



## INLAND WATERWAY

### Will Work For Eastern North Carolina.

### PROJECT FAVORABLY REPORTED

### Will cost Seven Millions— Will increase volume of Commerce and better methods of transporta- tion.

A Washington special to the Morning Post, concerning the proposed inland waterway, says:—The board of engineers authorized by act of congress to make a preliminary examination of the proposed waterway from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort inlet makes a favorable report. As is known this is Congressman John H. Small's project and the report, which concluded as follows, could hardly have been more favorable:

"After due consideration the board is of opinion that the proposed inland waterway can be secured for a sum not exceeding \$7,000,000; that it is entirely feasible and that the improvement is worthy."

The board of engineers which made the investigation consists of Colonel Peter C. Harris, Lieutenant Colonel Charles J. Allen and Major James B. Quinn. The act of congress authorized them to meet at Norfolk and make the preliminary examination and survey with a view to the construction of a channel not less than sixteen feet in depth, upon the most advantageous route between Norfolk and Beaufort inlet, a distance of 200 miles. The report details the fact that two years ago a survey was made of a route to South Mills and it was required to go by Core sound. The present law contemplates the most advantageous route. The proposed route passes from Norfolk up the southern branch of the Elizabeth river, taking advantage of this stream as far as practicable thence to Albemarle sound, either by the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal, the Dismal Swamp canal (both of which have been constructed by private corporations) or by some other line to be determined after examination. From Albemarle sound the route is via Croatan sound, Pamlico sound to Core sound and through it or to a point on Neuse river and through a short canal to Beaufort harbor.

Although it has several previous surveys, the board says it is still lacking much necessary information and that a new survey will be required. The cost of the proposed water route may be dependent upon the acquisition of one of the private canals and the board is making an effort to find at what prices sales to the government would be made. Each of the existing canals between Norfolk and Albemarle sound has a depth of only eight feet. At present this commerce amounts to a little over 400,000 tons per annum, valued at about \$4,000,000 on which is levied no less than \$100,000 as canal tolls. The report commenting on this fact says:

"When one takes into consideration that the canals are narrow, the approaches tortuous and the depth only available to small ves-

sels, it is readily seen that the commercial statistics of the existing trade would form no basis for an opinion as to what might be developed by a deeper, more commodious and free canal. It is reasonable to infer that much of the commerce which is obliged to take the outside route, for the reason that it could not be transported through the canals upon the present available depth of water would, undoubtedly seek the inside route provided the navigable depths were satisfactory."

The reports say the record of the life saving service shows that within the past 25 years not less than three million dollars worth of property and 67 lives have been lost at Cape Hatteras and vicinity alone. The records at Cape Look-out are also large and aggregate losses for the two capes argue strongly for the existence of a safer route under existing conditions.

The engineers say that the commerce through the canals at present would not justify an expenditure of something like seven million dollars; but experience gained in similar cases shows that a very great improvement in the volume of commerce over a favorable disposed water route follows upon the improvement of that route, and it is reasonably certain that if a satisfactory inland water route from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort inlet were constructed, not only would a large portion of the commerce which now hazards the outside source be diverted to this route, but the increased facilities afforded by the inland route would develop better methods of transportation and attract a large volume of commerce which at present seeks other channels.

The report shows the advantages of transporting bulky freight by means of barges towed by the tugs. Previous to this system the shipment of coal from Norfolk to New York and Boston cost \$3 to \$5 a ton; now it costs only 75 cents to \$1.50 per ton, it having been found possible to employ barges northward, owing to the existence of numerous harbors between Norfolk and New York, South of Chesapeake bay there is no harbor until Beaufort is reached, and there being no intermediate places of refuge, the risk is great and has prevented the introduction of this method of transportation.

The report of the engineers says with regard to this:

"An inland water route would lend itself admirably to the method of barge transportation, and the consequent lowering of freight rates would have a very great influence in developing a traffic that at present does not exist. What advantages would come to commerce by the construction of the proposed route is in a great measure speculative. It would offer a safe route for barges from Baltimore to the mouth of St. John's river, Florida and possibly to Cuba and other West India islands. It would enable coal, machinery and manufactured articles to be shipped south, and lumber, cotton, phosphate and southern products to be shipped north by the most economical method known. According to Captain Lucas' estimate, based upon an extended investigation of this subject the commerce of this route would amount to as much as one hundred and fifteen million dollars per annum. The engineers also assert that

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## The Convention.

### Lines By Elizabeth City's Poet Laureate.

The following realistic lines were contributed by Elizabeth City's poet laureate. They were inspired by the occasion of the Republican Convention which met Wednesday.

Good mornin' Mister Cale, has yer hearn de lates in our town

Why sur it surprised me so, it almos nocked me down.

They do say that them ar lilly whites, that you has hearn erbout

Has met in ole Paskertank and us oultered folkes jes lef out.

'Well sar the day in our County, I did never spee to see

When a publican convenshun; culd meet widout you and me.

Why Mister Jones what I hears you say, shorely cannot be so—

Fur our convenshun widout no conwene, widout lettin' me kno.

Rong you is right thar Mister Cale and I can see yore surprise,

When I ses them lilly whites done meet and swiped in all de pies.

No notis was ever posted, nor did they e'en ring the bell,

But a few of them jes kinder met 'roun that ole Kivered well.

Right nese the suthermos' corner of de public court hous' square,

Culd'nt magin what thay was doin' when I seed 'em standin' thare.

Guess Mars Jeter mus' a tole Mr. Meekin' how de thing ter run

An' he jes skampered back you see, and now its sholy dun.

My lillie whites Mr. Meekins say, as I is an adwarkate,

Ter Rawly yer had better let me go, fur our laws ter make.

An' Mister B. F. Spence, that's fished in almos' every party,

Sed hoomey fur Mister Meekin' and sed it mighty harty.

Then Chattie Morgidge Wood snapped his eyes and to his feet he ris,

An' says I'm am a patriot my boys an' will sacrifice my biz.

And will one of the fines' races show you, that ever you did see,

If to chase Charlie Reed the democrat, you will appint me.

Then ole brer Jno. T. Davis did not porpose to be out did,

But up and tole how in de publican party he lately slid,

An' how his ole mouf was reddy to try sum publican pie,

An' as fur him, eben the Tresurs' offis should not go bye.

You can hav it, you can hav it, was whispred on evry side

Eben if on the niggers back in offis, you has ter ride.

Then Nixington's ole time stager gallupt rite up to de front,

And sed for a small piece er pie, he was sorter on a hunt.

Said he'd tried it some before, and it suted his taste alrite,

An' for the Register ob Deeds place, he believed he'd make de fite.

Bravo brer John, full well we new, you lured yore ole Norf State,

An' enny kind of sacrifice, we knu you was willing ter make.

Then brer party hopper Spence was gittin mity hungry too

And sed de he didn't hurry, there'd be nuthin lef ter chew.

So up to the front he strutted, jes lack a rail ole time sport

As says as fer me my boys, I'll swipe in de clerk ob de court.

Then all five was so awful happy and sang mos merrilee

The lilly white convenshun indeed is good enuf fer me.

The nigger mus take a back seat and wait 'twell de lectshua day.

An' den wote de publican ticket in de ole fashun way.

### Corn Grows Tall in Kansas.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 3.—Big corn abounds in Southern Kansas, William Keefner, near Hiawatha, has thirty acres which will average nearly fifteen feet high, most of the ears are eight feet above ground. It will be necessary to cut it down before the corn can be husked. Nine sample ears weigh seventeen pounds. The corn together with a ninety-six pound pumpkin and one weighing 102 pounds will be taken as a Kansas exhibit to the G. A. R. reunion at Washington.

### MEETS A HORRIBLE DEATH.

Mr. W. H. Munden is Killed in a Cotton Gin.

Mr. W. H. Munden, a prominent citizen of this county met a horrible death Monday while working in his cotton gin near Woodville. He had stopped the machine to clean it and when he had finished he gave a sign for the engine to start, it started earlier than he had expected and his sleeve was caught in the gin. He was pulled among the saws and horribly mutilated before the machinery could be stopped.

He was given medical attention, an arm was amputated, but to no

use. The saws had done their deadly work and no one knew this better than the victim who remained conscious 'til the last. His face had been literally torn to pieces 'till he was scarcely recognizable, but he was able to express himself so as to be understood.

Mr. Henry Munden was a good citizen, a progressive and industrious man and will be missed in his neighborhood. He was about forty five years of age and had lived in this county all of his useful life. He leaves seven children five of whom are small and motherless. He is a father of Mrs. Irvin Brothers and Mrs. Elijah Whitehurst of this county.

The funeral was held from his late residence and conducted by the Rev. Jos. Y. Old of the Methodist church of which the deceased was a consistent member.

### THE LILLY WHITES MEET.

The Republicans Name a County Ticket.

The Republican county convention of Pasquotank County met Wednesday. It was a sudden affair and since there were not more than a handful and how different was the scene from the Republican convention formerly held in this

county. The Negro was conspicuous for his absence. It was a lilly white affair indeed. It in no way resembled the Republican conventions of former years. Not even were the Hons, Hugh Cale and Prince Albert Hinton there.

Hon I. M. Meekins called the meeting to order and then began the fun of a few men nominating themselves for positions at the would-be-pie counter. Here is the ticket.

For Sheriff, J. Q. A. Wood, Reg of Deeds, Jno. S. Morris, Clerk of Court, B. F. Spence, Treas, Jno. F. Davis, House of Representatives I. M. Meekins, Coroner W. C. Brooks Sr. Surveyor W. F. Pritchard. Resolutions were passed indorsing President Roosevelt and Senator Pritchard. Resolutions disapproving of the present system of county Government and favoring the election of Magistrates, County Commissioners and Superintendent by the people. It was further resolved that I. M. Meekins, the candidate for the Legislature should challenge W. M. Hinton, the Democratic candidate, to a joint discussion through the county.

### Hatteras Boat a Failure.

Mr. E. R. Daniels of Wanchese was here Wednesday returning from Northern cities. When asked about the new boat line from Skyco to Hatteras he said that it was an utter failure. "A suitable boat would be appreciated and patronized but such a one as they now have on the line will never build up a profitable business for the operators nor give satisfaction to its patrons. The owners need not judge of the feasibility of the route by the present craft" said Mr. Daniels.

### THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

A Strong Ticket Named by Pasquotank Democrats.

The Democratic Convention of Pasquotank County met last Saturday to ratify the result of the primaries which were held the Monday before. The meeting was enthusiastic and thoroughly harmonious. Every precinct was represented and besides the regular delegates there were alternates and spectators who filled the court-house to its fullest capacity.

Chairman Scott called the meeting to order and upon motion of J. B. Leigh he was made permanent chairman of the meeting Mr. C. E. Thompson acted as secretary, assisted by Mr. Willis Gregory. A roll call of the precincts resulted in the following nominations:

For House of Representatives W. M. Hinton; Sheriff, Ches Reid; Register of Deeds, J. C. Spence; Clerk of Court, W. H. Jennings; Treasurer, Jas. Thompson; Surveyor, J. C. Perry; Coroner, Dr. I. Fearling.

W. M. Hinton, the nominee for Legislature was escorted to the hall by W. H. Weatherly and Walter L. Cobeen, a committee appointed by the chair. He addressed the convention in a thrilling speech of well chosen words, which was loudly and frequently applauded.

Geo. M. Scott was elected chairman for the ensuing two years. The convention then adjourned with good feeling and determined to elect the list of good men named.

Old papers for sale cheap, apply at the Tar Heel office.

## HEINOUS CRIME.

### Negro Charged With Nameless Crime.

### MOB VIOLENCE IS FEARED.

### Gov. Aycock Calls Special Term of Court to try the Accused Man—Is Recognized by His Victim.

Governor Aycock has ordered a special term of court at Lincoln at the earliest possible date to try a negro charged with one of the most heinous crimes perpetrated in North Carolina this year.

September 27th Calvin Elliott, a negro, entered the house of a white citizen of Lincoln county, knocked the husband senseless with a stick, seized his wife and after dragging her in another room committed a crime for which the penalty is death.

Elliott has been captured and lodged in jail at Lincoln. Immediately upon receiving the news Governor Aycock ordered a special term to be held in Lincoln on October 20th. Judge F. D. Winston will hold the court. It is believed that this prompt action will prevent a lynching, if any is threatened, from taking place.

### BROKE IN THE JAIL.

A special to the Charlotte Observer says;

"As the result of considerable talk of lynching since the preliminary hearing of Calvin Elliott, colored, for an assault upon Mrs. Caleb Brown, a crowd broke into jail about 2 o'clock Sunday morning and tried to batter down the doors, but failed and dispersed without getting the negro, Judge Hoke wired the Governor to call a special term of court for the trial of the negro and the latter replied that he would do so at once. "Since the trial last Monday of Elliott for the assault of Mrs. Caleb Brown, the people have been very indignant and freely talked of lynching the negro. The negro confessed of being there and was identified by Mrs. Brown, who had an opportunity of seeing the man in the house, so on Monday night a mob formed and went to the jail, but were not bold enough to go any farther, and after discussing the matter among themselves disbanded.

"This morning about 15 or 20 men marched quietly to the jail, broke the lock on the front door, then the lock on the door leading upstairs and about 12 men went up while the others watched on the outside. The ones upstairs proceeded to use their tools on the steel doors which divided the cells from the other part of the jail and this proved too much for them. The door is solid steel and during the time they were willing to stay they accomplished nothing more than to get a small hole through it with a blacksmith's clever, which helped them very little. During this time the jailer had slipped out and was summoning aid and it is supposed the ones on the outside found this out and gave the alarm and they saw that it would take some time more to accomplish their end so it was abandoned.