

ORDER CARS

Coast Line Awards Contract for 200 Flat Cars

COST \$140,000

Contract Awarded to Ensign Car Works, of Huntington, W. Va.—Cars to be Built of Structural Steel—Five Bidders—Representatives of Different Car Works Here Last Week.

The Atlantic Coast Line has just awarded a contract for 200 coal cars to the American Car and Foundry Company, better known as the Ensign Works, of Huntington, W. Va.

The Coast Line builds a large number of cars each year at their own shops but they do not build a car of this design. Those cars are to be used specially for handling coal.

The Coast Line is making many improvements and a large sum will be spent during the present year on equipment and improvements of other kinds.

The Coast Line officials endeavor in every way to keep their road supplied with the very best equipment and the awarding of a contract for steel cars, instead of the ordinary wooden car is in line with the other improvements of the system.

HAVE ARRANGED CONFERENCE.

North Carolina Delegation in Congress to Meet Congressman Burton in Regard to Cape Fear Improvements.

Mr. H. W. Malloy, chairman of the harbor, shipping and commerce committee, of the chamber of commerce, received a telegram from Congressman G. B. Patterson last night saying that the North Carolina delegation had arranged to have a conference Wednesday with Congressman Burton in regard to the appropriation to continue the improvements of the Cape Fear river.

The harbor committee of the Chamber of Commerce met several days ago in regard to the appropriation for the continuance of the improvements of the Cape Fear and it was decided at that meeting to invite Congressman Burton to come here and see the necessity of the appropriation.

DIED AT SCHOOL.

Remains of J. Willard Maultsby Carried From Durham to Whiteville Yesterday.

Mr. J. Willard Maultsby, the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Maultsby, of Whiteville, died at Durham on Sunday last, of pneumonia. The remains were carried from Durham to Whiteville yesterday.

Young Maultsby was a student of Trinity High School, Durham. It was just one month yesterday since he returned to school from his home, where he spent the Christmas holidays. He was taken with pneumonia last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Maultsby were notified of their son's illness and went at once to his bedside and were with him when the end came.

INEVITABLE RESULT.

Alex Williams, Colored, Seriously Stabbed at Negro Entertainment.

There was a negro entertainment at Ruth Hall last night and as usual it ended in a fight. Elison Conner stabbed Alex Williams in the lower part of the abdomen, inflicting a dangerous wound. The physician who was called in to dress the wound said it was an exceedingly dangerous one and might prove fatal.

Constable Savage arrested Conner last night and put him in jail. Both of the negroes were boys.

Mr. Neff D. Emerson is at home from the Boston Tech. to spend a few days.

Cotton Must Have Potash. Potash is an essential plant food which must be added as a fertilizer or the soil will become exhausted, as is true of so many cotton fields.

Gorman used to play on the Baltimore champion base ball nine, but it remains to be seen if he still knows how to slide to the home plate.—Atlanta Journal.

Nearly Forfeits His Life. A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. R. Orger, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies.

Forty Killed in Explosion. Lahore, British India, February 1.—Forty persons were killed today by an explosion of ten tons of gun powder at Fort Bhatinda in the Punjab.

Escaped an Awful Fate. Mr. H. Haggins of the Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die."

Better Than Gold. "I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H.

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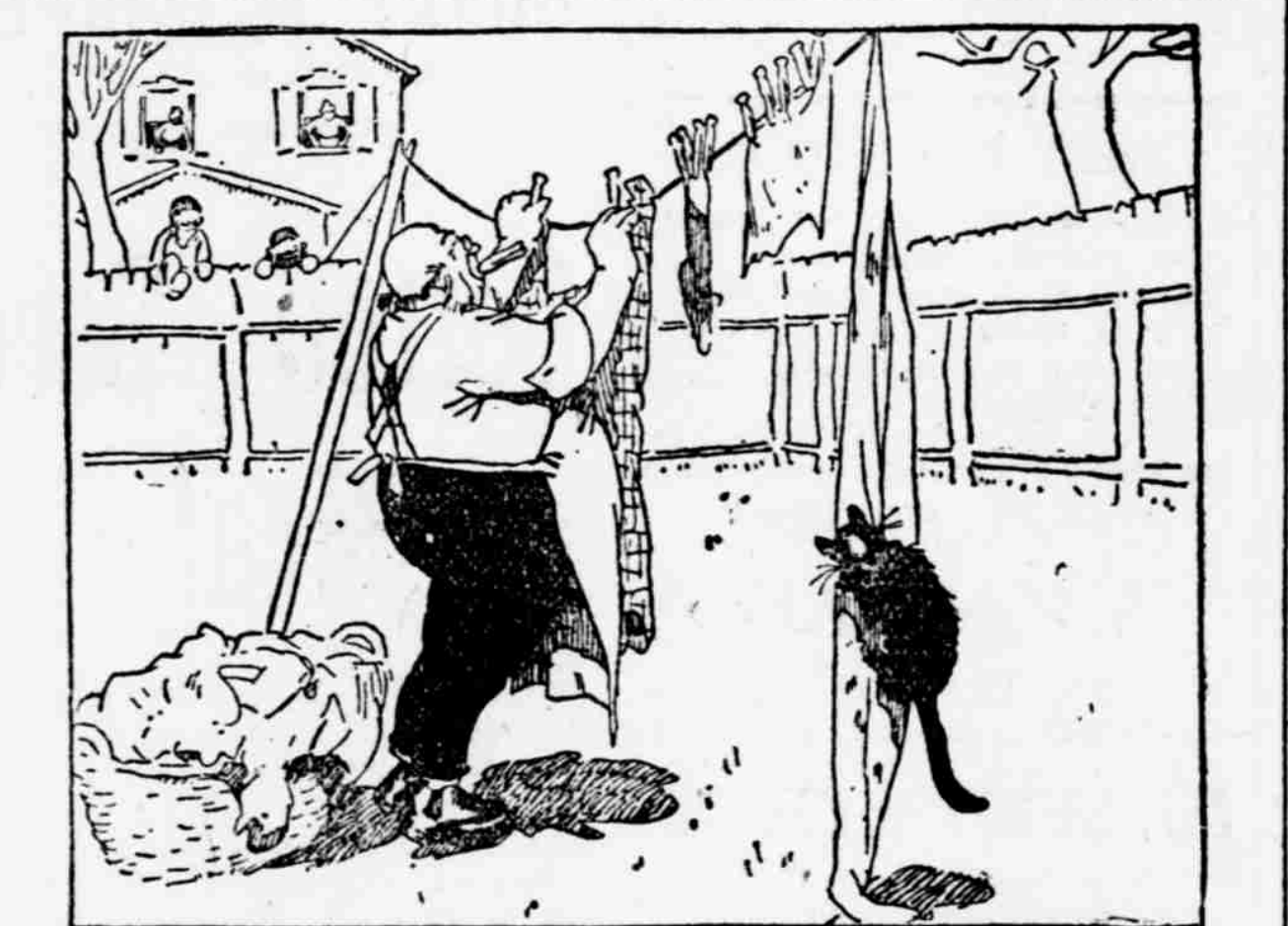
AN OLD ADAGE SAYS "A light purse is a heavy curse." Sickness makes a light purse. THE LIVER is the seat of nine tenths of all disease.

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Bowser vs. Washing

He Takes Hold of Matters at Home For a Day and Shows Mrs. B. That He Knows a Thing or Two About Housework

(Copyright, 1903, by C. B. Lewis.) S the Bowser's finished breakfast the other morning the cook asked Mrs. Bowser for a private word and was granted a dozen of them.



HE STARTED TO HANG OUT THE CLOTHES.

is my duty to investigate. I shall not send up a washerwoman. "Then there will be no washing done."

pled, "but it was an experiment and will turn out all right. Get along, now, and don't bother me. I want to make a record with this washing."

moment his heart beat tumultuously. The idea flashed across him that it was somehow connected with washing, but after a bit his face cleared and he got his breath again.

CITY FATHERS

Aldermen Met in Regular Monthly Session Last Night

LONG SESSION

The Board Remained in Session Until a Late Hour—Few Matters of Importance Were Disposed of—Mr. Hugh MacRae Made Statement in Regard to City Lights—Matter of Heating Opera House by Steam Discussed—Several Ordinances Amended—Other Matters Disposed of.

The board of aldermen met in regular monthly session last night with all members present except Alderman W. P. Gafford.

Finance Committee—Chairman W. H. Yopp, stated that in accordance with bids advertised for to transcribe the back taxes into one book, the contract had been awarded to Mr. John Gafford, the lowest bidder, and the contract to furnish the book to the Jackson & Bell Company.

Light Committee—Chairman Hashagen said his report was about the same as last month, that the city lights were very poor.

Chief Schinblen, of the fire department, reported 14 fire alarms during the past month, due to the following causes: incendiary 3; defective flue 5; unknown 2; false 1; sparks from chimney 1; lamps exploding 1; other 1.

City attorney William J. Bellamy reported \$253.22 of back taxes collected.

Dr. C. H. Harper, secretary of board of health submitted the following report for month of January: 45 deaths, 20 white and 25 colored; 48 births, 16 white and 32 colored.

Weak Hearts. Are due to indigestion. Ninety-nine of every one hundred people who have heart trouble can remember when it was simple indigestion. It is a scientific fact that all cases of heart disease, not organic, are not only traceable to, but are the direct result of indigestion.

regard to the lights. Streets and Wharves Committee—Chairman Sweeney reported that drainage pipe had been placed on Market street from Second to within 104 feet of Fourth street.

Alderman Behrends made another motion to extend the water main up Nixon street from fourth to seventh streets. This he said would entail a cost of about \$1,200, but he thought it due to the people who lived in that locality to provide a means to give them protection against fire.

Building Committee—Chairman Murrell reported the new heating plant to be finished and that it was giving entire satisfaction. The city hall was heated by the plant last night for the first time and it was a very cold night the building was heated.

Ordinance Committee—Alderman Behrends withdrew his ordinance offered at the last meeting in regard to obstructing alleys. In the absence of Chairman Gafford, Alderman Yopp made the report of the committee.

City Treasurer King submitted the following report: Balance, \$28,797.92; merchants license, \$921.60; bar rooms, \$618; market rents, \$206.57; mayor's court, \$228.55; post and express, \$18.00; weighing beef cattle, \$14; public buildings, \$212.87; miscellaneous and extraordinary, \$23.68; real and personal tax prior to 1903, \$773.77; dog taxes, \$47.50; cost on tax prior to 1903, \$23.59; Total, \$17,718.29; grand total, \$46,616.21.

Deposited with Murchison National Bank, \$3,439.60; coupons, \$9,990.00; bond and coupon, \$5,250; Blair & Co., New York, coupon \$4,500; U. S. Mortgage Trust Company, New York, coupon, \$50; cancelled coupons paid \$2,880; cash and cost items, \$5,761.24. Total \$31,260.94.

SENT TO THE PEST HOUSE. Bizzell and Seven Other Negroes Carried to the Pest House Sunday.

The colored woman by name of Bizzell, who worked at the Y. M. C. A., and who was found to have the smallpox on last Saturday, was carried to the pest house Sunday morning and so were seven other negroes who were inmates of the house where she lived.