

FAVORABLE REPORT

Is Expected From The Committee.

CONGRESSMEN WERE HERE.

Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds Visits the City and Their Report no Doubt Means an Additional Appropriation for Our Public Building.

The work of erecting a handsome and commodious Federal building for Elizabeth City will begin probably in March and the chances are 99 to 1 that it will be erected on a site commensurate with the importance of the building and not on the Matthews street site.

A delegation from the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds visited this city Monday. The object of their visit was to look over the situation and report upon the advisability of giving Elizabeth City an additional appropriation for the purchase of a more conveniently situated and more commodious site for the public building for which congress has recently given us an appropriation of \$120,000.00.

The members of this committee were Chairman David H. Mercer, of Nebraska; Chas. W. Gilet, of New York; James P. Conior, of Iowa; Edward S. Minor, of Wisconsin; Robt. W. Miers, of Indiana and Clerk of the Committee W. H. Wheeler, of Indiana. These were accompanied by Jno. H. Small and Mr. Gurley of Nebraska and Messrs. Gilet and Connor.

The party arrived in this city in a special car over the Norfolk and Southern Road and remained here nearly three hours during which time they visited the "Matthews street site" and were driven over the principal thoroughfares in carriages furnished by the Chamber of Commerce. After visiting the principal points of interest they repaired to the Arlington Hotel to partake of the most sumptuous luncheon ever spread at that popular hostelry under the management of its present genial proprietor M. J. Sawyer.

To ascertain the opinion of the committee in regard to the probability of Elizabeth City getting an additional appropriation was very different none of them would express an opinion say nothing of giving assurance. Congressman Small did say that he had no doubt that he could secure an additional appropriation of \$20,000.00 and he also said that he thought the members of the committee—with no exception—favored the cause for which our Chamber of Commerce is fighting. Such open expressions, of confidence, as these upon the part of Congressman Small is ample assurance for those advocating a new site.

At any rate this congressional delegation can but entertain the most appreciative feeling for Elizabeth City and its hospitality. That they are pleased with the city and that they are confident that a future awaits it is attested by their many expressions of surprise at the remarkable signs of growth and prosperity prevalent on every hand.

Mrs. Conior and Mrs. Gilet, the ladies who accompanied the congressional party, were royally entertained at the home of Mrs. Chas. H. Robinson, where an elegant luncheon was served them. As usual the grace and beauty of Ed Betsey participated in the entertainment of her prominent guests. Misses Hollowell, Melick, Greenleaf and Patin and Messrs. Robinson, White, Sheep, Baxter and Leary were the ladies appearing on the committee of entertainment.

Mrs. Robinson was assisted in the entertainment of her guests by her sister-in-law Mrs. R. E. Munson of New York. Mrs. Munson is a personal acquaintance of Mrs. Gilet's. Chairman Mercer of the committee is a native of Mr. Robinson's former home in New York.

It is safe to infer that they will condemn the Hinton square on Main street. The committee seems to think it the most suitable site; in that it faces two streets intersecting the town and one of these—Main street—being one of the most largely travelled thoroughfares in the city. Again the site is convenient to the wholesale business of the town. Right here it is not out of place to quote chairman Mercer. He said: "in all my travels I have never seen a prettier street than the Main street of Elizabeth City."

The committee was unanimously of the opinion that the Matthews street site was altogether unsuitable for such a building as the government will erect here.

Chairman Mercer when asked about condemnation proceedings said that it will not require more than sixty or ninety days to affect the condemnation should Mr. Hinton refuse to sell this property. Should he appeal from the verdict it will not affect the right of the government to enter and build upon the property.

The committee, from the Chamber of Commerce, comprised of Messrs. E. F. Aydiest, J. H. Leroy and H. T. Greenleaf appointed Messrs. J. B. and L. S. Blades, C. W. Grice, C. H. Robinson, J. H. Leroy and H. T. Greenleaf a committee to meet the congressional delegation at Snowden and accompany them to this city.

Sunday School Election.

The Pearl Street Methodist Sunday School held its annual election of officers last Sunday with the following result:

Officers—N. R. Zimmerman, Supt; Thos. S. Davis, Asst; T. A. Powers, Sec't; Addie Powers, Asst; H. D. Swain, Treas; Alma Davis, Librarian.

Teachers—Miss Kiezia Basnight, Miss Lula Powers, Mr. Joshua Hickman, Mr. N. R. Zimmerman, Mr. R. G. Bailey, Mrs. Kate Hickman.

POYNER'S HILL.

Correspondence of the Tar Heel. Poyner's Hill, N. C., Jan., 6—

We have just said goodbye to another year, one that has brought so many changes in our lives. Has it been a happy year, leaving happy hearts. And when we are old will we recall this past year as one full of beauty, of goodness, of holiness; one that has made us better and happier? That is a question no one can answer. To some it has been as happy and bright as the sweet flowers that bloom in the first glad spring. How gay how happy they are—how lightly care and trouble have touched them! To those it will live until death claims them and shuts out forever the scenes of this life.—But to others, oh, who can tell what they have suffered! There is one heart that beat happily last new year, but to-day how blank, how dreary how purposeless that life seems. A word lightly spoken transformed a heart so tender and true to marble. Hopes so pure have vanished,—passed into oblivion leaving a broken and wasted life. See how it has struggled, tried to rise, but at last fell, conscious of defeat. When death comes and stills forever the heart that has suffered and felt so much pain; and the eyes that have looked wearily through blinding tears, longing for one little ray of hope; will not the one who has inflicted the wound, regret and long to call back the past? From my honest heart I hope so. We say one life, one heart, but we mean thousands of them. To those the past year has been a dreary blank and they rejoiced when the last minute had passed. Let us hope the present year may prove to be happier, bringing love and joy to each and every one.

Christmas was very quiet here.

Dr. William Griggs was in our midst last week.

Mr. Charlie Forbes spent a day very pleasantly in Jarvisburg, recently.

Miss Janie Elizabeth Tillett, the popular and admirable daughter of Capt. and Mrs. T. J. Tillett of Penny's Hill, passed through the city Sunday enroute to Jarvisburg. Mr. William Tillett, Miss Zora Tillett and cousin were with her.

The sick list this week is unusually large. Among the members are Mr. Robt. Griggs, Misses Laura, Mary and Cora Wescott and Master Albert Wescott.

POPLAR BRANCH.

Correspondence of the Tar Heel, Poplar Branch, N. C., Jan.—

Wednesday evening at seven o'clock in the I. O. O. F. Hall was the scene of a brilliant occasion, when the young people of Poplar Branch gave their second entertainment of this season. The Hall was artistically decorated in evergreens by the hands of our most excellent Sunday School Supt. Mr. D. W. Lindsay, and others.

The large tree was heavily laden with numerous gifts of every description which gladdened the hearts of our little ones. The program was a very interesting one and occasioned much favorable comment and voluminous applause. Music and recitations were rendered by Misses Mary Corbell, Cora Wescott, Florence McCoy, Bertie Walker, Bertha Owens, Ophelia Williams and Laura Wescott; Masters Walker, Williams, Corbell, and others.

The entertainment was largely attended and enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be there.

There were large numbers of people from Raleigh, Norfolk, Shawboro, Court House, Coinjock, Churches Island, Whales Head, Jarvisburg and Poyners Hill.

Prof. John C. Gills spent the Christmas holidays at his home in Raleigh.

Miss Nettie Dozier, assistant teacher of Poplar Branch, has been visiting friends in Norfolk.

Mr. Milton Poyner and Miss Elsie Doxy of Norfolk, have been visiting their aunt Mrs. John Poyner.

COINJOCK.

Correspondence of the Tar Heel, Coinjock, N. C., Jan., 6—

Mr. Billie McClannan is among our holiday visitors.

Miss Vertie Griggs spent Xmas with her aunt Mrs. A. B. Midgett.

Miss Bernie Hampton, the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. Pierce Hampton, of waterlily, N. C. delighted her friend Miss Pearl Hall, with a visit last week.

Mrs. K. P. Hall has returned home after a two weeks stay with Mrs. Charlie J. Forbes.

Mr. Charlie Jones, of Norfolk, is visiting Miss Kate Kinoly.

Miss Minnie Hall, left Sunday for Great Bridge Va., after enjoying the holidays with her parents.

Miss Pearl Bell Hall is spending the week with friends at waterlily and Corolla.

Quite a number of young people were entertained on Wednesday night by a dance given by Miss Bernie Hampton of Waterlily.

Mr. Raymond P. Jarvis of Jarvisburg spent Sunday with the Misses Hall.

Misses Rosa and Delia Gray of Long Point visited Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Gray Xmas.

Mrs. Overton and Miss Sadie O'neal have returned to their home in Norfolk.

Mr. Alpheus W. Drinkwater, spent several days in our village last week.

Little Miss Lucy Peterson, has

returned from a pleasant holiday trip spent with her grand parents at Hertford.

Miss Elizabeth Creecy of Hertford, is the guest of her sister Mrs. B. F. Peterson.

Mr. B. N. Bray, spent several days with Mr. T. P. Hall last week.

Messrs. George Gabriel, Doram Spry and James Garrenton, spent Saturday in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. J. S. Turner, died Wednesday Dec. 31st.

Miss Sadie Duncan of Norfolk, is visiting her mother.

Capt. Montford Morrisette, Tug Ira was in our hamlet last week.

Misses Grace and Irene Talbott, of Long Point spent the holidays with Misses Daisy and Minnie Hampton.

The Many friends of Mr. Newton Hampton will be delighted to hear of his recovery.

Mrs. Ella Hampton of Waterlily, spent last week with Mrs. B. L. Gray.

Miss Kate Pendleton of Elizabeth City returned to Waterlily Saturday after a pleasant stay with her friends and relatives.

Miss Essie Walker will give an entertainment at the Hall next week for the benefit of the Library.

Master Baxter Bell, of Sawboro, visited Master J. Earle Hall and Branson Hall during Xmas.

Mr. Dan Crain is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Spence Winn of Columbia is visiting Mrs. B. S. Walke.

Mr. Winslow O'neal and Miss Emma Curles were married at the Methodist Church Sunday, the 28 of Dec.

A most enjoyable dance was given in the Hall on Monday night Jan., 5th, 1903. The dance was led by Miss Pearl Bell Hall with Mr. Elliot; The couples dancing were:

Miss Susie Hall with Mr. Bill McClannan; Miss Bernie Hampton, with Mr. Herman Balance; Miss Jessie Welsted with Mr. Dan Crain; Miss Bessie Welsted with Mr. Emerson Spry; Miss Mamie Dowdy with Mr. Doram Spry; Miss Katie Kinsey with Mr. Charlie Jones; Miss Nevada Burton with Mr. Lee; Miss Nora C. Neal with Mr. Riley Simmons; Miss Elizabeth Creecy, of Hertford, with Dr. S. C. Gottsbalk; Miss Sadie Duncan with Mr. Ed McHarney.

Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Overton. The dances have been numerous during the holidays, but this was the most enjoyable one given.

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