Chamber of Commerce.

MARINE NEWS.

The gas freight boat Ruth Watson came in yesterday from Baird's Creek with a cargo of country produce.

The gas boat A. B. C. came in from Baird's Creek yesterday.

The gas freight came in from Trenton yesterday with a cargo of country produce.

The gas freight boat Bessie May came in yesterday from North Harlow for a cargo of general merchandise.

The gas freight boat Vance leaves this morning for Atlantic with a cargo of general merchandise.

FIVE MENTIONED FOR THE STATE CHAIRMANSHIP

Two New Bern Men Are Named
With Others.

COL. P. M. PEARSALL WRITES

Says That He Will Be A Candidate
For The Place—A
Good Man.

Asheville, Feb. 27.—Charles A. Webb, who will tender his resignation as chairman of the Democratic state executive committee at the meeting in Raleigh March 10, stated today that he has heard five names mentioned as possibilities for the place, including A. M. McLean, of Lumberton; Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte; L. E. Britton, of Raleigh, and P. M. Pearsall and T. D. Warren of New Bern. He says that he heard the latter's name mentioned only once, and that he now holds his resignation as a member of the committee, to be submitted at the next meeting. Mr. Pearsall is clerk of the district court, and therefore may be ineligible. Mr. Webb would express no opinion as to the relative strength of the others.

Apologues of Mr. Webb's resignation as state chairman, it seems probable that Owen Gudgeon, who is slated for the Asheville postoffice, will be asked by the department to resign as chairman of the tenth district executive committee. His appointment is expected within ten days and developments as to the chairmanship are expected then.

J. E. Swain, chairman of the Buncombe county executive committee, who has announced his intention of running for solicitor in this district, stated today that he will resign as chairman when the primary books open, if there are any candidates who feel that they are at a disadvantage owing to his proposition.

BLIZZARD CAUSED DEATH AT KINSTON

MAN BLOWN FROM BRIDGE AF-
TER OPENING DRAW TO AL-
LOW VESSEL TO PASS.

Kinston, Feb. 27.—One fatality was occasioned by the blizzard here. Alonzo Weldon, aged 35, keeper of the Carolina Railroad company's bridge over the Neuse river, at the foot of Bright street, walked out upon the ice covered trestle at 3 a. m. and opened the draw for a waiting boat. The craft passed through and Weldon started to turn the swinging section back into place.

No man saw the tragedy. The wind was blowing at 35 miles an hour, and the snow was ten inches deep. It is believed the iron lever with which the draw was turned slipped from its socket and that Weldon lost his balance, slipped and plunged into the swollen stream, 20 feet deep. He was probably benumbed and even had he not been it would have been vain for an ordinary swimmer to hope to escape from the turbulent eddies there.

The key went with the man and this morning railroad employees had to crawl out upon timbers bridging the gulf to shut the draw, while the train was held up for an hour. Weldon's lamp was found on the draw. It is not expected the body will be found.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

There will be a members meeting of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce in the Chamber of Commerce room Monday night at eight o'clock for the purpose of hearing the tobacco warehouse committee reports, the recommendation of the executive committee in reference to the selection of a Secretary, and the election of a Secretary for the ensuing year.

PEARSALL ENTERS RACE.

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—Raleigh friends of Col. P. M. Pearsall, of New Bern, have letters from him saying he will be a candidate for the chairmanship of the State Democratic Executive Committee at special meeting of the committee called for March 10. Mr. A. W. McLean is also being mentioned, but has not yet made any announcement.

Editor Brittain of the News and Observer, has also been mentioned in connection with the matter.