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THE OLD CITY.

Elizabeth City in the Early Forties.

HER MEN AND INSTITUTIONS.

From an Interview With Col. Arthur Jones, One of Our Oldest Citizens.

Col. Arthur Jones, one of the oldest citizens of Elizabeth City, gives us the following about the city in olden times, which may prove interesting to our readers.

Mr. Jones was originally from Norfolk county, Va., leaving there in '35, he went to Norfolk and learned the business of coach making. Coming to this city in '39, he engaged in his trade with James Barber, a coach maker, who was originally from Gettysburg, Pa., and one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of the early town.

Mr. Jones married and settled down in Elizabeth City and worked with James Barber nearly fifty years. A few of the principal points of the city at that time he gives us.

Some of the men who were prominent in local affairs in the forties are as follows: John B. Ehringhaus, one of the reputed lawyers and planters; Wm. B. Shepard, member of Congress, and an extensive planter; R. B. Creecy, Chas. R. Kenney, Hezekiah Lockwood and Gilbert Elliott, all prominent professional men.

When Mr. Jones came to Elizabeth City, the principal and in fact the only business street was what is now known as Road street, on the southern end. The prominent merchants doing business on this street were: I. O. Fearing, H. N. Williams & Co., Barnie Tisdell, John A. Gamble, John J. Grandy, J. A. Pool & Son, Samuel Williams, Phoenix Geoffroy, Wm. C. Bryant, Benj. Sutton, Mack Russel, and Mathie Cleff.

The banking facilities of the town were contained in the old bank building on Road street, which having long done valuable duty, now stands empty. The banking institution was a branch of the State bank and was offered as follows:

Wm. B. Shepard, President, John C. Ehringhaus, Cashier; Wm. C. Butler, Teller; and among the directors were C. M. Lavery and I. O. Fearing.

Two churches were in existence, namely, the Methodist church, founded in '35, and the Baptist meeting house, which stood on the same side that the Baptist church now occupies. Services were held in these churches as often as once in six weeks or two months. Of the former the following were leaders in the church: Geo. W. Langham, Joshua Pool, H. N. Williams, C. C. Green, Barnie Tisdell, Thomas Allen, Samuel Williams and John J. Grandy. Leading men in the latter were: Captain Butler, James Nash, Pritchard Jerdan, Melody Jones, Evan Forbes and H. Trotman. At this time the land north of the street known as Dyer, was all heavily timbered, the Baptist church stood in a large oak grove, with the heavy pine timber in the

rear. In the rear of the church was the old cemetery, which now has fallen into disuse and has a most unkempt and forgotten appearance. Messrs. Gregory, Martin, Ehringhaus and other men prominent in the building up of the early city are laid away here and all but forgotten.

To give an idea of the population of the town, which we are unable to give exactly, suffice it to say that an election of a mayor in the early forties, votes were cast to the number of thirty-seven. Fishing was of course the mainstay of the people of the locality. Mr. Jones informed us that at one time, at a point about two miles below the city, he has seen one hundred and ten thousand herrings taken at one haul. At that time the best fishing was further up the sound than is the case at present. The Croatan fishery did not exist, but was established later on by one Anderson, a northern man. About the year 1850, the first shipment of salt fish to New York in barrels, was made. Oystering was then only a local industry, all the oysters caught were for the home consumption as canning and shipping of fresh oysters were then unknown.

The mail service was at that time of course very irregular. Three mails a week were received from Norfolk, being carried by stage coach, which left Elizabeth City for Norfolk every other morning, making the trip in a day and returning the next. Messrs. Steven Charles and W. H. Thompson, contracted for the mails, and carried them for many years. The Civil war, of course, brought its ruin and devastation to this section, paralyzing trade for many years.

When the Norfolk & Southern R. R. was put through, the town took on a new lease of life. Trade and domestic commerce grew rapidly and altogether led up to the present prosperous condition of Elizabeth City.

Mr. Jones owned the property now occupied by his own home and several fine residences for the past fifty years. Before the war he had a well equipped livery on the ground, but during the war, lost his all, excepting of course, the bare land itself. When affairs became settled he rebuilt his stables, which continued in active use till only a few years ago.

Mr. Jones is now a man of nearly 85 years, and says that no person is at present living in Elizabeth City, who was here when he came in '39. After 51 years of married life, his wife was called away as were also his children, leaving him to finish life alone. He is happy however in the fact that his last years will be passed comfortably and independently as has always been his desire, resting assured that when he hears a knock at the door he can be certain that it is not the constable or a collector of unpaid rents.

Temperance Rally.

A grand temperance rally will be held this evening at the Baptist church. Eloquent speakers will be on hand and the pastor is expecting much good to come of the meeting. All who are interested in the cause as well as those who are not, are cordially invited.

For Sale

Two show cases, in good order and cheap. L. Sarge, Jeweler.

COUNTY BOARD

of Commissioners Held Meeting Monday.

"STOCK LAW" PETITION.

Signed by Nearly all the Voters of the Locality Interested.

Elizabeth City, Feb. 5th. 1902—The Board of County Commissioners met today. Present: Geo. M. Scott, chairman; T. E. Palmer, J. F. Spence, S. N. Morgan and Geo. D. Sherlock.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, it is ordered, that Willis W. Lee be relieved of poll tax for the year 1901 on account of being paralyzed.

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On motion, it is ordered, that the estate of Beverly Taylor, deceased, in Nixonton township, be relieved of poll tax for 1901.

On motion, it is ordered, that the valuation of the land of Julia Cartwright, listed by H. C. Price, agent, be reduced from \$200 to \$100 and an order be issued for relief for relief of 75c tax.

On motion, it is ordered, that W. J. Smith be relieved of poll tax for 1901, as said Smith is now a resident of Pamlico county and pays taxes there.

On motion, it is ordered, that the valuation of the timber on what is known as the "Sanderlin Farm" at Mt. Hernon Township, listed by Blades Lumber Company be reduced to \$2,500 and an order be issued for the relief of tax on \$1,500, overvaluation.

On motion, it is ordered, that Bryant Sharpe be paid \$1.00 by the county on account of infirmity.

Clerk of the Board was instructed to draw on C. W. Morgan, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans Co. for \$10, being the amount due by said Perquimans county for repairing river bridge.

On motion, it is ordered, that the pension of Luzie Duke be increased from \$1 to \$2 per month.

On motion, it is ordered, that Miles Hollowell be relieved of poll tax for 1901 on account of a broken leg.

A petition for "Stock Law" was read to the Board, signed by a majority of the qualified voters in a certain district or territory described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of C. W. Hollowell's heirs, land on the Pasquotank river on the North side of Davis Bay bridge, thence following the northern and western side of Davis Bay Road a western and southern direction to the Main road running from Newbegun Creek past the C. W. Hollowell house, thence across said Main road at right angles to the fence on southern side of Main Road, thence Eastwardly along said road to Cartwright's lane, thence southwardly alone said lane and C. W. Hollowell's heirs land its various courses to a lane known as "Jersey street" thence along the North side of

COMMISSIONERS

Of Elizabeth City Hold Meeting.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

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The market men's petition was referred to the market committee. The petition of Mrs. Johnson and Sawyer was deferred till next meeting.

Voted that the committee on the opening of Water street be authorized to have proper surveys made.

N. G. Grandy & Co's., bid to supply feed for the city stables during the month of February was received. The prices quoted are as follows:

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Total bills allowed, including benefits..... \$642.01 There being no further business the Board adjourned.

G. M. Scott, Chairman. J. C. Spence, Clerk.

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SOUTH MILLS.

The heavy rains and sleet have caused all outdoor work to be suspended for the last three days.

Mr. L. A. Perry has returned from Norfolk where he has been on business.

Dr. J. L. Lister has been appointed by Gov. Aycock, a delegate to the good roads convention that meets in Raleigh on the 12th and 13th of February.

The debating society which meets at the Academy every Friday night is well attended and growing in interest.

Two very fine organs—just the thing for beginners that were taken as part payment on the "Artistic Steiff" Piano will be sold at a very low price. Cash or installments.

THOS. H. CLARK, Care TAR HEEL Office, Elizabeth City, N. C. Markets.

Official wholesale quotations as furnished by H. T. Greenleaf Jr. Broker & Distributing Agent.

COTTON. High Middling 8 1/2c. Middling 7 1/2c. Low Middling 7c.

HAY, GRAIN, ETC. Corn Market quiet; From Store, No. 2 mixed corn. No. 2 white corn 75c. Hay From store; No. 1 timothy \$2.50 Special price on ear lots.

Oats Mixed No. 2 from store 60c. White No. 2 from store—Special price on ear lots. Feed corn hominy 1.55 Mill Feed—Bran from store per ton @ 30.00 Middlings from store per ton @ 30.00 Shorts from store per ton @ 30.00 Rice Head 51-2 No. 1 @ 33-4c Rice Bran @ 18 00 per Ton.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. Poultry Live, steady; chickens, old hens, large & fat @ 20c and 25c Eggs Weak @ 18 to 20c per doz. Butter Good Country. @ 20c lb. Country Hams Firm; Good North Carolina @ 12c per lb. Onions at 4.00 to 4.50 per bag. Potatoes New sweets, Hayman at 1.00 per bbl Yellow at 1.25 Irish 2.25 to 2.50 per bag Tomatoes None being received. Cabbages at 1.50 to 1.75 per bbl

FRUITS. Apples at 4.50 per bbl fine northern Lemons—2.50 to 3.75 per box. Coconut—10c to 15c per bag at 3.00 to 3.50 Oranges—Florida, 8.00 per box. Calif. 8.25 Budded 2.75 Bananas—75c to 1.00.

FRESH FISH AND OYSTERS. Oysters Selects 1.20 medium 1.00 studs 80 per gallon No fish to quote.

HIDES. Hides weak. Dry Flint 11, dry salt 8, dry damaged 8 to 7, green salt 5 green 5c dry calf 8c.

GROCERIES. Flour Best Patent at 4.25 to 4.50 Straight at 4.00 to 4.25 Meal Bolted Meal, 100 pounds sack at 1.50 Un-Bolted Meal, 100 pounds to sack 1.45. Cheese Extra, full cream 11 to 12c lb. Butter Extra 60 lbs to tubs at 24 to 28c. Extra 1 lb prints at 20c.

PROVISIONS. Bulk Meat Market Higher; Western heavy bellies at 97-8 to 10 Western light weight at 10 to 10 1/2 Pork Plates at 8-9 Picnic Hams at 8-9 Ham Pork New at 17-24 to 17-40 Mess Pork, New at— Ham sugar cured at 13 to 14 Shoulders S C 8-4 to 9 Lard pure in tins at 10-3-4 to 11 30 lb tins add 1-4c Sugar Granulated at 4.85 Yellow at 4.1-2

NOTICE OF SALE. On Tuesday the 25th day of Feb. 1902 at 12 o'clock m. at Court House door in Currituck County we shall offer for sale at public auction to highest bidder for cash a Methodist Parsonage situated in the County of Currituck, Crawford Township, containing four acres more or less adjoining the lands of C. B. Mathias, sr. and others. Right reserved to sell the said tract of land at private sale and also the right not to sell said tract on said day if bid not sufficient.

T. L. Jarvis T. W. Baxter Henry Welstead W. H. Waches Trustees.

Feb. 18

SWAN QUARTER.

Correspondence of the TAR HEEL. Swan Quarter, Feb. 6—

Few men outside of the county know the havoc that the disease known as the "horse epidemic," is making among the horses of Hyde county. It must be that more than four hundred animals have died within the last seven months from this dreadful and fatal disease. Professional men acquainted with the horse and his diseases have visited the county and exhausted their medical skill as to the cure of the disease even in its early stages.

Correct Time at Selig's. Mr. L. Selig, the popular jeweler, has placed in his show window, a valuable and expensive chronometer, from which the passers by on Main street can obtain the correct time. In this progressive departure Mr. Selig supplies a long felt want of the public, as there has been no standard for time in the city heretofore. The city clock in the court house is for from exact, and the public should appreciate Mr. Selig's step.