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MASS MEETING AT COURT HOUSE THIS EVENING

Chamber Of Commerce Members
Are To Gather

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE MATTER

Proposition Made By A. T. Dill,
Is To Be Taken Up And
Considered.

Tonight at 8 o'clock a big mass meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Court House for the purpose of considering the proposition made the organization by A. T. Dill to build and operate a ten thousand dollar warehouse.

Mr. Dill made this offer to the Executive Committee of the organization a week ago and it was the effect that he would erect a warehouse at the corner of Pasture, Primrose and Good streets and would sign a contract to operate the same for a period of three years if one hundred and twenty citizens would purchase a lot out at Pembroke at a price of seventy-five dollars per lot.

On the day following that on which Mr. Dill first made known his proposition a committee composed of J. B. Blades, C. D. Bradham, T. A. Uzzell, J. S. Miller and J. M. Mitchell, went out to Pembroke and inspected the property. They selected one hundred and twenty of the most favorably located lots and reported to President Ives who in turn called the meeting tonight.

This is a matter of great importance to the citizens of New Bern, and it is hoped that the meeting will be well attended. It is possible that the proposition will not be accepted, certainly not if there are not enough members on hand to guarantee the sale of the lots. However, there is a possibility that the proposition will be accepted and the views of every member of the Chamber of Commerce are desired on the subject.

It has come down to a question of whether New Bern wants a tobacco warehouse or whether the citizens care nothing about such an enterprise. The farmers in this section have already begun to plan for the planting of tobacco and a large acreage is expected. New Bern will receive this tobacco if there is a market here. If not, some other town will get it and this will mean a big loss to local business interests.

SENATOR F. M. SIMMONS ARRIVES IN NEW BERN

WILL SPEND TWO WEEKS HERE
REGAINING HIS STRENGTH.

Heeding the advice of his physician, Senator F. M. Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate, accompanied by Mrs. Simmons, arrived in New Bern Sunday morning for a stay of ten days or two weeks, during which time Senator Simmons hopes to recover from a physical breakdown caused by strenuous work for several weeks.

During Sunday Senator Simmons rested up from the trip from the capital city and yesterday morning his condition was much improved, in fact he was able to come down to the post office and walk around several streets in the business district of the city. Those who saw the Senator yesterday could easily see that he was not in the best of health and his friends feel grave concern for his health.

Before leaving Washington Senator Simmons appointed, in pursuance of a resolution of the Commerce Committee, a subcommittee to consider the river and harbor bill. Senator Simmons was made chairman of the subcommittee by resolution of the Commerce Committee.

Senator Simmons also appointed before leaving a subcommittee to consider the question of control of waterpower, with power to prepare a bill defining the rights of the States and the Government with reference to waterpower.

Dr. D. A. Dees and F. C. Brinson of Bayboro came up to New Bern last evening to attend the performance of "Brewster's Millions."

MISS MARCIA MURDOCK



Miss Murdock is the debutante daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Victor Murdock of Kansas. She has her father's auburn hair and is generally conceded to be one of the prettiest girls in Washington.

YOUNG EDWARD BROCK HAS NARROW ESCAPE FELL INTO TRENT RIVER AND WAS SAVED BY A BOY SCOUT

Edward Brock, ten years of age and whose home is at No. 33 East Front street, had a narrow escape from drowning Sunday afternoon when he fell from a wharf at Union Point. The lad, in company with several other boys, had gone down to the wharf to play and in some way he fell into the water. The other youngsters missed their companion and came to the conclusion that he had fallen overboard. Young Richard Dill, a boy scout, secured a pole and plunged it into the river where he noticed blubbers coming up. Fortunately this was just at the point where Brock had fallen into the water and he succeeded in grasping it and was pulled to the surface where his companions succeeded in getting him back on the wharf. But for young Dill's presence of mind and prompt action there is not the least doubt but that the youngster would have been drowned.

When rescued the boy was in an exhausted condition and it was several minutes before he recovered from the effects of his ducking and the attending shock.

QUIET MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED LAST NIGHT

E. F. Barbour of Swansboro and Miss Orlina Suggs of this city, were married last night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. W. Bell, No. 39 Metcalf street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Barbour will leave this morning for Swansboro where the groom is a prominent business man.

HOLLISTER GROCERY COMPANY LOSES FINE HORSE.

Yesterday while one of the Hollister Grocery Company's drivers was taking his horse from the wagon to feed him he noticed that the animal seemed to be a little sluggish, and before he could remove the harness the horse was dead. The animal was valued at two hundred and fifty dollars.

COPLON'S STORE OPEN ALL THE WEEK

Through error on the part of the ad writer the advertisement of S. Coplon & Son which appeared in Sunday's issue of the Journal stated that the store would be closed on Wednesday. This will not be the case, the store will be open on Wednesday and every other day.

Edward Martin of Beaufort returned home yesterday morning after a short visit in the city.

Mrs. A. G. Lynn of New York, N. Y., who has been visiting her parents, Mrs. B. B. Daynesport, has returned home.

WORK ON THE NEW HOSPITAL STARTS SOON

Plans For "St. Luke's Will Be Ready This Week—
Contractors To Begin Work On April 2—
Will Be Modern Structure In Every Sense

B. H. Stephens, the well known Wilmington architect who is engaged in drawing the plans for St. Luke's Hospital, the new institution to be erected at the corner of Broad and George streets by Drs. J. F. Patterson and R. DuVal Jones, came over to New Bern yesterday morning to confer with the owners of the building in regard to some little changes which were to be made in the original plans.

Mr. Stephens was interviewed by a Journal reporter and gave out the cheering information that the plans would be completed within the course of the next few days and that just as soon as the contract was awarded, that the actual work of construction would begin and would be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Along with Mr. Stephens had brought a drawing of the building as it will appear when the work is finished, and this was, as one gentleman termed it, "a peach of a building." There are to be thirty-four rooms in the building which will be three stories in height. The structure will be erected of brick steel and reinforced concrete and will be trimmed in brown stone. It will be absolutely fireproof but will however, be equipped with a number of fire escapes.

There will be two entrances, one on Broad street and the other on George street. The plan of the various floors

shows that in the basement there will be two wards and one private room colored patients, a dressing room for emergency accidents, ward nurses dining room, sleeping quarters for the warden and the heating plant will also be located there.

On the first floor will be separate offices for Drs. Jones and Patterson, reception room, executive office, three wards and several private rooms.

On the second floor there will be a number of private rooms and there will also be private rooms on the third floor. On this latter floor will also be located the operating suite. This will be divided into several sections and will be thoroughly modern in every sense of the word.

The nurses' rooms will also be located on this floor. Across the front of the building will be a sun parlor which will extend entirely across the front of the structure. This will be enclosed in glass and will be so arranged that the windows can be taken out at any time desired.

The building will be equipped with electric elevators, modern plumbing, private baths, electric light and steam heated. In fact it will be just as modern as it is possible for it to be constructed and when completed, New Bern will have a hospital which will compare favorably with any to be found in the South.

JACKSONVILLE PREPARES FOR THE VETERANS

The Boys Who Wore The Gray and Their Sons Will
Gather There During the Month of May

(Special to the Journal.)

Jacksonville, Fla., March 16.—The various sub-committees of the Jacksonville Reunion Association are at work perfecting arrangements for handling the large crowd expected here May 6, 7, 8, to attend the 24th annual reunion of the United Confederate and the 19th reunion of the Sons of Veterans.

Adjutant-General Nathan Bedford Forrest, of Memphis, Tenn., of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, has transferred headquarters of that Association from Memphis to this city, and is organizing a large camp of Sons here. He is also organizing camps throughout the entire State, for the purpose of arousing interest in the reunion and preserving and enlarging the association. Sons of Veterans in the towns and cities of Florida are actively at work for the reunion and much enthusiasm is manifested in the approaching meeting in this city.

The reunion committee charged with the work of securing homes for the veterans and visitors has force of men in the field canvassing the city for rooms and board. This work is under the direction of Walter Hawkins, a prominent business man, and it is being done with systematic care. The reunion association realizes that this is business one of the most important departments of the reunion work, and a good business man was put in the head of the committee. The purpose and desire are to have the accommodations and assignment divisions, so perfect that no trouble will be encountered in getting the veterans and visitors from the depot to their homes when they arrive.

The entertainment committee is perfecting an attractive program for the reunion week. Max Morganthau, chairman of the regular entertainment committee of the Jacksonville Board of Trade, is chairman of the reunion entertainment committee also. A prominent entertainment feature of the week will be May Day festivities of public school children in one of the large parks of the city. It is the purpose of the committee to make this feature one of the greatest school children spectacles ever seen in the Southern States. In addition to this splendid feature, there will be many events on the program that will entertain and please the reunion visitors.

The work of raising the necessary money to defray the expenses of the reunion, while not yet completed has advanced far enough to warrant the announcement that Jacksonville will have all of \$60,000, the amount determined upon last fall. The city will be brilliantly lighted with thousands of

electric lights, and many electric novelties seen nowhere else, have been decided upon by the committee. The decorations will be modest, but pleasing to the old soldiers. An effort is being made to hold the decorations to a strict conformity with the official colors of the Confederacy, Confederate flags and red and white bunting predominating.

In all departments, the work shows good progress and the organization will be ready for the crowds when they arrive here in May. Everything possible is being done for the comfort of the veterans and their friends.

LAST NIGHTS PLAY WAS BIG SUCCESS

"BREWSTER'S MILLIONS" MADE
A "HIT" WITH NEW BERN
AUDIENCE

"Brewster's Millions" was presented at the Masonic theatre last evening before an audience composed of the majority of New Bern's theatre going public and the play made a decided hit. However, there were several things, or conditions which occurred during the evening that marred the pleasure of many. The curtain rose promptly at 8:30. Many had not arrived at that time but as they came in they were allowed to take their seats in any part of the house, interrupting the actors and annoying audience. In addition to this there was not a spark of fire in the furnace and many sat and shivered during the entire evening.

Regardless of these little "inconveniences" the cast handled the play in an admirable manner, and received much applause. Louis Nilsen as Monty Brewster and Mae Roland as Marguerite Gray, handled the leading roles and their work was beyond the least criticism. The work of the other members of the cast were also of the highest order.

The stage settings and electrical effects blended harmoniously and made the scenes intensely realistic. Particular in the boat scene in the third act were the electrical effects startling and one who could sit through this act without showing emotion of some sort, would clearly demonstrate that they were abnormal beings.

Taken as a whole "Brewster's Millions" was one of the best plays of the season and it is to be regretted that it was presented under slight difficulties.

The two most schoomers Rosa Pierce and Bettie were in port yesterday.

JOHN J. CASEY



John J. Casey, congressman from the Eleventh district of Pennsylvania, is one of the prominent labor leaders in his state, having been an international officer of the Journeymen Plumbers, Gas fitters and Steam Fitters' helpers' union. He is a Democrat and thirty-eight years old.

MILLINERY OPENINGS TO BE HELD THIS WEEK

SPRING BONNETS GALORE TO
BE PLACED ON EXHIBITION.

There will be Spring showings galore of ladies headwear in New Bern this week. For the past few weeks those establishments where milady's bonnets can be found, have been busily engaged in preparing for the festive showing of Spring and summer styles and all is now in readiness with the exception of adding the finishing touches. S. Colpon and Son will hold their Spring opening on Thursday and Friday. J. M. Mitchell's opening will be held on Thursday. Miss Jennie Sultan will hold her opening today and tomorrow and the opening at E. B. Hackburn's dry goods and millinery store will be held on Wednesday.

The ladies of New Bern are invited to attend each and everyone of these events. While their orders will, of course, be appreciated, but it will not be necessary for all to purchase on the opening day and the proprietors and their assistants will delight in exhibiting their stock.

POSTMASTER KILLED, POSTOFFICE BURNED

THREE BANDITS, SAID TO BE
MEXICANS, INVADE TECATE
SUNDAY NIGHT

Aan Diego, Cal., March 16.—The United States Customs office and post office at Tecate were burned last night and the postmaster, Frank V. Johnston, was shot dead by three bandits according to advices received here tonight. Warren Widenback was wounded. Observers of the tragedy say the bandits were Mexicans.

A charred American flag was found in the ruins of Johnston's store which was the custom house and post office. A posse started at daybreak in pursuit of the bandits.

Johnston it was learned was shot through the heart when he refused to give the combination of the safe. Elliott D. Johnston, his brother, sent telegrams today to Secretary Bryan, Governor Hiram Johnson at Sacramento, and Representative Kettner at Washington demanding an investigation. He placed the responsibility for the tragedy on Mexico.

R. T. Wade, editor of the Morehead City Coaster and J. C. Taylor of Morehead City were in the city last night attending the performance of "Brewster's Millions" at the Masonic theatre.

GOVERNOR CRAIG THINKS THE STATE WILL GET FUND

Says Every Requirement Was Com-
plied With

MUST BE A MISTAKE

Correspondence Shows Confusion
On Part Of Postoffice
Department

Raleigh, March 16.—Governor Craig said today that there must be a misunderstanding on the part of Washington officials as to North Carolina's not complying with the terms of the act authorizing the Federal government to expend \$40,000 in this state on highways, and he said he felt sure the money would be secured all right.

The fact of the business is, as he pointed out, the Winston-Salem and Statesville highway through Mocksville was designated by the governor September 30 to receive \$20,000 of the \$40,000 appropriated to this state, and all the requirements were complied with. The road is fifty-two miles long, and the local communities have guaranteed to spend double the amount the government expends. All the money would have been applied in Davie county, which voted a big bond issue two years ago.

The other half of the \$40,000 has already been applied to road work in the mountains of North Carolina.

The correspondence shows, Governor Craig said, that there evidently was some misunderstanding in the postoffice department about the matter, and he believes that it will be cleared up soon. The two reasons assigned for the state not getting the \$20,000 at this time were that the road had not been designated soon enough and that it was too long. The governor pointed out that its designation September 30 was within the time limit and its length fifty-two miles was only two miles in excess of the minimum required.

POPULAR COUPLE WED

Miss Grace Garlin Bride Of George
Whitehurst

George B. Whitehurst, of Fayetteville, son of M. E. Whitehurst, of this city and Miss Grace Gooding Gatling of New Bern, were married yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's cousin, Dr. Oscar G. Daniels in Goldsboro by Rev. B. F. Huske of this city.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left on the Southern for the Western part of the State. They will be at home about March 20, in Fayetteville, where Mr. Whitehurst holds a position with the Huske Hardware Company.

The following people attended the wedding: Miss Hattie Gatling, sister of the bride, Miss Sadie Whitehurst, Henry and Emmett Whitehurst, John Green and C. A. Humphrey.

BURGLARS BREAK INTO MIDDLE STREET STORE

STEAL GOLD WATCHES AND VA-
RIOUS ARTICLES—POLICE
HAVE CLUE

Sunday night between the hours of 8:30 and 6:30 yesterday morning some one entered the building occupied by E. K. Bowden on Middle street, and stole two valuable watches and numerous other things. The entrance was made by prizing open a window in the cooking apartment and then prizing the iron bars apart far enough for a man of ordinary size to squeeze through. This done the thieves had free access to the entire building, and they proceeded to help themselves.

There has not been any arrest made but the officers have two colored boys "spotted," and the evidence is almost enough to convict. It is true that the evidence is almost circumstantial, but it is thought that the watches and a quantity of cigarets will be found on their person.

HOSPITAL CORPS TO BE IN- SPECTED.

There will be an inspection of the recently organized Corps of the New Bern Division of the Naval Militia tonight, and every member is asked to be on hand promptly at 8 o'clock.