

ADVANTAGES OF NEW BERN TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

Interesting Booklet To Describe City In Detail, IS NOW BEING COMPILED. Past History And Future Prospects To Be "Written Up" In An Interesting Manner.

During the past few years there have been a number of booklets describing the advantages and resources of New Bern published and each one has been of real worth in helping advertise the city and place it before the public.

There was one detail lacking in each of these books and this was that they were not of large enough volume to permit of going fully into the past history of the city and its future prospects. To be doubly interesting a booklet of this kind must be compiled in such a manner that will attract the attention of the reader and hold it from start to finish and make such a lasting impression on him that after reading the volume, he will have a desire to visit that place described.

New Bern's Chamber of Commerce, which is doing a great work in placing the advantages and resources of the city before the public, needs such a book to send out to prospective settlers when they ask for information concerning this city and surrounding section. The cost of such a volume will be large and the organization does not feel like taking the money from the treasury just at this time for that purpose.

However, they are to have the book and it will be one of the most complete volumes of its kind ever issued in North Carolina. After conferring with several of the officers of the Chamber of Commerce, H. K. Land and H. I. Crumpler have decided to compile and publish this book and to give the organization two thousand copies, absolutely without a cent of cost to them.

The proposed book will contain a hundred or more pages, will be printed on the very finest grade of paper and will be profusely illustrated with photographs of the principal places of interest around the city. A number of maps of the city and county are also to be re-produced in the volume and it will in fact be a complete history of the city from its founding to the present time.

There will be no display advertisements in the entire volume. The advertising being confined entirely to write ups of the various enterprises and this will be a decided feature and quite different from the usual method used. The work of compiling the book is now in progress and it is hoped that it will be in readiness for distribution by the latter part of next month.

Woodmen Hold Their Memorial Exercises

CEREMONY AT CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON—MANY ATTENDED

The New Bern Camp of the Woodmen of the World held their anniversary memorial exercises Sunday afternoon at Cedar Grove cemetery.

The members met at their forest at the Corner of Broad and Hancock streets and marched to the cemetery where they held the exercises and decorated the graves of twelve of their departed brothers with flowers.

Since this order was founded June 6th 1890 the membership has grown to more than eight hundred thousand, with a reserve fund of eighteen million dollars.

The Omaha Neb. forest owns three three hundred and fifty thousand dollars in North Carolina bonds, one hundred and fifty thousand of which are New Bern bonds.

WILL GIVES SONS 25c; WIFE NOT MENTIONED.

BRANCHVILLE, N. J., June 8.—The will of William B. Ryker, which divides his \$50,000 estate among friends and relatives, does not mention his wife and cuts off his two sons at 25 cents each.

HUNDRED MEN WERE KILLED IN THIS STORM

Gale Sweeps Coast of New Brunswick.

MANY VESSELS WRECKED. Property Loss Is Estimated At More Than A Million Dollars.

(Special to the Journal) ST. JPHNS, N. B., June 8.—The worst storm in the history of the New Brunswick coast swept over this section today and in consequence more than thirty fishing vessels were wrecked and a hundred or more lives were lost. For several days the weather has been threatening but not until early this morning did the gale break in all of its fury. The vessels which were wrecked were out on fishing expeditions and their crews were unable to get them back to shore.

The majority of those killed were crews of the vessels. The property loss is estimated at more than a million dollars.

The Drought is Doing Great Deal of Damage

GROWING CROPS IN CRAVEN AND ADJOINING COUNTIES ARE DRYING UP.

Reports continue to reach New Bern of the damage being done by the drought which has prevailed over this section since the first part of May. Rain had been predicted for the latter part of last week and the farmers have been living in hope that this would materialize, but so far this has not been the case. Plant life all over Craven, Carteret, Pamlico, and Onslow counties is being injured. Particularly are Irish potatoes suffering and it is said that the crop has already been considerably decreased on account of the lack of moisture. Cabbage shipments have also been noticeably small and this fact is also attributed to the extremely dry weather. The forecast for this week is for dry weather and this has caused much anxiety on the part of the farmers and truckers.

This Miniature Range To Be Given Away

BASNIGHT HARDWARE COMPANY ARE CONDUCTING NOVEL CONTEST

On display at the store of the J. S. Basnight Hardware Company is one of the "cutest" little miniature Buck ranges ever seen in New Bern. The range has been admired by many and not a child has seen it but expressed the desire to become its owner.

The range is to be given to some little girl under twelve years of age. Beginning yesterday, the company is giving votes for every penny spent at their store and on the night of July 17 the young lady holding the largest number of votes will be the proud owner of the stove.

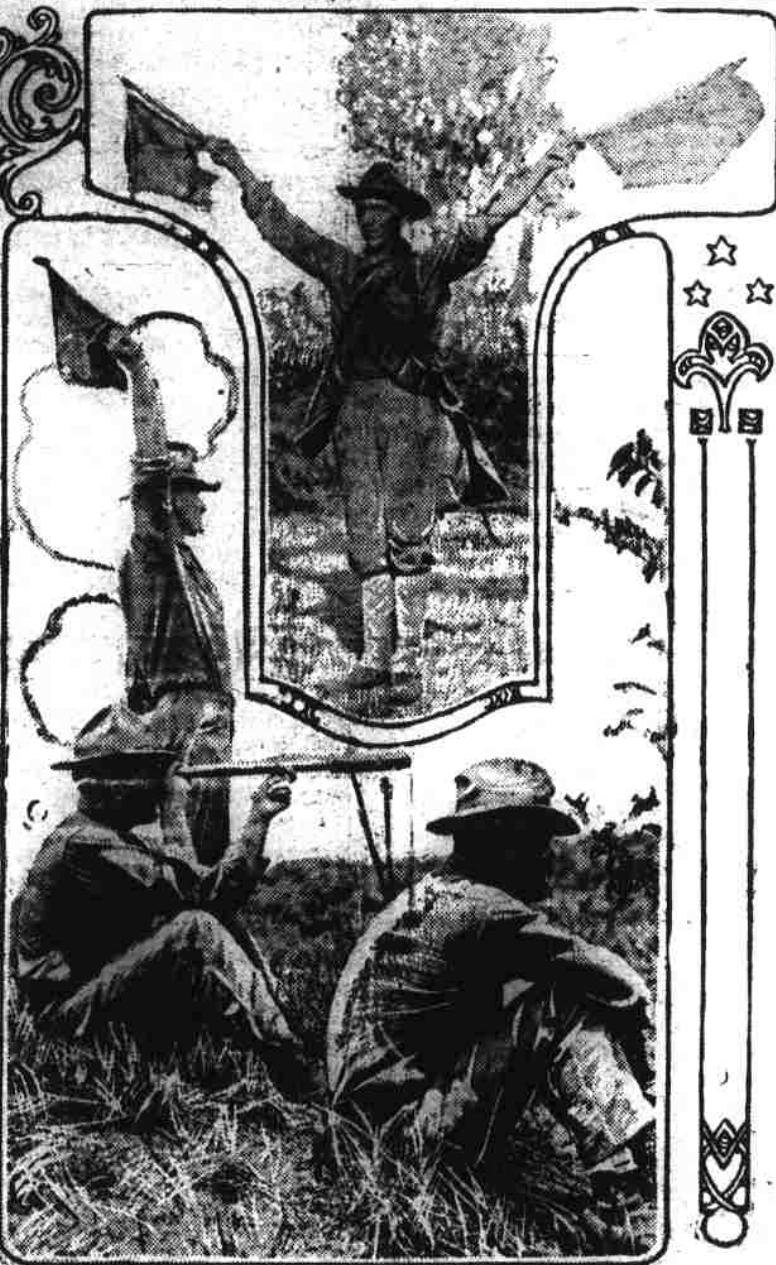
The little range must be seen to be appreciated and an invitation is extended every little girl to inspect it and also enter the contest at once.

A STRANGE STORY.

Snake In Canine's Body Caused His Death.

That "truth is stranger than fiction" is forcibly exemplified in a story reaching this city from Wayne county, and which is vouched for by a number of reputable persons. The narrative told in New Bern is to the effect that a Mr. Hooks, who resides near Mount Olive had a very valuable dog to die a few days ago from no apparent cause. After the animal's death the owner, becoming curious as to the cause of the sudden demise of his pet, took the body to a veterinarian, and had him to cut it open and make an examination of the internal organs of the canine. Strange to say, wrapped around the remains of the animal's liver was a snake which was more than twenty inches in length. The reptile was of the "garter" variety and is said to have been very much alive and had literally eaten up the dog's liver.

U. S. Army Signal Corps Men Operating Outside of Vera Cruz



Photos copyright, 1914, by American Press Association. THE United States army signal corps in Mexico has been doing notable work for General Funston's army. It has kept continual watch over the operations of the scattered federal forces and transmitted information by heliograph, by field telephones and by "wigwagging" with flags. The illustrations show some of the army signal men operating with the flags.

U. S. SHIPS TO KEEP PORT OF TAMPICO OPEN, EVEN BY FORCE IF NECESSARY

(Special to the Journal) VERA CRUZ, June 8.—The United States naval authorities in Mexican waters will not brook any interference with the Ward liner Antilla which is on her way from New York with 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition and an aeroplane consigned to the Constitutionalists at Tampico. Neither will they allow the Mexican Federals to prevent any other shipment of munitions consigned to the rebel port of Tampico.

This was made plain here today and shows that the American forces will be used to keep Tampico an open port, if necessary. The Mexican gunboats Bravo and Zaragoza, which were ordered by General Huerta to go to Tampico and establish a blockade to prevent the landing of the Antilla's cargo, are still at Puerto Mexico, according to a wireless dispatch received by the United States fleet from that port today. Notice was served upon the commanders of the two American gunboats at Puerto Mexico that they would not be allowed to interfere with the Antilla.

The torpedo boat destroyer Jouett is lying in the harbor of Puerto Mexico keeping a close watch upon the Mexican gunboats and ready to report any move that they might make.

Admiral Winslow has been ordered to sail for Tampico on the protected cruiser San Francisco at once to see that the open door is maintained at Tampico.

The cruiser Tacoma and the Sacramento have been detailed to hold themselves in readiness for action in the event that the Mexican gunboats are able to slip from the Puerto Mexico harbor and start northward toward Tampico, but this is deemed practically impossible.

Special Orders Sent to Admiral Badger.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—"I will not discuss any matters concerning the delivery of ammunition at Tampico or whether that port is an open port."

This was Secretary of the Navy Daniel's report today to inquiries concerning the reported landing of munitions of war there for the Constitutionalists. Daniels heretofore has stated that Tampico was open to the commerce of the world.

Upon his return to the department from Annapolis the Secretary called a conference of his aides, including Admiral Blue, ranking naval officer at the department. Shortly after a number of cablegrams were dispatched to Rear Admiral Badger as to his action when the Ward liner Antilla enters the Panuco River.

The Antilla is expected off Tampico late to night and the Mexican gunboats will, it is said, have plenty of time to reach that port before the Antilla arrives.

THE WEATHER.

Generally Fair And Hot All This Week.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Generally fair and hot weather is forecasted for the present week east of the Rockies. "There are no present indications of precipitation of consequence," said the weather bureau's bulletin tonight, "except that there will be showers and thunderstorms at the outset from the lake region and possibly in the far northwest. Occasional thunder showers Tuesday throughout the northwest."

KINSTONIANS SEE BIG AEROPLANE FLY OVER CITY

The Berger Company Give Several Flights.

HUNDREDS VIEW SPECTACLE.

The Bird-Man Failed To Pull Off The Stunts He Had Planned.

KINSTON, June 8.—Between 500 and 600 people saw Eugene Heth perform in the Berger passenger-carrying aeroplane in a field beyond Neuse river Saturday afternoon.

The airman made two beautiful flights. A stiff breeze prevented Heth from taking up a passenger, as was intended. The wind was from the northeast, and caused the curtailment of a number of spectacular stunts, which he expected to pull off. In spite of the handicap, though, he soared to a height of 900 feet in the Wright plane. Once he attempted the spiral glide, but the trial proved perilous, and he immediately ceased his efforts at fancy work.

The ground over which Heth flew is historic. He looked below him and saw the spot where Richard Caswell, first governor of the State—who never dreamed of an airship—is buried, and down in Old Neuse river the place where the Confederate ram lies nearly submerged.

With the wind in the tail of his machine the airman flew at a rate as high as 90 miles an hour, but returning he made a bare 25 miles.

Today the Berger staff and aviators will go to Washington, N. C., for a two-days stay.

Dreams of Seeing By Wireless Soon

YOUNG LONDON INVENTOR, DR. A. M. COW, THINKS HE HAS SOLVED PROBLEM.

LONDON, June 8.—One can talk can hear by wireless, now comes the probability that one can see by means of the same artifices.

The wonders of a wireless telephone that sees were demonstrated before the Institute of Automobile Engineers by Dr. A. M. Cow, a young London inventor.

Dr. Cow's apparatus, beside the ordinary telephone gear, consists of a screen built up of cells of selenium. A roller, made up of alternate conductive and insulated sections, moves rapidly over the face of the screen, reproducing the amount of light falling in the cells at the receiving end. The apparatus as a whole makes a picture which flickers like the early forms of "the movies." By this means it may be possible for persons using the telephone to see each other, which under certain circumstances, may not be desirable.

HOBSON'S CHARGES CAUSE INDIGNATION

NAVY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HOT UNDER THE COLLAR OVER HIS REMARKS

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8.—Press reports of statements made by Representative Hobson in a prohibition speech at Newport News Va., caused indignant comment today at the Navy Department. The Alabama Congressman was quoted as declaring that Japanese and German steamers had landed arms in Mexico under convoy of warships of those nations, and that the United States Government was "afraid to protest and afraid to allow the press of the country to say anything about it."

It was officially stated at the department that the German merchantmen which carried war munitions to Puerto, Mexico, were not convoyed by a man-of-war, and there was no record of any arms landed in Mexico by Japanese ships since the occupation of Vera Cruz. Rear Admiral Howard reported, it was said, that the one Japanese vessel suspected of having arms aboard, had only a cargo of linseed oil and beer. It was declared, too, that every dispatch from naval officers on the east and west coast of Mexico had been given to the press.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN NOW BEING VALUED BY THE EXPERTS

Several Men Are Engaged In Big Task.

WAS FIRST ROAD CHOSEN

Valuation Will Require About 18 Months—What is Involved in the Proposition.

The Norfolk Southern Railroad, having been chosen by the Valuation Board of the Interstate Commerce Commission as the first railway system within the South Atlantic Districts to be examined with a view to valuation by the Government, a special corps of engineers under the direction of Assistant District Engineer Elmore has been busily engaged for the past several months in the task of going over the property with a view to submitting a report on its worth.

Mr. C. K. Conard is appearing for the Norfolk Southern and the investigation is being conducted along the strictest and most scrutinizing methods imaginable. For the first two months, the corps of engineers made their headquarters in Charlotte while they were engaged on the new line that extends from Charlotte to Mount Gilead but now they are quartered in Raleigh and are working West and East. It is expected that at least 18 months will be required to complete the undertaking which for multitude of details and complexity of requirements has no equal anywhere in the country.

These experts are making a thorough examination of the property of the railroad in order to arrive at what should constitute a fair estimate of its value. They are required to secure profiles, charts and every other record of information from the railroad authorities bearing upon the road and then check over every item. In the prosecution of this task they have to figure accurately every bit of yardage of earth and stone removed, every square yard of fill erected, all culverts and bridges put in and every other construction. They are not allowed to accept the figures or estimates of the contractors but are compelled to do this work themselves. It is ordered that there be ascertained the "original cost," "original cost to date," "cost of reproduction new," "cost of reproduction less depreciation," and they are also required to take cognizance and figure in dollars and cents "other values and elements of value."

It will thus be seen why the experts themselves figure that 18 months will be required to complete this task on this relatively small system, embracing only about 600 miles and extending into two States only. With the larger and more firmly established systems, such as the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard in the territory, where the "other values and elements of value" are more difficult of estimate, it will be readily seen that a much longer period will be required.

Purpose of Valuation.

The act of Congress directing the valuation of railroads was signed by the President March 1, 1913, and is therefore a comparatively new thing. It simply directed the Interstate Commerce Commission to make a "valuation of the railways" of the country but did not state the purpose of such valuation. It was generally regarded at the time by those promoting its passage that the results would be valuable elements in the adjustment of rates. It was designed also to protect investors and determine whether or not, as so frequently charged, that many of the railroads are grossly over-capitalized. However that may be, the Interstate Commerce Commission, through this Valuation Board, divided the country into districts and placed over each district certain officials to direct the investigation. The district of which North Carolina and Virginia is part, is the one which this section is immediately interested.

Norfolk Southern Chosen

The Norfolk Southern, according to those best posted on the situation, was first chosen in order to enable the engineers employed to learn their business because it offered all the various elements that would enter into the work when the larger and most

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