

THE WEEKLY ARGUS.

VOL. VIII.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1892.

NO. 7

THE ARGUS.

DAILY AND WEEKLY

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Two little boys—brothers, got hold of a self-acting pistol Wednesday at their home in Stony Creek township. At this writing one of them is not expected to live, with a ball shot into his temple.

It was a busy scene across the way from THE ARGUS office yesterday. Mr. I. B. Fonvielle was moving his mammoth stock of groceries into his new double store, formerly occupied by Mr. I. S. D. Sauls.

The attorneys of Mr. Willis Brogden, charged with the murder of the late Fab Sasser, have waived a preliminary hearing, and the defendant will remain in custody until Superior Court for the county convenes.

We hear fine reports from Hon. C. B. Aycock's speech at Faison's Monday night. They do say he made things hum down there to the tune of unadulterated Democracy and before he got through the entire crowd were chiming in.

THE ARGUS does not make much fuss about itself, but it comes out every day—and has done so for nearly eight years, and its weekly edition goes broadcast throughout the country; and if you are not an advertiser in its columns you ought to be.

The steamship "City of Paris," in which Mr. Arnold Borden, of this city, made the trip to Europe last Summer, has just beaten all trans-Atlantic records, measuring the distance from Queenstown to New York in 6 days, 15 hours and 58 minutes. Think of it!

It will be a pleasure to many in Goldsboro to know that Miss Lena M. Hudgins, of Greensboro Female College, and a distinguished graduate of the New York Conservatory of Music, will open a special class of vocal and instrumental instruction in this city at an early day.

The Democratic State campaign opened formally at Whiteville, Col. H. H. Carr, candidate for governor, and our own gifted and intrepid townsman Hon. C. B. Aycock, candidate for Elector-at-large, on deck. It was a glorious gathering of Democrats. We are sure.

THERE has been a fearful fatality within the past four weeks in the family of the late Lewis Langston, the colored drayman of Messrs. H. & M. L. Lee, of this city, who died of fever three weeks ago. Just one week prior to his death his father died, subsequent to his death his mother died; then followed the death of his wife's mother; yesterday his wife died, and her father is dying—if not dead at this writing.

The Democratic Congressional Convention, for this, the second district, which met Wednesday at Scotland Neck, nominated Hon. Fred A. Woodard, of Wilson, for Congress on the ninth ballot, and Mr. N. J. Rouse, of Kinston, was nominated for Elector. Both these selections are admirable. Both gentlemen have clean Democratic records, are men of ability and of the people. They will make a vigorous canvass, and the people will make a very serious mistake if they fail to give them their entire support.

At the elegant home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Castex, in this city, Thursday evening, Miss Julia Castex held a card reception, complimentary to her young lady visiting friends, Miss Wilson, of Charlotte, Miss Bell, of Chattanooga, Miss Crow, of Norfolk, Miss Bogart, of Washington, and Miss Faison, of Faison. The attendance of young ladies and gentlemen was large and thoroughly congenial, and everything was informal and delightful as it is possible to conceive. The lawn, beautifully adorned and illuminated with many Japanese lanterns, was a cool and inviting rendezvous during the evening, and the spacious and airy parlors, with their profusion of cut flowers and artistic decorations, were centres of attraction for conversation and music. The service of refreshments was elaborate, and justice was duly rendered in this regard when all were seated around the festive board. It was an occasion the pleasant recollections of which will linger with all the participants for a life time.

We see occasionally a stray "Third partyite" hunkered at some street corner in the shade these warm days, and as we pass we hear them solving the financial situation and diagnosing the country's condition and telling a handful of listeners "just what's the matter with Hannab." These fellows have not found out yet that it is already all over with their so-called "party," except the Democratic shouting—which will make the welkin ring when the votes are counted in November. Mark it.

THE opening of the Crescent Canning Factory of Mt. Olive, under the management of Mr. Jno. R. Smith, will be an important addition to the resources of that thriving little town of our county. At present Mr. Smith will devote his whole attention to the canning of tomatoes. This will afford a convenient and profitable market for the growers of tomatoes in that locality, and by extending their lines to include the canning of apples, corn, grapes, berries, etc., an important industry will soon be in operation that will be an object of pride to our enterprising neighbor.

THE death of Mrs. Betsy Eason occurred on Sunday last at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Monk, at Newton Grove, in Sampson county, in the 84th year of her age, after a lingering illness patiently borne with christian resignation for many months, cheered by an unflinching trust in the Saviour's love and the consoling assurance of a glorious immortality that is the inheritance of a christian life. The deceased was the mother of our esteemed townsman Maj. Julius C. Eason, to whom the sincere sympathy of many friends is extended in his sad bereavement.

THE ARGUS returns its sincere thanks to the Goldsboro Cornet Band for a delightful serenade yesterday afternoon. This was the first appearance of the Band before the public, and we know that we but echo the sentiments of all our citizens when we say that it is destined to be an attractive feature of our city, and that we trust they will receive every needed encouragement and will for many years continue to please and entertain our worthy people with their grand harmonies, that cannot fail to produce better thoughts, purer impulses, and relieve the tedium of many weary hours. Here's to the Goldsboro Cornet Band!

WELL! well!! well!!! What strange things we see sometimes. Yesterday we saw in earnest conversation an old line Republican, one who affiliated with that party, from its odious record of the "Kirk war" on down to the time when it had no office to give him in its power, and one of those "fire-eating" Democrats who used to fight at the drop of the hat—they were talking for the benefit of a little audience of six and they were both sitting on the same good box, close up to each other, and one said: "I tell you if we Third party fellows don't carry the country there will be a war, and I've had enough of war. I don't want to see another war," and the other fellows said "me too." And yet neither of them were ever in the war or in shooting range of the war guns—they "kept out" somehow.

THE Cleveland and Carr Campaign Club of this city and township at its last regular meeting sent an invitation to Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic candidate for Vice-President, urging him to visit Goldsboro and under the auspices of the "Four Os" speak to the people of this section. THE ARGUS is glad to be able to announce that Mr. Stevenson has signified his willingness to come and has notified Hon. F. M. Simmons, State Chairman, that he will come to North Carolina and speak at five different places in the State, as designated by Mr. Simmons. This certainly secures for Goldsboro and the people of our section a visit from this distinguished gentleman, who is not only of North Carolina parentage, but is said to be an able speaker and thorough campaigner.

THE death of Mrs. L. Edwards, after a brief illness of pneumonia, occurred at their home, corner of Mulberry and John streets in this city, Saturday afternoon. She leaves a devoted husband and six children—one a mere infant—and a wide circle of relatives and friends to mourn her untimely demise. She was of the Hebrew faith, a loving

wife and mother, a devoted friend, a kindly neighbor and with abounding charity to all. The outstretched palm of pleading poverty never returned empty when extended to her. All who knew her loved her and she will be grievously missed. To the bereaved family, who sit sorrowful and disconsolate in the shadow of Jehova's visitation this morning, THE ARGUS tenders its sincerest condolence in common with their many friends here. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the home at 5.30 o'clock.

THE handsome new pipe organ constructed by Cole & Woodberry of Boston, Mass., for St. Paul's Methodist church received the final touches from the workmen yesterday afternoon, and was tested later in the evening by Mr. Arthur Whitley, who, by the way, is complete master of this kind of musical instruments. Mr. Whitley exhibited his skill in a manner that delighted the special audience of ladies and gentlemen assembled; his changes from gay to grave passages, from the deepest diapason to the faint and ethereal Soline showed him at perfect ease in his position; and proved the wisdom of the committee in selecting an instrument that contains so many beautiful effects and combinations. It is to be hoped that Mr. Whitley can be secured to preside at the organ on Sunday, in order that the congregation may get the full benefit of this magnificent instrument's scope and power under his skilled hand.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Aug. 1st, '92. The Board met in regular session, all the members present. A petition for a new road in Fork Township, from Jones' Mill to the road near Ebenezer church, continued to September meeting. J. S. Worrall and W. B. Talton were granted retail liquor license at Pikeville. W. H. Brogden resigned as Fence Superintendent. Treasurer's report for July was approved. R. A. Jordan was appointed Constable for Grantham's township. J. L. Bridgers, Eugene Head, Richard Johnson and Howell Garris were elected Cotton Weighers and the price of weighing reduced to five cents per bale. The following juries for September Term, 1892, of Wayne Superior Court, were drawn:
FIRST WEEK:
E. T. Grant, Rufus Ham, George B. Britt, J. J. Ivey, P. L. Sumner, Henry S. Blow, T. R. Bizzell, Sias Pike, W. R. Thompson, R. M. Howell, H. T. Jones, J. E. Person, Alfred Bryant, (col.), Ichabod Grant, H. T. Ham, Henry Grady, J. B. Smith, E. C. Exum, G. E. Grantham, S. M. Exum, (col.), J. L. Mayo, J. O. Thompson, J. J. Street, L. D. Hooks, W. T. Smith, Benjamin Herring, I. E. Ormond, E. L. Hook, J. J. Jones, B. H. Hatch, J. E. Parks, J. Scott, E. S. Grantham, G. F. Britt, T. J. Hood, D. C. Creach.
SECOND WEEK:
J. F. Bunn, W. H. Burch, H. F. Pate, Henry Aycock, A. G. Bogue, M. C. Hale, John H. Loftin, I. S. D. Sauls, J. J. Poye, T. R. Robinson, Ed. Overman, C. D. Brown, William Bailey, George Garris, C. E. Hudson, William Potts, Asa B. Horning, J. A. Daniel.
Paper orders were issued for \$90.50 and accounts were paid to the amount of \$326.76.
The Board then adjourned.

Pikeville Letter.

PIKEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 1, '92. *Dear Argus*:—Work on Mr. W. L. Pike's new store is now going on rapidly. Several of our citizens "took in" the excursion to Norfolk last week. Mr. John E. Edmondson, who has been in the grocery business here for the past eight months, has moved his stock of goods to Fremont and will open a store at that place in a few days, and add dry goods to his stock. We wish you much success, John.
Mr. N. J. Rouse, of Kinston, Democratic elector for this district, spoke here last Friday. So also did Messrs. C. S. Wooden, B. F. Aycock and Dr. W. P. Exum. There was quite a large crowd in attendance.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Eatman, of Wilson county, are in town on a visit to relatives.
We had a beautiful shower of rain yesterday evening which has made the air some cooler, and greatly refreshed the growing crops.
J. F. H.

Woodland Crumbs.

Dear Argus: The Friends' Yearly Meeting will convene at High Point, N. C., the 10th of this month. Tickets will be on sale after the 6th. It is still dry and warm. We have had a few light showers, but not enough to wet the earth. Cotton and corn is suffering badly. The melon crop are rather short, but will probably average with other crops. It is rather warm to be talking politics, but people will talk. M.

BE CONSISTENT.
Under this heading a communication will be found in our columns this morning, and the injunction, as above, with which it is indicted is directed against THE ARGUS.

It is evident to the most casual reader of the article in Sunday's ARGUS that our correspondent this morning is "off at a tangent" in his charge to us to "be consistent", for in that article we used this introductory language: "The unofficial inquest which the whole body of citizens are constantly carrying on upon their own account in regard to the administration of public affairs, municipal, State and National, when it culminates in a common conviction constitutes the opinion of the community; and when such an opinion, calmly arrived at, makes itself manifest no conscientious newspaper should fail to give it utterance."

With this introduction THE ARGUS then proceeded to state what the opinion of the community is in regard to the action of the Board of Aldermen in the particular matter under controversy, and our correspondent this morning should therefore address himself to the community and not to THE ARGUS, who is simply the exponent of their views as we understand them to be, and as we did take particular care to inform ourselves thereon. We "jumped" at no "conclusions", "firstly" or "secondly", but simply stated facts.

It was not a "conclusion" that the Board borrowed \$2,000;—it is a fact. It was not a "conclusion" that it would require \$1,000 to give the Park healthful (and that is what we want) drainage. We were told so by a member of the Board, who, being a member of the Board, it is to be presumed that he had given the matter careful investigation. He is, moreover, a man who has had large experience in draining lands, being a practical and successful farmer himself. This opinion was sustained by that expressed by a number of others likewise conversant with the cost of drainage: so that the "gross exaggeration" complained of by our correspondent in this regard is not so "ridiculous" after all.

As to the financial condition of the city or the "mid-summer rule", these are not germane to the issue in question, nor do they affect the principle involved. The borrowing of money by the city to "tide it over" the mid-summer dullness in carrying on the machinery of the city's government, "so as not to be in arrears with the street hands and current expenses but to cash all bills that may come against the city as they are presented instead of making their creditors wait, &c.," does not hold water when advanced in justification of the loan of \$2,000, which is expended in "blocks of five" hundred dollars upon the luxury of a Park while the city is growing up in rank weeds and redolent with obnoxious odors of decay and threatening contagion.

If it is necessary to borrow money wherewith to improve the Park, why not submit the question of "Park bonds" to the tax payers of the city? This is the way other cities do when building and ornamenting parks; and if Goldsboro would do likewise the "opinion of the community" could then be learned without the possibility of a doubt, and we could issue bonds for a sufficient sum to secure "a highly" ornamental city Park when finished.

Attempted Assassination.

YOROHAMA, July 30.—An attempt was made to-day to assassinate Count Okuno, leader of the Progressist Party and the Viscount Keno Tokana cabinet. The plan of the assassins were miscarried however and they failed to effect their murderous design.

Be Consistent.
Editor Argus:
With considerable interest I read the article in last Sunday's ARGUS, headed: "The Opinion of the Community," in which is denounced the action of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen because of the appropriation of Five Hundred Dollars for the improvement of "Hermann Park."

THE ARGUS in one breath deprecates the insufficiency of the appropriation and calls it squandering the money wantonly. The next minute it wants to be recorded as public spirited and thoroughly anxious to beautify the Park and make it a pleasant resort for our citizens and longs to see the day of its accomplishment.

It furthermore jumps at two conclusions, firstly, that the City has just borrowed \$2,000, hence has no business to make an appropriation for the Park; secondly, it claims that it requires One Thousand Dollars to give the Park even a Healthful drainage.

Just where THE ARGUS gets its information from I am unable to say, but one thing it should do, in justice to itself and the public, and that is, to investigate matters of its own accord so it will not convey an erroneous impression to its readers as it is doing in this instance, for I will give THE ARGUS credit that it does not willfully misrepresent the state of affairs.

In the first place it is well for THE ARGUS and the public to know that the finances of the City are by no means desperate, in fact, no worse than they usually are at this season of the year, and as I am reliably informed the City frequently had to borrow money in the Summer for a short time. As a rule, about mid-summer the City Treasury is short of funds, and to tide over the time until the annual Taxes are collected the Aldermen very wisely borrowed some money so as not to be in arrears with their street hands and current expenses but to cash all bills that may come against the City as they are presented, instead of making their creditors wait until the annual tax money comes in; this is businesslike, and as before remarked, not iniquitous with this Board, but has been customary before. When the taxes will have been collected the City will easily pay off this temporary loan and be in as good financial position as ever.

As for the statement that it requires One Thousand Dollars to give the Park even a healthful drainage this is grossly exaggerated and is so wide from the mark that it becomes ridiculous.

It was the calculation of the Park Committee that inside of \$100 the Park can be thoroughly drained for all practical purposes. Since then two-thirds of that work has been done and up to now not over twenty-five dollars has been expended. This of course would not include brick or underground drainage, such as are found in highly ornamented City Parks when finished. Nor was it intended that \$500 should be sufficient to complete and ornament the Park in all its appointments. This sum is, however, as much as the Board of Aldermen cared to appropriate this year, and considered that this sum, properly expended, would make a very creditable showing. The appropriation is no greater than the city can spare and at the same time carry on other necessary improvements.

Furthermore, it is well to remember that when the city accepted this land for park purposes they did so in good faith and with the intention to improve it and make it a pleasure resort for our citizens as early as it could be done practically; it was so accepted by a former Board over two years ago, and this Board is merely carrying out these pledges.
In my opinion, as also in that of the majority of our citizens, as far as I can learn, this Board of Aldermen deserve credit for commencing a work so much needed, one that will give our citizens healthful exercise and recreation and tend to add greatly to the attraction of our already pretty city.

CITIZEN.

Legislation by the Fifty-Second Congress Affecting the South.
Manufacturers' Record.
The first and long session of the Fifty-Second Congress, just closing as we go to press, has been fairly fruitful of legislation bearing on Southern interests, directly and indirectly. Owing to the fact that the Senate and House of Repre-

sentatives are at present controlled by different political parties, no partisan legislation, with the exception of a budget of separate tariff bills, was attempted, and none has been placed upon the statute books. Both branches of the National legislature, therefore, were compelled under the circumstances to content themselves with the passage of the regular appropriation bills for the support of the government and only such other legislation as seemed to be demanded by the public interest.

The most important feature of the federal appropriations, which amount to \$500,000,000, as against \$393,456,248 for the corresponding first session of the Fifty-First Congress, were the grants for the payment of pensions. The amount granted at this session for the fiscal year that began on July 1st was \$145,737,450, and in addition to this sum, \$7,674,332 was given on June 7th to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for pensions for the last fiscal year, ending June 30th, thus making \$153,411,782 devoted to this object alone.

Touching appropriations, the ports and waterways of the South have been well cared for in the river and harbor bill, which was passed in the House under the leadership of Hon. Newton C. Blanchard, of Louisiana, chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors, and in the Senate under the leadership of Hon. William P. Frye, of Maine, chairman of the committee on commerce. It directly appropriates \$21,153,618, and authorizes contracts in addition to be entered into involving \$31,760,521, or a total of \$52,914,139 carried by the bill, as against \$36,468,074 appropriated by the river and harbor act passed at the first session of the last Congress, the largest hitherto known. Of this sum North Carolina received the following:

Inland waterway, between Beaufort harbor and New river, \$10,000.
Lockwoods Folly river, \$3,000.
North East (Cape Fear) river, \$5,000.
Ocracoke inlet, \$15,000.
Pasquotank river, \$3,000.
Cape Fear river, above Wilmington, \$15,000.
Cape Fear river, at and below Wilmington, \$30,000.
Contentnea creek, \$7,000.
Neuse river, \$15,000.
New river, \$5,000.
Roanoke and Tar rivers, \$10,000.
Pamlico river, \$50,000.
Trent river, \$5,000.
Yadkin river, \$5,000.
Lumber river, \$5,000.
Fishing creek, \$15,000.
Black river, \$10,000.
Inland water route, from Norfolk harbor, Va., to Albemarle sound, N. C., \$3,000.
Beaufort harbor, \$10,000.
Examinations authorized for breakwater to protect the town of Beaufort, of Pamlico river and of Durham's estuary.

For Register of Deeds.

Mr. Editor: Not being in accord with the way campaigns have been conducted in Wayne county, I feel a delicacy in attempting to bring forward the name of any friend for office in the coming contest; however, as we need men—manly men, who never press their claims for positions of honor, trust and profit, I desire to place before the people at their next county convention, for the office of Register of Deeds for this county, the name of a man whose modesty has long kept him in the background; one who is no office-seeker and is no stranger to the people, but if nominated would give us a winning ticket—that man is Josiah S. Cox, of Grantham's township. Mr. Cox has been a faithful Democrat, a lover of the Alliance principles, and would do as much as any man to bring all factions together to the support of an honest administration.
Mr. Cox does not seek the nomination, which adds greatly to his fitness and should give him strength with the masses. We believe in the office seeking the man.
Respectfully,
"NOLENS."
Grantham's, N. C., Aug. 2, 1892.

Don't forget that the Cleveland and Carr Campaign Club meets in the court house to-night. Let everybody attend. We need to get our forces organized early in the campaign—and the campaign is now open.