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News From the Far Away Phillipines.

The following article from Alamanas Jambolés, in the Phillipines is from the pen of John H. M. Butler a talented young colored man of Elizabeth City. It is the second part to a former article from this source, and will be read with interest by the friends of this young man.

A big house is said to be the sign of a wealthy Filipino. A large square and imposing structure, shingled with leaves of the nipa palm, perched upon poles about ten feet high and entered by a pretentious flight of steps, promises a pleasing interior but like the temples of Hellas the beauty is on the outside. Schooled by the Castilian and delighting to connect their civilization with the misty past one would expect the rich to display a taste born of contact with Romanticism or of the manner of some eastern nabob as described in the "Arabian Nights." A hat rack, a table, a few antique chairs, a half dozen pictures of the virgin, popes or sants as mementoes of deceased relatives constitute an inventory of many reception rooms. Take out the hat rack and table from the list and add a chandelier and perhaps a piano and the contents of the parlor are before you.

The glossy floor makes up for the absence of carpet but the after glow of disappointment is a lonesomeness hard to be shaken off because of the absence of so many of the concomitants of American wealth and culture. There is not the simplicity which would delight an apostle of the arts and craft school but at first sight a Puritanic straight-lined emptiness entirely out of harmony with the public appearances of the owners and their standing in the community. How comes it that people of such artistic tendencies, antecedents and skies, so given to the feast and dance, display so little of the graces of adornment in their homes? The native music suggests and conversation confirms the answer "oppression." If a Spanish officer, I am told, found fine furniture in a home or saw a beautiful equipage, confiscation would likely ensue. This and other species of oppression were manifested by those in authority and imitated by all classes until deceit became a virtue and every man had a hiding place for his money the evidence of which might be rice fields, a large dwelling, or fine clothing worn on festal occasions.

Two large apartments, already mentioned, take up most of the space in the home. In the former business is transacted. Here the lower caste tillers of the soil, artisans, in short, the homely handed tiler as a class of whatever appellation, is dealt with.

These simple swains are obsequious and deferential and excites one's pity while the landlord has them in hand. They assume the spirit of the man in Holy Writ who was forgiven of his debts, as soon as they leave the presence of their creditor and vigorously demand the last hair's breadth of the pound of flesh.

The parlor is the dance hall. A few days before a church feast in various sections of a town rehearsals are had and at some central place with the priest present during the fiesta week the best families

meet for social pastime. Tobacco, wine, whiskey and sweets constitute the refreshments which are partaken of by male and female alike. The sound of music can be heard till the birds pipe the morning hours while pattering feet and joyous mirth provoke the envy of the smaller fry who stand without, in the distance and darkness.

Sleeping apartments are not general. Observing the men and women in public or seated by the windows of their homes, one conjures up surroundings for the sleeper rivaling the comforts of the luxurious appointments afforded by Menalaus for Ulysses' son. Again to be disillusioned. There may be a guest chamber but the reception room or parlor is turned into a bed room by spreading down mats and placing pillows.

The home of the common laborer is a lowly shack built of bamboo and covered with nipa. Not a nail is used in its construction. The wind whistles through the floor which is made of bamboo strips crossing each other at right angles but the good man is satisfied with his "sou-sou" of rice and fish, his cigar, vino and senorita.

He thinks not of the distant future and, therefore, has no anxious care. To the man in the grand house he looks for rice, to the streams for fish and to his fighting cock for money to purchase luxuries. Often the cock which he has trained with care and fed with choice foods bites the dust in the first combat. He does not cry over the defeat but raises another cock trusting to luck to give him a fortune and lift him to the level of a big house.

The Marvelous Bullocks.

"The 4 Marvelous Bullocks" gave a very creditable performance here last night. Those who went to see Richard Mansfield excelled, or expected to meet the rival of Lewis Morrison may have been disappointed. The performance was free from sensuality, and was altogether clean and entertaining. Considering the fact that this is the fourth public appearance of the Bullocks, it was highly commendable. Earnest Linwood in monologue, kept the crowd in a laugh, while the singing of the children was a source of great enjoyment. Baby Lucille is a little wonder, and Miss Bessie, Captivated every one. Then there was Miss Ethel who lacked sufficient part to do herself justice, and Master Theo, who promises to be a stage attraction in the future, and reflects credit in his role with tiny Lucille.

Hoffard's tight wire and trapeze work is excellent, as was also the male quartette.

Taking the performance as a whole it was as much enjoyed as anything that has appeared here this season.

Mrs. Neil Stokes of Hartford Conn., arrived on Feb. 14th to visit friends in this vicinity and is now a guest of Mrs. W. W. Dewey at Pooleville, N. C.

Mrs. H. C. Grice has returned from the Northern Markets, where she visited the principal millinery emporiums.



Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., whose picture appears here, and who is an ornament of the town, has recently accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Norfolk, Va. Five of the most useful years of his life were spent as pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city where he is universally popular and beloved. Beginning last night he will conduct a protracted meeting at the Broad Street Baptist Church of this city.

CHAMBER MEETS

Committee Named to Secure Public Building Site.

The following business was transacted at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night March 3rd, at firemans hall. The new members elected were T. B. Wilson, J. T. McCabe, O. E. Gilbert, A. J. Davis, Brad Sanders, Marshall Gallop, H. H. Lavastein, Dr. C. W. Sawyer, H. P. Guernant and F. Craig.

Chairman Alexander reports for harbor shipping and commerce committee regarding Supperpong river steamboat route. The committee was continued and instructed to get the route to Columbia established.

The matter of Sunday trains on the Norfolk and Southern referred to transportation committee and on reconsideration of the matter it was tabled.

Chairman W. L. Cohoon reports that the bill for good roads in this county has been sent to the legislature and is now a law.

Chairman E. F. Aydlott reports that the bill for changing the term of many courts has been sent to the legislature. The committee was continued to have the same passed.

Chairman W. L. Cohoon on the oyster industry committee reported progress. The committee was continued.

Chairman LeRoy on Suffolk and Carolina discrimination matter reported progress and the committee was continued.

A committee composed of Dr. A. L. Pendleton, C. H. Robinson and Dr. J. H. White was appointed to wait on Mr. J. L. Hinton regarding securing his square for the new public building and to answer

several letters from Congressman Small relative thereto.

The following resolution drawn up and presented by Mr. E. F. Aydlott were adopted.

Whereas Hon. J. H. Small our representative in Congress has been untiring in his efforts for the welfare of Elizabeth City in all its interests and especially in securing the recent additional appropriation of \$20,000 for the new site on Main Street, for a handsome public building. Therefore resolved:

(1) That we with with pride recognize in John A. Small an able faithful fearless and worthy representative, diligent in the service of his people.

(2) That we extend to him thanks of this chamber for the great service he has done our people by changing the site from where it was first selected to a suitable one on Main street which meets with the approval of our people.

(3) That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the secretary to him."

The committee appointed regarding the free delivery of mail in this city reported progress and the committee was continued.

Moved and seconded that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the matter make franchises to be voted on by the people of Elizabeth City and go before the board of Aldermen, and to report same at next meeting. Adopted and the following committee were appointed: E. F. Aydlott, chairman, C. H. Robinson, Dr. O. McMullin, J. B. Blades, and Prof S. L. Sheep.

On motion of W. L. Cohoon the following committee was appointed to invite the surfmen's Mutual Benefit Association here this spring to hold their annual meeting. Adopted and W. L. Cohoon, E. Alexander, W. J. Woodley, were made the proper committee to make the invitation.

On motion the chamber adjourned.

The Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The State Y. M. C. A. Convention was held at Winston-Salem N. C. this week and the Elizabeth City Association was represented by Messrs M. L. Hooper and J. W. Kight. Mr. W. B. Keys was also an elected delegate but business prevented his attendance. The session was the 27th in the annals of the Association in North Carolina. Many distinguished visitors were in attendance and the session was greatly enjoyed. Comfortable homes were provided all the guest and the City threw her doors of hospitality open wide.

President Holmes of Charlotte opened the association and read a flattering report of the past years work.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. J. W. Kight Secretary of the Elizabeth City Association addressed the congregation of the Methodist Protestant Church.

During the session it was decided to unite the association work in North and South Carolina.

The two delegates from this City speak in highest terms of the session just closed and are loud in their praises of courteous treatment shown them.

The Real Thing Here.

The Spring opening of The Bee Hive is now on and every one in Elizabeth City will want to see what this Mammoth City store will have on exhibit. The Bee Hive will open several new departments and Messrs. Gilbert and Richold have been busy the past ten days arranging for this big sale that will mark a spot in the history of commerce in Elizabeth City.

The great exhibit of spring dress goods and wearing apparel for women and children will no doubt be a wonder in itself. Every possible make and style of dress goods will be shown. The shoe department, one of the new ventures will be eagerly sought by those who want to be up to date. Ladies Gentlemen's and boys' shoes of every description will be on display at lowest reasonable prices. The underwear department will be found unusually complete, and the approach of spring means that now is time of times to get the best before it belongs to your neighbor. Every available foot of space in The Bee Hive shows improvement and the culmination of a big financial out lay, coupled with excellent judgement in buying and arranging stock.

Mr. Gilbert has set a pace to those who want to keep up with him, and when it comes to buying you will find him ready to serve you.

In the clothing department Mr. S. S. Richold, is waiting for your trade. Courtesy and a guarantee of satisfaction is the pass word here. You do not have to select a suit from a scrap two inches long, for a first class city tailoring establishment with cloth on the bolts ready to be measured for your form is now at your disposal. This is something the men of our city should be justly proud. The man who goes to Norfolk for a suit with such goods under his nose, is throwing away both time and money.

Go to the Bee Hive; see for yourself. A full page display ad in this paper will tell you more about it.

Help Wanted.

Three good farm hands who can milk to go to Pennsylvania, married or single. Apply D. W. Lynch, West Grove, Chester, Co. Pa., or E. B. Keating, Arlington Hotel between eight and nine o'clock, in the morning, or twelve and two in the afternoon. #12-2t.

Elizabeth City Making Rapid Progress.

The opening of Water street to the public is a new era in the history of Elizabeth City. This is one of the first and most important steps in which the property holders have gone down into their own pockets, in an effort to promote the good of the city, by this most commendable and highly important step. For years the dock end of the city has been cramped for lack of a better thoroughfare. Those who had stores along this way, were prevented from offering their goods to the farmer element until after the farmers had traveled the length of one of the other business streets, and of course, what the Water street merchants got of this trade was an insignificant amount.

But with the new street open, the entire eastern end of Elizabeth City will be connected. A depot will be practically at either end of the new street, and the road leading out of the city along the river will turn hundreds of the farmers directly into this route, giving them as short a cut to the Water street merchants as well as those on Main street. In order to accomplish the opening of new Water street, two buildings have been torn down and a bridge erected across Tiber Creek, which necessitated the use of a pile driver, already in operation.

The old city market, erected during the local administration of Mayor W. C. Glover, who by the way, left many commendable city improvements in his wake, will have to suffer after demolition. The tearing down of this relic is an item of great interest as it must mean a new city market and one, of course, equal to the growth and population of the city of to-day. At the southern end of Water street the Eringhaus building will also be razed, thus making an entrance to the premises heretofore walled in between a number of stores. This property is owned by Messrs. J. B. Fearing and C. H. Robinson, who will reap a rare harvest from the new street. These old vacant back premises, will now be turned into several excellent building lots on a street that must eventually rank as one of the first, if not the first, street of importance.

After passing through the property of Fearing and Robinson, and crossing the bridge across Tiber Creek, Water street will touch at Diamond corner, and thus go into the River road leading into the surrounding country.

The Suffolk and Carolina Railroad will come directly east to the water front, down Tiber Creek to Zimmerman's old wharf, which will be the freight depot and final terminus of the new line. Thus Water street at either end, will present a wharf and depot front. Consider then the excellent wholesale quarters which the eastern end of the city will afford. It must mean low freight, rare shipping advantages and will beyond a doubt make Elizabeth City the most thrifty city of its size on the Atlantic coast from Key West, to St. Lawrence gulf.

The property holders have put up \$5,000 of the amount necessary for this work, while the City has torn down her market, erected the bridge and graded the street. Thus, through that great

medium, the Chamber of Commerce, with the skilled hand of Dr. Pendleton at the rudder, the greatest improvement that has ever been made here, is actually a surety; so sure in fact, that the laborers hammers and the jar of the pile driver attract the visitor and frequently cause him to exclaim at the tenacious, steady advancement of the City by the Tiber, which like Rome of old, has erected an insurmountable wall; a wall of commerce greater even than the granite of Italy. Our army of merchants, are to-day united, and, with Dr. Pendleton and his Chamber of Commerce in the van, the battle horn has been sounded and the march of Elizabeth City, must be engraven in the annals of a history yet unwritten.

Struck On Us.

J. B. Wilkins of Sumcock N. H., who winters in Elizabeth City, was in the office of The Tar Heel this week. Mr. Wilkins says Elizabeth City, is one of the liveliest places on the map. He was so much impressed as to invest considerable money in real estate and bonds in the new Suffolk and Carolina branch railroad, to this place. Since 1888 Mr. Wilkins has been interested in this locality. At first he centered on Newbern, but was attracted here, he says, by the manifest business and hustle of our people. This is another example of energy and push inviting capital. Mr. Wilkins is accompanied by his wife, who is a charming lady.

An Heroic Act.

Kitty Hawk, N. C. March 14—A brave deed was performed at North Banks, by Mr. Morris Beasley this week. Mr. Beasley while out in a small skiff, heard a scream for help, which attracted his attention. A short distance away he saw an overturned boat, with several men floundering in the deep water. Mr. Beasley took the painter of his own vessel in his teeth and swam through rough water to the men, who were fighting an outgoing tide, reaching them with the line, they were given necessary assistance and came ashore. The act was a brave one and the man performing it proved himself a hero.

Knocked Down by a Wagon.

Glenny Bowes, a small darky, was knocked down by Flora's wagon Wednesday morning. The boy was more scared than hurt. He was taken into Standard Pharmacy, and soon recovered from the shock. It is said that the accident could not have been avoided as the boy ran suddenly in front of the horse. The wheel of the wagon struck Bowes, but did not run over him as was at first thought.

Death of Mrs. Markham.

Mrs. Henry Clay Markham, who formerly lived here, died at the old homestead in Salem, last week aged about 30 years. She leaves a husband and three children. She was married twice, her first husband being Daniel Cartwright, of Salem township. She was a member of the Salem Baptist Church. Deceased was a sister of Messrs. Richard and Charles Berry of this city.