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YESTERDAY TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

By "W. O."

a Lesson From Mexico

...s take a lesson from the ...ween State and Church in ...

...the beginning let it be said ...s hard for the average news...reader in the United States ...a real understanding of what ...pened. The newspapers are ...ed by their fear of 20 mil...holics in America. If one ...to the Catholics one is per... that President Calles has ... and insidiously closed ...Catholic church in Mexico and ...ed any exercise of the Cath...h in that country.

...his is not true declares ...Calles. What he has ...done has been to enforce ...long standing in Mexico to ...the grip of the Catholic ...ed from the government and ...priests from meddling in ...He insists that Catholics ...prohibited from worship...their own way and in their ...ches, but that they are pro...from publicly inciting the ...to ignore the political insti...of the country or to disobey ...especially the laws relat...public education.

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...ever and whenever any reli...e becomes rich in wordly ...and powerful in numbers, its ...invariably become drunk ...knowledge of their power ...themselves up as above and ...to the government. They ...to walk and talk with God ...their power and their ...from deity. The State ...a puny, insignificant man ...that should receive only ...salary consideration of the ...

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...has been the domi...of Mexico for 400 ...ing with the invasion ...who carried the first ...cross and first Bible into ...

...Mexico in the name of ...years ago Cortez was wel...the simple and friendly ...They laid the best fruits ...orchards and vineyards ...choicest cereals of their ...the feet of the armies of ...literally strewed the ...soldiers with flowers. ...taking advantage of ...friendliness of the na...them off their guard, ...ruthlessly," sacked ...and implanted the ...Christ upon the walls of ...

...day down to the ...Catholicism has usurp...possible authority in ...Mexico obtained its ...from Spain in 1921 the ...church controlled one ...of all the property and ...Mexico.

...this wealth was acquired ...hovering over the death ...capitalists and threat...with eternal damnation ...not turn over all of their ...to the church; promising ...mission of all their sins ...place in Paradise if they ...their wealth to the ...

...Hubert Bancroft, the his...made a study of the attitude ...church in Mexico and of the ...for the adverse actions of ...radicals under Juarez and ...and epitomizes the entire ...in a few brief sentences, ...to the N. Y. Times.

"Very systematically op...Government: were hostile ...education, to freedom ...and to free expression ...they objected strenu...equality before the law; ...against civil marriages ...; opposed foreign ...and tolerance of any other ...unless it was wholly un...and control; many of ...Mexico has had with ...were partly originat...encouraged by the clergy, ...aided and sup...the law and Government, ...allowed all subjection ...to them, such as ...to recognize ...They had ...which ...accomplish their ...themselves ...elements of ...

...Mexico to-...United ...Both Protestants ...are battling for the ...in America to-day, ...what success the ...was warning it-...assessment of gov-...Protestants have ...from year ...League ...other Pro-...

...ly entering politics and attempting to run the government. One hope for America is for the two conflicting religious forces to continue to fight each other; if they should ever unite in the name of their common Lord under an agreement to divide the spoils, the United States would find itself in a worse plight than Mexico to-day and America too would have to raise up a President Calles to save itself.

We examine the eye's and furnish glasses the same day. See Drs. Hathaway, Hinton Bldg. 227.

DR. JOHN SALIBA EASY MARK FOR 3 CARD SHARPS

Parted From $260.00 In Cash And Doped Into Signing Draft for $410.00

Dr. John Saliba of Elizabeth City has traveled over more than half the civilized world, and is familiar with the language and customs of many countries and thinks he is thoroly cosmopolitan and worldly wise; but he was no match for a trio of card sharps on an Old Dominion Steamship liner from Norfolk to New York.

Three friendly young fellows took $260 in cash off Dr. Saliba on one of those steamers one night last week and then got his signature on a draft for $410.00 on his account at the First & Citizens National Bank in Elizabeth City. Luckily Dr. Saliba came to his senses in time to wire the bank to stop payment on the draft.

It was a hot night on the steamer and Dr. Saliba, traveling alone, looked hot and lonesome sitting on the deck all by himself. He was wishing there were a lot of good fellows along to make the trip lively and interesting. The "good fellows" were right there and they had him spotted.

They picked a conversation with him, got him into an innocent game of bridge, then had a few drinks, changed to poker and the doctor doesn't know what happened after that. Next morning he discovered that he was short $260, all the money he had on his person the night before and he had a hazy recollection of having signed something. What he signed was a draft for $410.00 which the sharpers deposited for collection the very next day. But he stopped payment on the dratt and is out only $260 in cash.

He says the next time he goes to New York he'll steer clear of Old Dominion steamers and take a guardian with him.

CONNOR PREDICTS A GREAT STATE PICNIC

But Wilson County Man Had One Opinion Changed in Currituck

Inspired by the crowd of 1,500 to 2,000 people gathered on the picnic grounds at Point Harbor in Currituck County last Saturday on the occasion of Point Harbor's annual Pleasure Day Picnic, Representative H. G. Connor, Jr., of Wilson, N. C. rose to prophesy that the day was not far distant when North Carolina would hold a State picnic, three millions North Carolinaians from the mountains to the sea, gathering some place for a day of mixing together and jollification.

"North Carolina's good roads program makes this possible," declared Mr. Connor. "It will be possible for all North Carolinians to get together some place in the State and no man have to take off more than 48 hours to make the trip both ways and enjoy a day of picnicing."

It was Mr. Connor's first visit to Currituck and he said he was surprised and delighted to see that that county contained so many handsome men. "My acquaintance with men folk in Currituck has been confined largely to Ed. Johnson and Major Woodhouse," said the speaker. "And I had formed my estimate of the male pulchritude of Currituck from these two gentlemen. I see now that they are not representative of the masculine beauty of this wonderful county."

RAINS HELP MANY CROPS

Heavy local showers over considerable areas in Pasquotank and nearby counties helped the agricultural situation this week. Potato growers in Currituck County were facing a possibility of severe losses because of a long, dry, hot spell. The early sweet potato crop in Currituck is several weeks late and the yield badly curtailed by reason of adverse weather.

The Bride of A Norfolk Man

MRS. WILLIAM HUGH MOORE

BEFORE her marriage recently she was Miss Nell Robbins Wood, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. A. Wood of this city. She is one of Elizabeth City's most attractive and popular daughters. Henceforth she will make her home in Norfolk.

NO GRAFT AT EDENTON BUT OFFICIAL FUN

Certain Prominent Citizens Sustain a Heavy Loss When Their Liquor is Stolen

"We don't have any graft or attempts at bribery among our city officials; the city wouldn't stand for that, and none of our officers would stoop that low," declared a prominent Edenton citizen this week, "but we did have something to happen here a few days ago that was about as sensational as your turn-up over in Elizabeth City."

"It seems," he continued, "that some of our big officials were preparing to stage a little party, and hired a boat Captain to make a trip to East Lake, and bring back about 55 gallons of liquor, a jug for each man. Some of our policemen and Aldermen figured in on this deal, and so we have just learned why nothing has been done toward putting down the liquor traffic hereabouts.

"Well, the boat captain, had a key to his employer's fish house, and getting back late that night, unbeknown to the owner of the building, he ties up at the wharf and unloads his liquor in the building. But it happened that some sports about town were having some fun down on the waterfront, and seeing something unusual that late at night going on, made a little investigation for themselves.

"The long and the short of it was that while the Captain was gone up town to collect his check for the 55 gallons at $15 per jug, these fellows down on the waterfront, got into the building and got the stuff out of the way. When the Aldermen and policeman went down after their liquor, it was gone, and the Alderman who had given his check, for the goods, ordered the bank to stop payment on his check.

"While the Captain was having a helluva time trying to collect the check on which payment had been stopped, the Aldermen were laying down the law to the policeman. "You've got to go after this bird, and you've got to catch him," said the Aldermen, "or we'll get your job." The policeman was in a fix and lost two days of good time trying to get onto the bird who, stole the liquor.

"The Captain of the boat found that he couldn't collect his check, and he started more trouble. It wasn't long before he had spilled the beans all over town, and inside of 24 hours, all the drug stores were full of folks talking about the episode. And it wasn't long either before the man who gave the check, went down and settled up with the Captain, and got back the little scrap of paper that the boatman had been showing around town. But the Alderman is $165 dollars out of pocket, and some fellow has enough wet goods to last him all summer. No, our Aldermen wont take graft, but they are sporty fellows who like to enjoy themselves, even if they have a little hard luck while they are at it."

WHEN YE MAYOR ASKED THE CHIEF FOR THE LIQUOR

Chief of Police Holmes Corroborates Mayor McCabe's Version in The Main

Reports that have kept Main Street gossip busy for the past week, to the effect that Mayor Aubrey McCabe had demanded of Chief of Police Holmes five gallons of contraband liquor under threat of dismissing the Chief if he didn't give him the liquor, are not heartily confirmed by the Chief of Police himself.

"I believe I did ask the Chief if he couldn't let me have five gallons out of a lot of 55 gallons confiscated by the police some time ago," says Mayor McCabe. "But I was only joking and I didn't expect to get any of the liquor and I certainly did not threaten the Chief. That yarn must have been invented by some of my enemies.

Chief of Police Holmes says: "The Mayor did say something to me about getting five gallons of liquor. It was on the morning after we had captured 55 gallons in the Twiford and Bateman case. I was on my way to Melick's to get some sealing wax to seal the jugs with and passed the Mayor on Main St. in front of McCabe & Grice. I told him that I had 55 gallons of liquor in my office and I was going to put it under seal. He asked me if I couldn't hold out five gallons for him? I told him there wasn't a chance. If he made any threats I never heard them."

Chief of Police Holmes says it is nothing unusual for the best citizens of the town to see him with contraband liquor, give him a sly nudge and a knowing wink and ask him if they cant get some of it. He says he always takes these requests good naturedly. "I never pass by the side door of the First & Citizens National Bank with a jug of seized liquor that some one in the bank doesn't yell at me or whisper to me, asking me if I won't turn it over to them," says the Chief. "It is just a way of joking that folks have."

The talk about Mayor McCabe seems to have originated with Trial Judge P. G. Sawyer. It has also been given currency by Dr. A. L. Pendleton, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission. Neither Judge Sawyer nor Dr. Pendleton are friendly toward young McCabe.

The story involving Mayor McCabe has brought a lot of criticism upon the young man's head, it being the opinion of good citizens generally that the executive head of the city should find some other way of joking with the police department.

MURDERER DIED BY OWN HAND

Waterfield's Body Found in Skiff, Where He Shot Himself Weeks Ago

The law's hunt for George S. Waterfield ended this week, when the body of the man who cruelly murdered 17-year-old Bertha Ansell three weeks ago, was found in a Cove off Furby's island, eight miles from Currituck Courthouse.

The body was badly decomposed, and the top of Waterfield's head was blown off. His gun and an empty shell lay in the boat. A coroner's jury decided that Waterfield died by his own hand. He evidently had killed himself the night he escaped after killing Miss Ansell, and wounding her companion, William Tatem. For Waterfield soon realized the rashness of his act, the futility of escape, and believing all that was near and dear to him was lost, decided to end it all. The body was discovered Tuesday morning by Joe Litchfield, a fisherman.

Before making his escape from Knotts Island, he left his watch, to be given his two-year-old son when he reached manhood, and 90 cents, all he had in the world, with his aged mother.

The shooting of Miss Ansell is said to have followed a quarrel between Waterfield and his wife, in which he accused his wife of accepting attentions from Charles Ansell, father of the girl. The quarrel ran to a fury, with curses and blows being passed, and just at the end of this argument, Miss Ansell and her suitor William Tatem came by. Tatem started an argument with Waterfield, alleging that he had been talking about Miss Ansell, and the outcome was, Waterfield, who was then believed to have just started out gunning for Ansell, raised his gun, and shot the girl dead, and wounded Tatem.

The fears of Charles Ansell, that Waterfield would return and kill him are at an end. But he has lost a daughter and Mrs. Waterfield a husband. Whether the two will try to share their losses together is now a matter of speculation among the neighbors.

FAIR DATES SET FOR OCTOBER 5 TO 9, 1926

October 5 to 9 has been designated as the time for the five-day agricultural fair here this fall, and plans are now going ahead, for a better entertainment than was first in prospect. The same midway concessions will be present this year. Two new attractions, one a pony race for boys, the other an automobile race, will be added, with substantial purses.

The free attractions this year are declared to be more elaborate than usual, including a balloon ascension, a parachute drop, fireworks, tightrope and other gymnastic acts.

The BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER

SMALL TOWN STUFF

"Edenton must be a wild old town, according to all reports," observed the Soda Jerker to the Bank Clerk the other morning.

"What's the latest from Edenton?" queried the Bank Clerk.

"Why they tell me that a certain prominent professional man in that town has been running around with another man's wife and getting away with it in fine shape until he got her in a briar patch the other night and the poor girl got hooked in the briars. He had to strike about a dozen matches to get her extricated and the light of the matches gave both of them dead away and everybody in Edenton is talking about it."

"Well, Edenton hasn't got a thing on Elizabeth City," said the Bank Clerk sourly. "How about that couple who ran out of gas on the Weeksville road not so long ago? Here was a prominent married woman who sets herself up as a great church worker, choir singer and all the rest of it. She takes another woman's husband out for an evening and gets caught out at midnight with a stalled engine.

"She hails a passing car and asks them to send her help. Instead of that fool man with her keeping out of sight, he didn't do a thing but hop on the car coming to town so that he could get home before his wife got the police looking for him. His fool break gave the whole thing away and now the town is talking about that.

"There is too much of that sort of thing going on in every little town. Now, I want you to understand me; I don't set myself up as a Holy Moses; I'm no Puritan and I'd be one of the last persons in the world to condemn a heart hungry man or woman, married or single, for falling in love unwisely; but when people, who set themselves up as shining marks of righteousness in the community, conduct themselves like a lot of prostitutes and are so bold and shameless in their conduct as to attract public athtention to their doings and set a rotten example for all the younger folk in the town, then I haven't a damn bit of patience with them."

"Me too!" said the Soda Jerker. "But I think I'm going to church next Sunday; I haven't been to church in a long time, but I shall drop in Sunday morning and see how well the lady sings after she has seen her picture in the paper."

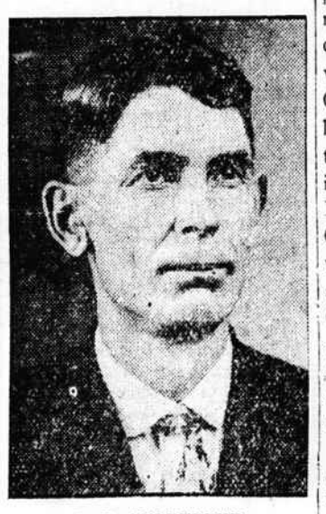
Because you can see well, it's no reason your headaches are not caused by your eyes. See Drs. Hathaway, Hinton Bldg. 227.

Ferebee Says He Will Bring Suits Against the Culpeppers and Jones

City Manager Asserts That He Has Been Grossly Slandered and Thinks Suits Instituted By Him Will Bring Out The Real Facts About Grafting on City Contracts and Purchases

The Principals in Latest Scandal

M. W. FEREBEE



L. B. CULPEPPER

HERE are two of the principals in Elizabeth City's latest municipal scandal. Left, City Manager M. W. Ferebee who charges that several Elizabeth City firms and individuals seek unlawful secret commissions on city contracts in return for their influence with him and their control of the votes of certain members of the Board of Aldermen. Right, L. B. Culpepper, secretary and treasurer of the W. L. Jones Construction Co. who is specifically named by Mr. Ferebee and who emphatically denies Ferebee's charges. A sensational show down may be expected.

The charges of graft in which prominent Elizabeth City business men and members of the city administration are named will be aired in the courts. City Manager Miles W. Ferebee says that he will himself take the initiative by instituting suits for slander against W. L. Jones, president and L. B. Culpepper, secretary and treasurer of the W. L. Jones Construction Co., and possibly George Culpepper, dealer in automobiles, road machinery and almost everything else that street paving and road contractors use.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen Monday night the City Manager called for an investigation of every purchase made by his office during his administration. A citizens committee composed of C. E. Thompson, L. R. Foreman and J. B. Flora was appointed upon motion of Alderman Jerry Hughes. But the City Manager has no idea that this committee without judicial powers can proceed far enough to suit him.

"I shall not be satisfied says Mr. Ferebee until the malicious business of hampering the city administration and grafting upon its contracts is broken up and I believe I owe it to myself and to the city to enter suits against every man against whom I have concrete evidence.

"In their despicable business of loading up contracts with commissions for themselves certain men, notbaly L. B. Culpepper and W. L. Jones, have represented to various concerns doing business with the town that they controlled me and certain members of the Board of Aldermen and that in order to do business with the town I had to be paid. To protect themselves these men have represented that I must not be approached personally, but could be handled only through them and the bidders for city business were cautioned not to discuss with me the amount that they said I was to get.

"Their methods are obvious. Pretending to get money with which to bribe me, they have sought only to get money to put in their own pockets. They have put me and put the city in a false light with numerous contractors and supply houses doing business with the city and have damned my reputation by representing me as a common grafter.

"They have created the impression everywhere that no one can do business in Elizabeth City without paying graft and the city has been constantly hampered by contractors and others padding their prices to pay secret profits to local individuals who render the city no service at all and whose only claim to a rake-off is their false representation that they have to split their profits with me.

"I have suffered under the ignominy of these false representations for months and I shall go to the courts for redress."

Thus speaks the City Manager in an exclusive interview given this newspaper this week. Mr. Ferebee insists that he has documentary evidence upon which to proceed and says he believes that numerous contractors who have done business with the city will substantiate his charges when put on their oaths.

This then is the latest development in Elizabeth City's latest municipal scandal.

Powers of Citizens Committee are Limited

The public should not expect any great revelations to come from the investigation by the Aldermen's committee. Contractors and others who have paid money to members of the Board of Aldermen or to parties claiming to influence the Board of Aldermen, are not going to incriminate themselves by talking to a committee, if they can help it. The committee hasn't the powers of a grand jury.

Contractors and others who have been approached with demands for side profits by local individuals are not willing to talk openly because their talking would incur the hostility of every grafter in Elizabeth City and every grafter in every other town in North Carolina

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FANATICS FAST PRE'CH, PRAY AT MANNS HARBOR

Community Upset By Remarkable Evangelist, Who Refused to Eat or Accept Collections

The most remarkable religious revival of the season so far as has been reported to this newspaper comes from Manns Harbor, Dare County, where the Rev. J. G. Cox of Oriental, Pamlico County, has just closed a three weeks meeting, in which he asked neither for money, nor food, and with his companion - preacher Lewis, fasted without food or drink for several days.

Cox drifted into Manns Harbor several days ago, and announced himself a child of God, and by some unexplained trick got permission to hold forth in the public school building. Here he spread his blankets, sleeping by night, and preaching twice daily, threatening the wrath of God on the community, and telling his congregations that there was too much running around with neighbors' wives.

Along in the midst of his revival, this Cox was joined by another self appointed man of God who called himself by the name of Lewis, and declared himself a man of wonderful power, who needed no food or drink. For seven days, Lewis went without food, refusing to go to the homes of the people of the community. Neither preacher asked nor received any contributions, nor did they take up any collections during their revival, insisting that the Lord would provide.

It wasn't long before they had aroused tremendous interest in this hospitable fishing village of 275 folk, and before long the school building was crowded, including among the crowds, many of the most prominent people of the community. One night the preacher appeared on his pulpit, and served notice that the front row of men had better move, if they were afraid of lightning, because God was ready to send a thunderbolt thru the room, and dire calamities would befall the village of Manns Harbor, because the men of the Community, he said, had been running around with their neighbors' wives.

"Get away from this front row," said the preacher, "and let all who are in God take their places." Three women converts marched to the front.

"You people backside are a bunch of thieves, robbers and whoremongers," declared the preacher, "and I dare either man among you to come forward and lay your hands on your wives who are up here. You are not fit to touch them. One man walked to the front, and led his wife from the building. Another citizen carried the lights from the building, and left the fanatic preaching in the dark.

Needless to say, the Methodist church, which the fanatic predicted was to be destroyed by a thunderbolt is still standing, the preachers are gone, after their week of fasting, but some of the womenfolk of the community haven't got over their religion yet. On Sunday night, one woman awoke at eleven o'clock, declaring that the Holy Spirit was in her, and despite the efforts of her husband and neighbors, aroused the whole neighborhood and couldn't be quieted until after half an hour of more of frenzied shouting. "If he had stayed there a week longer, I believe he would have had the whole place in an uproar," declares one prominent Manns Harbor citizen. "It's a good thing he got away when he did, or somebody's home would have been busted up."

Eye strain causes wasted nerve energy. Let us look after your eyes. Drs. Hathaway, Hinton Bldg. adv.

THE DARE COUNTY HOMECOMING EDITION

Next week's edition of this newspaper will be devoted to the Dare County celebration. It will carry pictures of Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador who will be the chief speaker on August 18, and stories and pictures of everything and everybody of importance connected therewith. Special advertising from Dare County, Edenton, Hertford, and Elizabeth City will be featured in this eddition, which will be read by everybody attending the celebration.

Every live merchant in Elizabeth City will want to get his advertisement in this edition, but space must be reserved early.

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HOSPITAL TO REOPEN ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1

Training School For Nurses To Be Conducted Under New Management

The Elizabeth City Hospital under the management of Dr. John Saliba and Dr. Mora S. Bulla will reopen about Sept. 1, 1926. Mother M. Agnes and the Sisters who threw up their lease on the hospital several weeks ago have turned the hospital over to its owner, Dr. Saliba but it is planned to make numerous improvements and provide much new equipment for the hospital before it is open to receive patients again.

A training school for nurses will be conducted in connection with the hospital.

The civil action begun by Dr. Saliba to recover $6,000 which he alleges the Sisters owe him is yet to be settled. The Sisters have made no answer to his complaint but have indicated that an answer will be made, by securing a postponement of the date for filing their answer.