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## NEW RAIL ROAD.

Hon. T. G. Skinner In-  
terviewed.

CITIZENS DEEPLY INTERESTED.

Terminus Site Purchased--Road Can be Graded in 26 Working Days--Will Enter the City by Autumn.

From time to time we have been giving our readers full particulars of all movements ament the proposed Elizabeth City and Western R. R. In our last issue we gave assurance that the new road was a certainty. To-day we are prepared to corroborate our statements and give our readers proof positive that the proposed railroad is no air castle. At a meeting of the town commissioners Monday night proceedings were started for the laying out of a street from Poindexter street short bridge and along canal to Road street from Road street in a straight line to Pearce street, said street to be fifty foot wide and for the exclusive purpose of allowing the proposed Elizabeth City and Western to run track along canal bank to Zimmerman water front purchased by Hon. T. G. Skinner last week, as a terminus.

The distance from the Zimmerman water front to Bosley, where E. C. & W., will form a junction with S. & C., is 23 miles. The right of way for 14 miles of this route has been secured and as soon as profile made by engineers is sent to Mr. Skinner he will proceed to obtain balance of right of way. Mr. Skinner has been assured by Pres. Bosley of the Suffolk and Carolina that work will begin immediately after all right of way has been obtained.

This 23 miles will be one of the easiest tasks to grade ever known in the history of railroad building. Two miles out from this city it strikes Old Jackson road which runs a bee line for 7 miles to the old town of Canaan, when it strikes the Perry turnpike now disused. The Perry turnpike makes a bee line for 6 miles, making 13 miles of the route practically already graded. This will leave only 10 miles of the route to grade.

Mr. Skinner stated to me that over 1,000 hands had applied to him for work in the last three weeks. Further Mr. Skinner stated that he was assured that he could obtain 200 convicts from the state with which under the direction of competent engineers he can grade the road from Bosley to Elizabeth City in the record breaking time of 26 working days.

If the town commissioners will only work favorably and with a view to the people of this city may feel assured that the Elizabeth City and Western will be at their services in time for the fall fishing. The need of the road is apparent and its certainty is assured. The new road will enter our town by September 1st, 1902, providing the town fathers are not backward in laying out the street along canal bank per route given above.

Implicated Woman.  
Kinston, N. C.—It is given out

here on good authority that the man Carter in jail at Kenansville charged with being accessory to the murder of Pete Lawson, of Duplin county about a month ago has made a confession implicating Mrs. Lawson to the extent that she hired him, the prisoner, to commit the crime.

It will be recalled that Lawson was shot sitting in his room while his wife and some visitors were in an adjoining room making music. A place had been torn in the window shade to give a view of the room.

It is said that Mrs. Lawson will be arrested at once.

### Famous Triplets.

In Goshen, Wilkes county, live triplets who are now becoming famous. These brothers, named Gibbs, are 69 years old to-morrow. They are in perfect health. All weigh about the same and are very much alike. They served through the Confederate army, in Lee's army and though living in one of the strongest Republican counties in the State, never fail to vote the Democratic ticket.

"The unscrupulous advertiser must eventually disappear. The class of medical advertising which works upon the fears of men and women and keeps them from proper medical attention is dastardly. Its victims are always poor people, and it is responsible for suffering and actual death. Legitimate advertising is running a race with the law for the suppression of this species of fraud, and it is easy to see the beginning of the end.—Ex.

### CITY FATHERS MEET.

Some New Ordinances Were Passed Monday Night.

The City Fathers met at the town hall Monday night and aside from the general routine and payment of bills etc. etc. The following ordinances were passed, viz:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to place in front of their place of business, any stand, for displaying fruits, vegetables, poultry, goods, ware or merchandise, except such stands be constructed as follows, viz: Not exceeding 10 feet in length, 2 1/2 feet in width, 6 feet in height and not enclosed. Said stands to be removed from the streets every night.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined \$10.00.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, who keep a restaurant in connection with any store, to keep the same open on Sundays. Any person violating this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined \$10.00.

Request of Main street merchants that they be allowed two feet of space on the sidewalk was granted, providing that all obstacles be removed at night.

Other business of minor importance was transacted. In other columns we give the new R. R. and extension of Water street, space.

### Dashed to Death.

New York, May 8.—A safe weighing five tons with two men on top of it was being hoisted to a fifth-story window in the Queen building, 67 William street, when the ropes broke. The safe and men fell ten stories. The men landed on the pavement twenty feet away from the safe and both were killed instantly.

## A LOCUST YEAR.

17 Year Locust Due This Month.

IT PREDICTS WAR.

If It Comes With a W on its Wings it is a Sure Sign of War; Say the Superstitious. The Locust a Superfluity.

The seventeen year locust is due here this month. They last appeared in 1885 although it was reported to have been seen hereabouts in the neighborhood of 1895. At his last appearance he brought with him a capital W upon his wings. Many of a superstitious turn predicted war and when the Spanish-American war broke out they wisely nodded and said: "I told you so."

There is nothing useful or ornamental about this noisy insect and nothing good has been known of them since the days when they invaded Pharaohs Egyptian home in heaven darkening, millions. The locust has the "swell head" about as bad as that fellow who presumes that the girls are "dead gone" on him, only the locust thinks that he is the only singer "on the pike." He will hang on to the bark of a tree and make humanity miserable for hours at a time.

Then again the locust is damaging to the trees. There are certain little birds that eat 'em up but the locust is so much in the majority that such efforts count for naught. Get ready for the plague.

### Teddy to Take the Stump.

Washington, May 3.—It is rumored here that President Roosevelt has decided to make several speeches during the coming congressional campaign, and he is said to have conferred with several of the leaders in the Senate and House in regard to the treatment of certain subjects which are expected to become issues in the political canvass.

The President expects to make a somewhat extended trip through the south early next fall, and he may then appear on several public occasions in response to invitations that have already been extended to him.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

Visiting Knights Corporated Degrees Tuesday Night.

At the masonic Hall visiting Knights Templars conferred orders of the temple upon twenty one candidates Tuesday night. After all business had been transacted a delightful banquet was served in honor of visiting Sir Knights. Knights from Enfield Wilson, Raleigh, New Bern and Norfolk were present and to say that they were hospitably entertained would be putting it mildly.

As soon as practical the local knights will organize.

### A Delightful Reception.

At the suggestion of Mr. E. C. Knebel, State Sec'y of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Woodley tendered a reception to a number of young men of this city, at their residence on West Main st., Tuesday evening.

Mr. Knebel in a brief talk stated the object of the reception and at his suggestion a committee was appointed to canvass the city for memberships. Mr. C. W. Melick was appointed Chairman of this Committee. Other business of minor importance was transacted and refreshments were served by Miss Annie Woodley. Those who were present at the reception speak in highest terms of their host and hostess. It seemed that from the veritable realms of luxury came the cake and cream. Those present will never fail to praise the unequalled hospitality of Mr. Woodley and his charming wife.

### MRS. BRADFORDS DEMISE.

She Departed This Life Monday Afternoon.

Hardly an issue passes that we do not chronicle the death of one or more of our old Landmark. Again it becomes our sad duty to pen the demise of an aged christian woman. Mrs. Clara Bradford, departed this life Monday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock, at the residence of her daughter's Robert Whitehurst on Church st. Mrs. Bradford was in the 84th year of her age, relict of the late J. W. Bradford of Georgetown Ky.

Mrs. Bradford has been in a weak condition for some time. Her children have noted the nearness of the end for some months and when she passed into the sleep Monday afternoon none were surprised though all were grieved. The funeral services were held at Christ Church Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and continued at the grave. Rev. L. L. Williams performed the last sad rites attendant the interment.

The following were the pall bearers, the Messrs: Erlinghaus, J. B. Martin, E. M. and C. W. Grice and J. S. Harrison.

### Five Bullets in Body.

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Special A colored man named Harston was found a few days ago on Dan River not far from town of Madison, with five bullet holes through his body. It is said that he had been accused of reporting some illicit distilleries to the federal government, and it is thought that this may be the reason for his untimely taking off.

### Tornadoes Destroy.

Des Moines, Ia., May 7.—Three tornadoes simultaneously swept through three different counties in central Iowa resulting in serious injuries to twelve persons and over \$50,000 damage to property and growing crops.

### Struck by Lightning.

Near Fayetteville, while a heavy rain and thunder storm was raging, lightning struck and set fire to the Rankin Wood Works and Plaining Mills, destroying the business office with books and papers, finishing room, etc., but leaving whole the machinery building. The loss is estimated at \$3500, covered by insurance.

### To Our Correspondents.

We owe an apology to quite a number of our correspondents this week owing to the fact that we have not been able to publish their letters. Our space is limited and our motto is first come, first served. We appreciate the letters sent us and advise that they be mailed early that they may slight no one.

## REYBURNS GUESTS.

Distinguished Men at Durants Island.

IMPRESSED WITH "BETSY."

Mr. Reyburn Speaks Favorably of our City. A Few Things About Durant's Island. The Spot Where George Durant First Landed.

Messrs. S. H. Kauffman, Pres. of the Evening Star, of Washington, D. C.; Geo. W. Boyd, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., Pennsylvania R. R.; Jos. Morehead of Philadelphia; Ex-Congressman, Chas. Coffin, Muir Kirk, Md.; Wm. H. Hoke and Joseph Veazie, of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Jno. E. Reyburn at Durants Island. They distinguished party arrived here on the N. & S. Monday morning. They immediately repaired to the yacht Gretchen and after dinner saw the ladies, who have been Mr. Reyburns guests, safely on board the north bound train. The ladies returned home to make more room for the steamer sex.

Mr. Reyburn expressed herself as delighted with her stay in the sounds country and especially with the little Pasquotank City. Durants Island is situated just 35 miles southeast of here, in the Albemarle Sound. Mr. Reyburn purchased the property from Capt. T. M. Gard, of this city, for the insignificant sum of \$50.00. That was about 25 years ago. Today Mr. Reyburn would not sell for fifty times that amount.

Those who have just a slight knowledge of the strenuousness of city life cannot understand what Mr. Reyburn sees to admire in that dismal little island. There is nothing modern in the building which Mr. Reyburn prides as his cottage. There is no extraordinary bathing beach and altogether it is a lonesome looking spot. Yet this is just what Mr. Reyburn wants. He stated to me, Monday, that when he became tired of the city and came down to his little Island for a change, that he wanted to see everything different. "There is absolutely nothing about Durants Island that is not as consistent as possible with the surroundings. A gaily painted affair, for a cottage, would mar the whole thing. It is a historic spot and while I live I shall try to keep it looking as natural as it did the day when George Durant and his little colony set foot upon its shores."

Mr. Reyburn and his party will spend a couple of weeks fishing and bathing in the sound. The trim little "Gretchen" can be seen in the harbor nearly every day as she plys to and from the Island for mail and fresh provisions.

### W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The first meeting of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was held in the M. E. Sunday School room, April 22, 1902.

Mrs. Bradford, President, in the chair, opened the meeting by reading of scripture and an earnest prayer. After which the following officers were elected.

Mrs. C. C. Parker Recording Secretary, Miss Ada Melick Corresponding Secretary, Miss Nellie Smith, 1st. Vice President, Miss Mattie Bland, 2nd, Vice-President, Miss Margaret Hinton, 3rd, Vice-President, Miss Emeth Tuttle, Treasurer, Miss Mae Wilson, Superintendent of Flower Mission Department.

The officers with Miss Mae Wilson and Miss Gay Woodson constitute the executive committee: Miss Ada Melick, Mrs. Roscoe Turner and Miss Sadie Fearing compose the musical committee.

"The Elizabeth Gordon Y's" was chosen as a name for the Society. There were 32 members enrolled. Every effort will be put forth to make this society beneficial to the young people, and to surround them with good influences.

The next meeting will be held in the annex of the Baptist church May 27, 1902. All are cordially invited to attend this next meeting and learn something of the aim of the organization in different directions.

### TO EXTEND WATER STREET.

Matter Given Consideration at Meeting of City Fathers.

Present indications point to the assurance of an extension of Water street. At the meeting of the City Fathers Monday night, the committee in regard to the extension produced a map showing route of proposed extension and the necessary property to be condemned. The conditions are favorable for extending said street upon the north. Property holders along the proposed route appeared before the board and agreed to grant free right of way for the street. After considering the propositions it was decided to begin the work of extension as soon as the property holders along the route transferred their property to the city, in legal shape.

The extension will necessitate the removal of the market house. Just what will be done with this has not been decided.

When the transfers have been made and all right of way undisputed the work will commence. The object will be to extend Water street in a straight line from Matthews street north to Pearl and from thence to the N. & S. R. R. property.

As to the extension of Water street south many objections have arisen and this will be given no serious attention for some time.

### Marriage at Collington.

Collington, May 5.—Correspondence of the TAR HEEL.

Saturday May 3rd, marked the occasion of a most beautiful marriage ceremony in the quiet hamlet of Collington. The contracting parties were Mr. J. M. Crank and Miss Annie Toler, two popular young folks of this place. The impressive ceremony was conducted by Justice O'Neal.

After the nuptial knot was tied, the party repaired to the dining room where was spread a most pleasing and appetizing feast. The young people indulged in dancing until the wee hours, and departed with best wishes for the happy pair.

The attendants were Mr. W. E. Melson and Miss Rosecote Wickery, Mr. C. S. Meekins and Miss Melson, Mr. U. S. Meekins and Mrs. L. Smith.