

THE INDEPENDENT

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SAUNDERS CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS FROM FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Believes Revolutionary Aspect of Conditions In America Demands Injection of Vital Issues Into What Would Otherwise Be A Cut and Dried Reactionary Contest

I shall be a candidate for Congress from the First Congressional District of North Carolina, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party in 1920.

Six months ago I stated that I had no intention of seeking such a nomination and election. I have repeatedly stated that I have no political ambitions. That statement is as true to-day as it ever was. I am a candidate for your Congress, not because of any expectations of being nominated and elected, or because of any desire for the office, BUT BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT THE DUTY OF SOME ONE WHO WILL CONDUCT A CAMPAIGN ON LIVE AND VITAL ISSUES, TO ENTER THE CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN IN THIS DISTRICT.

This country finds itself today, nine months after the signing of the European armistice, in a state of political, social and economic unrest such as it has never experienced before. We are in the midst of war and revolution on every hand and the old line politicians and reactionaries at the seat of government are utterly incapable of interpreting the times and too timid to meet and face the new and strange conditions.

In the face of the crisis at hand we are to have three candidates for Congress from this district who will have nothing new and nothing to offer the people, their masters. Mr. Small has a splendid record of personal service to his constituents. He has dipped into the Pork Barrel and put a post office here, a court house there and a dredge in a creek out yonder. He has made many splendid political appointments and bound to himself in this way many of the strongest Democrats in the district. He has sent everybody some seed.

H. S. Ward, Mr. Small's fellow townsman and opponent for the nomination hasn't even so much to offer. He is a better connoisseur of Scotch, perhaps, and can quote scriptures more glibly to his purposes. He expects to be elected by those who don't like Mr. Small.

C. R. Pugh the Republican aspirant who will oppose Messrs. Small and Ward, has nothing to offer the people except abuse of the record of Mr. Small. Mr. Pugh has no record of his own and the record of his party in Congress these six months indicates that he must be as helplessly and hopelessly reactionary as the most reactionary Democrat whom he denounces.

Messrs. Small, Ward and Pugh are lawyers. The idea seems to be that this is a government of lawyers. No one but a lawyer is encouraged to run for any respectable legislative office. And that is the trouble with this country today. A Congress of lawyers can not deal frankly and intelligently with a restless and dissatisfied people, BECAUSE THE LAWYERS ARE SCHOOLED UNDER CORPORATION INFLUENCES AND, AS A RULE, CAN SEE THINGS ONLY FROM THE CORPORATION VIEWPOINT. Mr. Small, an astute corporation lawyer, has never abandoned his law practice since he entered Congress more than 20 years ago and is to-day the employe of numerous corporations who are not unmindful of the fact that he is a Congressman as well as a good lawyer. Mr. Ward, who asks you to give him Mr. Small's office, probably represents as many corporations as Mr. Small. I don't know how many corporations Mr. Pugh represents; but I do know that it will not be Mr. Pugh's disposition to turn down retainers from them.

I am not a lawyer, I do not represent any corporation; no corporation has any strings tied to me. My interests are the interests of the plain people and I believe I am more capable of interpreting their desires than any lawyer who can aspire to represent them.

At the proper time I shall announce my platform and give it

ample publicity. It is hardly worth while to set forth a platform in this announcement of my candidacy. Thru the columns of this newspaper I have already made my position clear on most subjects of political interest. I have always treated the public frankly, believing in speaking out just what I thought about things. As the Representative of Pasquotank county in the General Assembly of North Carolina I pursued that policy and kept my constituents freely informed of events at the State Capital and hundreds have told me that I was the first representative they ever had at the Capital who let them know that he was there and what he was doing. If nominated and elected to your Congress I will pursue the same method and keep my constituents informed of events at the nation's capital. That is one thing I can and will do that my opponents can't do and would not do. If nominated and elected I shall strive to courteously and obligingly perform those thousand and one details of personal service required of a member of Congress. I know that a Congressman's time is largely filled up with running errands for folks back home who know no other way to get things done in Washington.

Until I have further announcements to make I shall be glad to meet and talk with those interested in my candidacy. At the proper time I shall go before the voters of every county in the district in person and discuss those issues which I believe will be of paramount importance in the coming campaign.

W. O. SAUNDERS
Elizabeth City, N. C.
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MAKES A SURVEY FOR NEWLAND DRAINAGE

Newland township is in line for an extensive drainage project in connection with which it is planned to cut a drain canal directly across the township, thus draining many acres of valuable farming land in that community. F. O. Bartel, Drainage Engineer of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, who made a survey of the proposition this week, states that the plan is entirely feasible. He says that 60 per cent of the land to be drained is cleared, and would therefore be immediately available for farming. He gives an approximate estimate of the cost of the undertaking at \$12 to \$15 per acre. The section which it is planned to drain is in the heart of Newland township, and it will be a region of great fertility and productivity when the surface water has been drained away.

BAPTISTS TO CONFER HERE TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

Feeling the necessity of deepened spirituality before the real work of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign begins, Dr. W. R. Cullom, State Organizer for the Campaign, has arranged for a large number of "intercessional conferences" to be held at places in every section of the State. One day will be spent in each conference and the motto will be "Intercession With God and Conference With One Another."

Baptists everywhere are urged to attend at least one of these conferences, preferably the one most convenient to them.

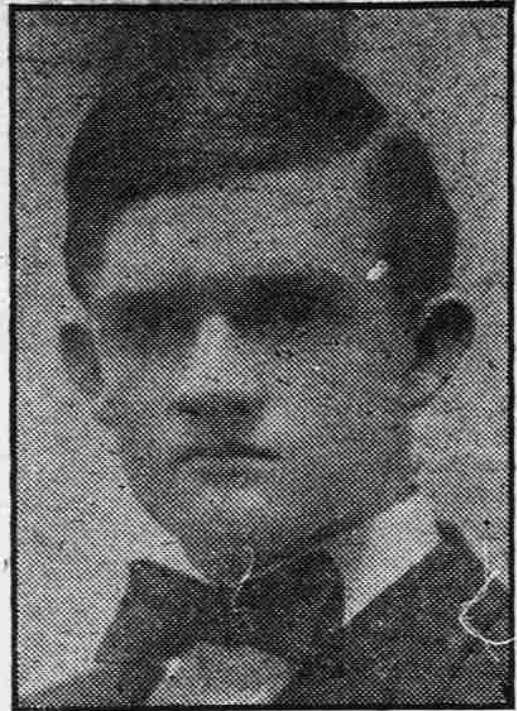
The conference for northeastern North Carolina will be held at Elizabeth City, Sept. 2, 1919.

NO EXAGGERATION

I do not make exaggerated statements about my work. Very remarkable results often follow the correction of bad vision by properly fitted glasses. It does not follow that bad eyes are responsible for all ills and that the fitting of eye glasses is a panacea for every ailment. My special claim to your patronage is based upon my long experience coupled with my unusual facilities for testing the vision, grinding the lenses and fitting the glasses on the premises. Upon investigation you will find that I can give the same service you would expect to find in a metropolitan city.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY
Optometrist
Bradford Bldg.
Phone 999

YOUR HAPPIEST DRUGGIST



GEORGE F. WRIGHT

GEORGE F. WRIGHT, the popular manager of the Standard Pharmacy, Elizabeth City Rexall Store, has entered the ranks of good and useful citizenship. Mr. Wright was married bright and early last Saturday morning. The bride is Miss Isa Parker, a daughter of Mrs. J. H. Parker, Sr., of this city. The marriage was at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. E. Moran, on West Main St. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are honeymooning in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Mr. Wright taking in the Rexall Druggists Convention at Boston at such hours as Mrs. Wright is willing.

W. T. CULPEPPER BUYS POINDEXTER ST. CORNER

Expects to Build For Culpepper Hardware Co. on Corner of Poindexter and Matthews Streets

W. T. Culpepper has purchased the property on the corner of Poindexter and Matthews streets in this city, now occupied by a huckster's stand. The property is 47 feet on Poindexter St., by 82 feet on Matthews St. and was owned by Misses Eldora and Elizabeth Sampson. Mr. Culpepper paid the Misses Sampson \$8,000 for the property. It is Mr. Culpepper's intention to build a store for the Culpepper Hardware Co. The property is one of the best retail business sites in the city.

MRS. H. W. HEATH DIED SUDDENLY WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Horatio W. Heath died suddenly at her home on Pennsylvania Ave. in this city Wednesday evening, about 5:30 o'clock. At 5 o'clock Mrs. Heath was alive and showed no symptoms of unusual illness. She took a dose of salts and laid down on a couch to rest. Half hour later the cook came in the room to ask her a question and found her still in death. Mrs. Heath was about 73 years old.

Paralysis is thought to have been the cause of her death. She was stricken about three years ago and had never fully recovered from the stroke. Mrs. Heath is survived by her aged husband and by two daughters, Mrs. R. E. Lewis and Mrs. Wm. Boettcher. Her daughters have been spending the summer at Swannanoa, in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Mrs. Boettcher was on her way home when her mother died and arrived here yesterday morning. Mrs. Lewis will arrive to-day. Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed when this newspaper went to press.

URGES PEOPLE TO BOIL THEIR WATER

City Health Officer Says This Precaution is Necessary in Fight Against Typhoid

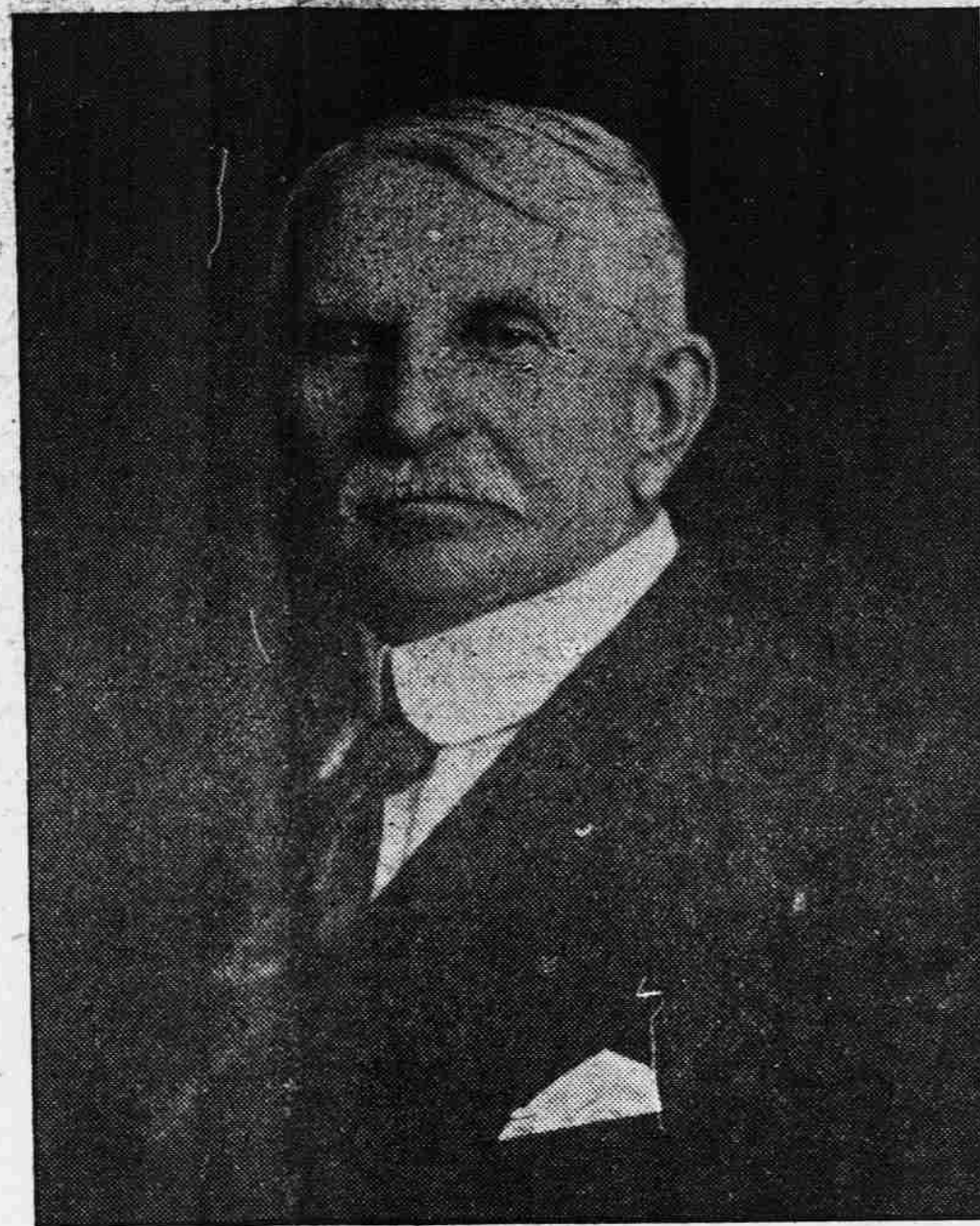
The City and County Health Officers of Pasquotank are urging the importance of boiling all drinking water, getting rid of the flies, cleaning up in general, and typhoid vaccination in an effort to check the spread of typhoid in this section. While the Health Officers give out the encouraging news that there have been no new cases of typhoid fever during the past week, the danger of a general outbreak of the fever can only be avoided by the co-operation of every individual householder in observing necessary measures of sanitation, and in employing every possible precaution against typhoid infection.

In a short time the Health department announces, there will be given a series of free typhoid inoculations, at designated places, and the State Board of Health is insistent that everyone who has not already taken the treatment should avail themselves of this opportunity to gain immunity from the most dreaded of summer pestilences.

A PLAY AT MOYOCK

Young people from Moyock, N. C. and Northwest, Va. will give a play entitled "Civil Service" at the High School Building in Moyock, Tuesday evening, August 26. The entertainment is for the benefit of the Centenary Fund pledged by the Wesley Bible Class. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

70 And Still Going Ahead



CHAS. H. ROBINSON

Ask any one to name the ten leading citizens of Elizabeth City and chances are he will begin with Chas. H. Robinson. The name of Chas. H. Robinson is so inseparably linked with nearly every phase of the commercial, industrial and financial development of Elizabeth City that one cannot think of Elizabeth City without thinking of Chas. H. Robinson. With true Yankee foresight, thrift and industry he has blazed well and made money for himself in the bargain. He was born in Jefferson County, New York in 1849. In 1868 he came to Elizabeth City as secretary and accountant for the Land & Lumber Co.

The Land & Lumber Co. failed in 1883 and Chas. H. Robinson, then 25 years old, went broke with it. The Salvation Army motto, "A man may be down but he is never out" had not been placarded on the billboards of Elizabeth City at that time. But young C. H. Robinson needed no such inspiration. He went quietly to work to reconstruct his small fortune and in 1878 he embarked in the mercantile business in this city. That was long before THE INDEPENDENT'S day but this newspaper opines that he must have been a live wire in merchandising.

While in the mercantile business Mr. Robinson learned the fundamentals of banking, thru handling collections in this city and vicinity for Norfolk bankers. Elizabeth City then had no bank. In 1891 he organized the First National Bank, of Elizabeth City, with \$50,000 capital stock. This bank, recently consolidated with the Citizens Bank and now known as the First & Citizens National Bank, to-day has more than \$3,000,000 resources and its latest statement shows deposits in excess of \$2,000,000.

Chas. H. Robinson is president of the First & Citizens National Bank; president of the Elizabeth City Cotton Mills; president of the Elizabeth City Mosiery Mills; personally owns several of the best business blocks in Elizabeth City; is active in the affairs of the wholesale dry goods firm of C. H. Robinson Co. and the Camden Ferry Co., owns several fine farm properties and expects to keep on doing things.

E. CITY SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 15TH

Four Additional Teachers And More Rooms Added For New Term

A free business course in which bookkeeping, typewriting and shorthand will be taught, and a domestic science department are among the worth while additions to the curriculum of the Elizabeth City High School for the coming session, which will begin Sept. 15. The business course will be open to pupils who have finished the first two years of high school and the work be under the supervision of Mrs. Byrd Barrett, a business teacher of recognized ability. In connection with the domestic science course, which will be conducted by Miss Teresa Drew. Prof. Sheep hopes to form a class of young matrons to receive instruction in cooking, provided sufficient time may be allowed for this work.

Efficient Corps of Teachers

By long and diligent search Prof. S. L. Sheep, superintendent of the City Schools, believes he has secured unusually able and efficient teaching faculty for the approaching session. All of the high school teachers have had previous teaching experience and bear the highest recommendations from their former superintendents. Prof. A. B. Combs has been re-elected principal of the High School, a post which he has filled with a high degree of capability during the past year. The other teachers in the High School will be Miss Catherine S. Albertson, who has long been recognized as one of the finest teachers in North Carolina; Miss Lucille Pass, Miss Minna Pickard, Miss Sallie Mae Arnold, a graduate of Bessie Tilt College; Miss Donie Counts who holds a degree from Winthrop Normal College; Ralph W. Holmes, graduate of the University of North Carolina and a Phi Beta Kappa man; M. F. Keister, honor graduate of Millsaps College, in Mississippi; Miss Teresa Drew and Mrs. Byrd Barrett, of the Domestic Science and Business departments respectively.

In the Grammar School

Miss Hattie Harney will again be principal of the Grammar School. The teachers in this department of the Graded Schools will be as follows: Seventh Grade: Misses Hattie Harney, Martha Elliott and Frances Purvis.

Sixth Grade: Mrs. Elizabeth Pool, Misses Julia Derflinger and Linda DeLon.

Fifth Grade: Mrs. H. C. Pearson, Misses Osie Kiser, and Marie LeRoy.

Fourth Grade: Misses Annie Canada, Nettie White, Kathleen Edgerton, and Alice Brockwell.

Primary School Teachers

Mrs. Minnie Brooks has been reappointed principal of that wigglesome aggregation of kiddies termed the Primary School. The teachers in the Primary School will be:

First Grade: Misses Shelton Zoeller, Susie Stevens, Katherine Hinton, Janet Matthews and Mary Bradley.

Second Grade: Misses Emma Willis, Florence Bell, Margaret Harris and Mrs. Etta Etheridge.

Third Grade: Mrs. L. E. Skinner, Misses Leila Marshall, Alice Blanchard and Willie Jackson.

Four additional teachers have been employed this year, raising the total of the Graded faculty to 48, of whom 8 teachers are in the High School. Prof. Sheep states that he is experiencing great difficulty in finding boarding places for 10 or 12 teachers coming from other places, and he suggests that if the people want to have the right kind of school they must provide board at reasonable rates for these teachers.

Improvements Under Way

Around \$2,500 is being spent this summer on improvements to the school plant, which have been made necessary by the steadily increasing school population. Two additional rooms are being formed in what was formerly the basement of the High School building, at the south end, and considerable earth has been taken away, to insure an ample amount of light and freedom from dampness. The rooms thus formed will be equipped in a thoroughly modern manner, and will be among the most desirable classrooms in the building.

At the Primary School, it has been found necessary to erect a partition dividing one of the large rooms into two. As Prof. Sheep points out, these are the last possible additions to the existing school buildings, and it will soon be necessary, on account of the rapidly growing school attendance, to build a new high school building. It is suggested that a completely modern High School be built on a lot sufficiently large to provide ample space for playgrounds and athletic field.

In the Colored Schools

The colored schools of the city will employ 10 teachers for the coming year, and J. William Drew will be principal of these schools. The other teachers employed are: Mrs. C. W. Brown, Mrs. J. T. Doles, Mrs. Katy L. Williams, Mrs. Ruth Barnes, Mrs. Maggie Overton, Misses Ida Brown, Irene M. Long, Annie E. Jones and Sarah Sewyer. These schools are also overcrowded, and additional schoolroom space must be provided in the near future.

ELIZABETH CITY FAIR FIRST NOVEMBER WEEK

Under Management of L. D. Case Directors of Fair Association Expect a Fair of Unusual Interest--Some Attractions Already Booked

HAS JNO. BOLICH KILLED HIMSELF?

Aged Man, Deserted by Pretty Young Wife, Mysteriously Disappears

One of the most mysterious cases of disappearance in the police annals of Elizabeth City occurred last Tuesday, when John Bolich, cotton mill employe, left home at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to go fishing and has neither been seen nor heard of since. Bolich's wife left him about two weeks ago, and since her leaving he, has been very despondent having several times threatened suicide, and the fact that he was wearing his every day clothes, and carried very little money with him when he went away, is the basis for a widely current belief that he has taken his own life.

When last seen, Bolich, who lives across the railroad on Parsonage street, was going into the country in the direction of the Weymouth farm. A thorough search of that neighborhood by the police Wednesday afternoon failed to reveal any trace of the man, and every effort to locate him has met with utter failure. Bolich is described as a red complexioned man, 40 or 45 years old, about 6 feet tall, clean shaven, and weighing around 225 pounds, and a trifle gray around the temples. He wore a light gray shirt, a pair of light-colored trousers, and a black felt hat at the time of his disappearance.

Upon leaving his home Tuesday, Bolich told his eldest daughter, an attractive girl of 18, that he was going fishing and would be back in time for supper. When night came and he did not return, his three daughters became alarmed, and went over to a neighbor's house to see if they could be notified of his disappearance Wednesday morning.

Bolich came to Elizabeth City from Gastonia, N. C. about five months ago, and obtained employment at the Elizabeth City Cotton Mill. He is described as being sober, honest and industrious, and has never left his family without making necessary arrangements for someone to stay with them while he was away. His wife, who is 24 years old, is the stepmother of his three young daughters, and she was concerned in the recent trial of Police Officer Grandison Phelps, who was charged with her abduction, but was acquitted in police court Monday, the evidence not being strong enough to make a case against him.

It is stated that Bolich was much worried by the trial, in which his wife's character was questioned, and this, added to his despondency over her leaving him two weeks ago, further bears out the suicide theory. His daughter, Dora, says that her father had a pistol, which he was thinking of selling last week, but it is not known whether or not he disposed of it. A thorough search of the premises by the police failed to reveal the weapon. The girl further states that Bolich has threatened three times to end his life, and upon occasion she broke a bottle of carbolic acid fearing that he would poison himself with it. There is also a suggestion that Bolich may have met with foul play but there is nothing to support such a belief.

The three children of Bolich are Dora, aged 18, Ivar, aged 15, and Daisy, aged 11. If Bolich does not return safe and sound, they plan to return to Gastonia and make their home with members of his family there. For the present they are staying at the home of L. T. Allen, a neighbor who lives nearby. The local police are making every effort to locate Bolich, but thus far they have been unable to find even a clue as to his whereabouts.

SPEAKERS FOR INSTITUTE

Instructive and interesting features of the County Teachers Institute to be held at Elizabeth City for two weeks beginning August 25, will be the address of Miss Jennie Burkes, associate director of the American Red Cross, on Friday, August 29, and the Better Babies and Home Economics lecture of Miss Kate Brew Vaughn, of the State Bureau of Child Hygiene, during the same week. Mrs. Vaughn is a recognized authority on these subjects, and the ladies of Eliz. City and Pasquotank county should avail themselves of this opportunity to hear her.

Supt. H. B. Smith of the New Bern city school, and Miss Hattie Parrott, of the State Board of Examiners and Institute Conductors, will have charge of the institute.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 4, 5, 6 and 7 are the dates for Elizabeth City's 1919 District Fair set by the directors of the Albemarle Agricultural Association Tuesday night.

The Elizabeth City fair follows the Edenton Fair which will be held Oct. 27, 28, 29 and 30; and the State Fair which will be held Oct. 14, 15, 16 and 17.

The Fair Association finds itself getting down to work at a late date on its fair for this year, owing to difficulties encountered in securing a secretary. The Chamber of Commerce finally solved the problem by lending the Fair Association its own secretary, Lorenzo D. Case. Case is going to run this fair and if given a free hand he will make a success of it. Case knows fairs and what they ought to be. He also knows crowds and what crowds like.

Mr. Case hasn't got far enough with his plans yet to tell us what features to expect of this year's fair, but even at this early date he has closed for several attractions. Sibleys Shows will furnish the midway attractions and promise to bring several new shows with them. Among the free open air attractions will be something brand new to this section, daylight fireworks.

The directors of the Fair Association went in a hole last year on account of the Influenza pandemic and this has had the effect of making them over cautious in the matter of expenses this year. They have provided for two big days horse races, whereas some think they should have made all four days big racing days.

The premium list is now in the hands of THE INDEPENDENT printers. Advertisers desiring space in this premium list should make application at once to Secretary Case or to W. O. Saunders. The premium list will be ready for distribution in about ten days.

COST OF CITY LIGHTS REDUCED BY ONE HALF

Elizabeth City Light and Power Co. Reduces Rates When Pressed by New City Manager

Elizabeth City will be lighted for the next three years by the local Electric Light and Power Co. on a contract by the terms of which light will be supplied to the city at less than half the present rates. Under the old contract which expired over two years ago, but upon the basis of which the Light Company has continued to furnish light and power up to the present, a charge of \$16.00 2-3 per 30 candlepower lamp per year was made, while by the terms of the new contract 60 candlepower will be supplied for \$16.00.

Bids were also entered by the Welsbach Street Lighting company of Philadelphia, a gaslight concern allied with the local Gas company. They demanded the exclusive right to light the city for a five-year period, with not less than 300 lamps, the latter to be delivered to the city and erected at the city's expense. Their price was \$35 per 60 candlepower lamp, more than double the new rate of the Light company, and their bids were rejected.

The remarkable difference in the cost of lights under the new contract, compared with the cost of lights under contracts with the old Mack Sawyer administration, indicates something rotten this side of Denmark.

If you are not getting THE INDEPENDENT, fill in this blank, pin your check or money order for \$1.50 to it and try it for a year. It will make you think and men and women who don't think in these trying times are in a fair way to get crowded off the earth.

THE INDEPENDENT, Elizabeth City, N. C. Enclosed find \$1.50 for which send THE INDEPENDENT for one year to the undersigned

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