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To Have the Water-Works

Monday's Ballots Decided the Question of Foreign Ownership.

THE NEW CITY OFFICIALS.

The Wilson and Dawson Element Wins the Day as Expected. List of Votes Cast, and Names of the Aldermen For Elizabeth City.

The official return of the ballots of the recent election are as follows: For Mayor, Tulley B. Wilson received 515, Charles E. Kramer 163. Wilson's majority, 352.

For Chief of police W. C. Dawson received 541; H. E. Sedgewick 97. Dawson's majority 444.

For Clerk, R. T. Whitehurst received 541; Wm. A. Holmes 127. Whitehurst's majority 414.

For treasurer J. B. Ferebee received 552; Q. S. Shipp 97. Ferebee's majority 455.

Following is a list of the wards and the results of each in expressed figures.

First Ward—Wilson 91; Dawson 93; Whitehurst 97; Ferebee 96; Kramer 51; Sedgewick 41; Holmes 45; Shipp 115; Bailey 25.

Second Ward—Wilson 10; Dawson 1 Whitehurst 11; Ferebee 16; Kramer 11; Sedgewick 4; Holmes 10; Shipp 4. Aldermen, McAbee 18. No opposition.

Third Ward—Wilson 123; Dawson 1 Whitehurst 138; Ferebee 138; Kramer 48; Sedgewick 19; Holmes 31; Shipp 23. Aldermen: Broughton 1; Williams 4; J. T. Spence 1; Nash 103; Pinner 88.

Fourth Ward—Wilson 115; Dawson 119; Whitehurst 116; Kramer 13; Sedgewick 7; Holmes 9; Ferebee 118; Shipp 9; Aldermen: J. H. LeRoy 112; J. Q. A. Wood 9.

Fifth Ward—Wilson 75; Dawson 76; Whitehurst 77; Ferebee 79; Kramer 8; Sedgewick 5; Holmes 7; Shipp 4; Aldermen: A. L. Pendleton 80; no opposition.

Sixth Ward—Wilson 35; Whitehurst 34; Ferebee 34; Kramer 16; Sedgewick 9; Holmes 12; Shipp 9. Aldermen: N. R. Parker 34; B. F. Spence 13.

Seventh Ward—Wilson 61; Dawson 63; Whitehurst 68; Ferebee 69; Kramer 16; Sedgewick 11; Holmes 10; Shipp 7; Aldermen: J. B. Fearing 72. No opposition.

The ballots cast also decided the matter of establishing water-works in Elizabeth City. The vote showing unanimous consent of the citizens for water-works and the other privileges asked for by the corporation desiring to do the work.

The AURELIA TO NORFOLK.

The handsome little steam yacht, Aurelia carried a party of six gentlemen to Norfolk last Sunday. The Aurelia advertised to convey any and all excursionists who desired to spend the day at Lake Drummond. Owing to the fact that the announcement was not made until a late hour there were not a few who had not made other Easter arrangements and who took advantage of this opportunity to spend a delightful day at the lake.

The weather was ideal and though the crowd was small and Captain Perrette lost considerable money on the venture, the day was nevertheless a success, and every one on board of the yacht were charmed with the day's outing.

On reaching the lake, the excursionists elected to go through to Norfolk, and the Captain courteously consented to make the trip through. Accordingly Norfolk was the destination and instead of coming home Sunday night the yacht pulled into Elizabeth City the following Monday morning. It was feared here that some mishap had befallen the party, but nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the affair in any way.

Captain Perrette may give another excursion to Norfolk at a later day, and perhaps include tickets to the theatre, with attached coupons. Should he consent to do this, every possible support should be given him. The little yacht is built for outings, as well as business, and is superior to any vessel that could be obtained from this point. If such an excursion is run, the Aurelia will leave

Elizabeth City in the afternoon, reach Norfolk at 6 o'clock and return after the theatre, by moonlight. As a most delightful summer excursion, nothing better could be taken in.

The Tar Heel wishes to see this thing to success and those of our citizens who wish to promote social pleasure should not fail to give their support to the enterprise.

MR. MARKHAM'S NEW POSITION.

Mr. J. W. Markham has accepted a position with the Virginia Life Insurance Co., as one of its agents in Elizabeth City. The Virginia Company works industrial insurance and in this line is the third largest company in the world. Mr. Markham is a good insurance agent and has had considerable experience having worked with several of the other old line companies. His friends will watch his career with interest.

FITTING THE DRUG STORE.

Along the line of new improvement in Elizabeth City is the repair work the general refitting of Dr. Woods' Store. This store is being fitted with very stylish and tasty cherry shelves, case stands and other equipments. When completed it will present the handsomest appearance of almost any store in the city. Dr. Wood deserves commendation for his efforts in keeping his store in line with those of the larger cities. Let other merchants take a hint from this. A pretty store is a good advertisement and good advertising is more to be desired than any other thing, unless it be the trade which invariably follows such effort.

THE NEXT THING TO DO.

The work on the new Robinson stores is going on with rapidity. This group of six three story stores will add very much to Elizabeth City. It will not only afford more room to new capital, which is constantly applying for store-room, but will also complete the jagged gap on Polindexter street, turning a vacant lot into a splendid frontage. There will probably be a rush for these stores, if they have not already been engaged. They will, as has been stated before, be built of brick, with every modern improvement. The old building which disfigured these premises have been taken down, and a large area of the lot has been cut out for the new foundation. Mr. Robinson is setting the city a good example. Let the Chamber of Commerce "get a move on it." When individuals are placing money in property the organized business men must put shoulders together and proclaim our advancement. Capital is floating around on the money market in eager profusion. We have the best advantages here of any city in the South with a budget of new improvements on file, booked for us. All we need is to let the world hear more about us. The future will accomplish the rest. A series of letters put in the hand of investors will be the thing, and its "up to" the Chamber of Commerce to put them there.

A LITTLE THINKING NEEDED.

"What we want," says Dr. Aydtlett, "is a cotton mill that is not dependent on the larger mills for work. As it is, there are days when the mills of Elizabeth City are forced to delay work, owing to the market which uses the thread made here, becoming over-supplied. There is no reason why we should not have a mill that can turn the cotton of this section into the real cloth, and I believe the local market alone would support a reasonable amount of such product. Let farmers or cotton raisers bring their cotton to our market, and have it made into cotton goods. Then our merchants could push this line to the front, provided the quality were what it should be, and instead of furnishing fuel for another man's stove we

could be serving our own meals, so to speak. The knitting mills here are placing a very creditable line on the local market, which seems to give general satisfaction. Why cannot our cotton stuff be put out the same way. It would increase the population to establish such a plant, and the benefit would be general." There is a lot in what Dr. Aydtlett says along this line. Another hint for the Chamber of Commerce. Where is our thinking cap?

THE FIRST ROLL CALL.

The first roll call of the members of the Blackwell Memorial Church, will be made Sunday morning. Rev. W. A. Ayres, the pastor, will use as a subject "The First Roll Call." The growth of this church has been remarkable. Within three months the membership has increased from sixty to one hundred and thirty-seven. Mr. Ayres is popular and is a growing member of his calling. He is preaching a series of sermons from the 15th Chapter of Luke. The third in this series will be delivered Sunday night with "The Lost Coin as a Subject."

HOME INSURANCE.

Mr. W. E. Jones, of Washington, N. C., is in the city in the interest of the Eastern Life Insurance Company, the head offices of which are in that city. This company is composed entirely of North Carolina capital, conducted on the old line principles, and in an existence of three years its success has been nothing less than phenomenal. The men composing the board of directors are among the foremost and most successful business men in the state, representing in wealth many millions of dollars. The company is doing a great service by giving their own people the best insurance, and at the same time keeping the money in the State, for home development.

UNTIMELY DEATH.

The sudden death of Mrs. Arthur Sanderlin, at Roanoke Island, last Tuesday, has cast quite a gloom over the community where she lived. Mrs. Sanderlin was a Miss Josephine Coble, of Charlotte, N. C. and was the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Dasher. She had only been married about one year, and during that time she had endeared herself to the people at Roanoke Island where she had lived since her marriage. Mrs. Sanderlin, in dying, left an infant only a few hours old, and her dying words were that the child be given to Mrs. Dasher. Mrs. Dasher has adopted the child, and passed through Elizabeth City with it this week, enroute to her home in Norfolk. Mrs. Sanderlin was a young lady of noble qualities, kind, generous, loving, and charitable, and her untimely death has been a great shock to her friends and relatives. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved husband.

CHAPANOKE.

Correspondence of The Tar Heel, Chapanoke, N. C., April 15th.—

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jackson entertained quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen at their residence on the 13th instant in commemoration of the seventeenth anniversary of their beautiful daughter Sues' birthday. The home was beautifully and elaborately decorated with garlands of flowers of various colors, with here and there the most exquisite bouquets encumbered with the sweetest fragrance. One could almost imagine themselves in a paradise; upon glancing at the beautiful and attractive Misses who seemed to be encircled in this halo of brilliancy. Truly it is pleasant to have friends, and more so, to be remembered as such; on an occasion of this kind. And the many friends who participated in the gayety and festivities of the evening were the following: Mr. Walter Elliott with Miss Annie Horton; Mr. Walter Ferebee, with Miss Lena Barber; Mr. Walter Fletcher with Miss Nellie Ferebee; Mr. Joshua Munden with Miss Claude Symons; Mr. James Griffin; with Miss Ferebee Symons; Mr. Jas. Britt with Miss Eula West; Mr. Robert Keaton, with Miss Mary Britt; Mr. Hermon West, with Miss Lena Symons; Mr. Kellie Miller, with Miss Sadie Britt;

Mr. Tom White, with Miss Ora Hollowell; Mr. James Morgan, with Miss Delia White; Mr. Fenton Towe, with Miss Annie McKider; Mr. J. Claude Perry, with Miss Sue Jackson; Mr. R. T. Bell, with Miss Catherine Weston.

At 10:30 o'clock a beautiful spread was prepared that would have done honor to any occasion. At 11:30, the guests returned to their homes happy for once having lived in a country so blessed with beautiful girls and pleasant people.

THE NEW FERRY.

Articles of incorporation were sent to the Secretary of State this week to incorporate the Camden Ferry Co. The capital stock is named at \$5,350.00, with privilege to increase to \$25,000. There are 100 shares of a par value of \$50 each. There are thirty-five stock holders, all of whom are residents of Elizabeth City.

The objects set forth in the articles are to build, and maintain toll ferries, toll bridges, and toll roads, and to build, maintain and operate all necessary requirements for maintaining and operating such toll ferries, roads and bridges as it may be desired. The directors will probably meet next week and elect officers.

The ferry will connect Goat Island with E. City, at the foot of Matthews street. The construction of substantially shelled road will begin at once. This ferry will be a great convenience to the people of lower Camden county.

It is proposed to construct well arranged stables on the island for the convenience of those who propose to leave their teams on the other side.

MUCH DAMAGE FROM RAIN.

Messrs. J. M. Woodard and H. G. Brickhouse, of Columbia, were here this week. They report that Tuesday's rain did much damage to potatoes.

The rain was the heaviest witnessed there in five years, and a very large hail came down for several minutes. Early potatoes are looking well, but the crop has been cut off more than one third. Their neighborhood usually makes large shipments of Irish potatoes.

LOST IN THE STORM.

The storm which visited this city last Tuesday was fierce, and the wind and rain was felt all along the river and sound. Reports give details of many boats having suffered wreck and in addition to this some damage was done to personal property.

From Roanoke Island comes the most disastrous tale of woe. At this place the storm visited and played havoc with many of the small boats and one house was actually reported to have been wrenched out of socket by the strength of the wind. This property belonged to one Otis Dough, of Manteo. At this point it is also said that the wind cut a lane through the woods from fifty to seventy-five yards in length.

Captain George M. Scarborough a keeper of Roanoke Marshes, went out in a small shad boat just prior to the storm. He was urged not to attempt the trip but persisted in so doing. At the time of this writing his body had not been recovered though the little sail boat had floated ashore.

Other boats which belonged to Chas. Quibly, of Manteo, W. M. Gray, of Oregon Life Saving Station, and a boat at Stumpy Point, were damaged and capsized. At Stumpy Point a 24-foot skiff tied up at a wharf was carried ashore and inverted, the mast being stuck in the ground, so completely was it overturned. Mr. W. M. Gray and a negro named Walston, were thrown out of Mr. Gray's boat and narrowly escaped drowning. Other stories have been coming in to the Tar Heel office from hour to hour since the wreck, though they are rumors without authentication, and for this reason are not published. It is to be hoped that the damage so far as loss of life is concerned especially, will not amount to anything. This storm is one of a series of fierce gales which have visited this section lately, and the approach of summer will likely give us many more such disasters. The fishermen should not take heedless risks in incurring their lives and property in unseaworthy and egg shell crafts as the river of Pasquotank is more dangerous in a gale than many seem to think.

Over Two Thousand Needed

To Put a Freight Steamer on the Scuppernon River.

THE NEW COMMITTEE NAMED.

At Tuesday Night's Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce it Was Decided to Tender the Surfmén A Banquet.

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday night, with Dr. A. L. Pendleton, the president, presiding. Mr. Harry Greenleaf, the regular secretary, acted in his own capacity.

The following new members were elected: D. R. Morgan, J. H. Burgess, Jr., and M. L. Sanderlin.

Mr. E. Alexander reported on the annual meeting of the Surfmén's Mutual Benefit Association, stating that this body would hold its next meeting at Elizabeth City, on the 9th and 10th of June next.

Messrs. J. H. LeRoy, E. Alexander, and W. L. Cohoon, and the president were appointed a committee to arrange for the entertainment and banquetting of the members of the association at the coming meeting.

Mr. E. Alexander reported from the special committee appointed in regard to establishing a steamboat line between this city and Columbia and that \$2,500 would have to be subscribed to complete the amount necessary to put a freight boat on the Scuppernon river, and that of the \$10,000 originally stated as the amount necessary \$7,500 had already been secured.

Chairman LeRoy, of the Postal, Telegraph and Express committee, reported that the gross receipts of the post-office had reached \$10,000, and that this entitles Elizabeth City to free mail delivery within her city limits. Steps will be taken at once, by the chamber to have this accomplished by July 1st, if possible.

On motion the president was empowered to get up statistics for the inland water-way and to pay them for the same. Secretary Greenleaf was requested to give notice to all the members of the association that at the next meeting which is to be held on the second Tuesday night in May. The Sunday train matter would again be taken up by the chamber.

On motion, Messrs. W. H. Weatherly and S. S. Hardison were instructed to look into the matter of providing new quarters for the Chamber of Commerce, and to report the results of such effort to the next meeting of the chamber.

On motion the body adjourned. In connection with the meeting of Tuesday night, last, the recent meeting of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the selection of the various committees who will serve the ensuing term, will be read with interest by all who have seen the beneficent result of the committees of the past.

They are as follows: Arbitration, Dr. O. McMullen, chairman, G. W. Ward and M. L. Sanderlin. Agriculture and Immigration, A. C. Hathaway, chairman, C. W. Hollowell, and N. G. Gandy.

Industries and Business Enterprises, W. B. Keys, chairman, M. E. Culpepper and C. W. Grice. Legislation, S. L. Sheep, chairman, P. H. Williams, and C. M. Ferebee.

Harbor Shipping and Commerce, E. Alexander, chairman, A. L. Aydtlett, and J. Q. A. Woods. Streets, Parks, and Public Roads, C. W. Melick, chairman, Charles Reid and W. L. Cohoon.

Books and Currency, W. T. Old, chairman, Dr. J. H. White and F. M. Grice. Advertising, S. S. Hardison, chairman, H. C. Tunis and Clay Foreman.

Reception and Exposition, E. F. Lamb, chairman, Dr. J. E. Wood, and W. W. Mann. Information and Statistics, J. P. Overman, chairman, W. L. Smith and N. Burfoot.

Membership, J. S. Cramer, chairman.

J. H. Aydtlett, and J. B. Flora. Health and Sanitation, Dr. W. J. Lumsden, chairman, E. A. Kruger and D. B. Burfoot.

FIGHT ON LIBEL LAWS.

A special from Harrisburg, Pa., says: The attempt to wipe the newspapers off the face of the earth as Senator Fecht described, was partially checked today when the clause imposing a fine of not less than \$1 for every individual copy published was stricken out of the Pennsylvania libel law before the state legislature. Senator Grady, of Philadelphia, fought hard to have the penalty continued, and when he saw defeat coming to his pet measure, he went into a rage. Senator Webster of Bucks county, was the champion of the press.

The latest libel law that is proposed to rush through the legislature in the few remaining days of the session is the most drastic ever attempted. It makes the slightest error cause for a libel suit, no matter how unintentional. The fight in the Senate was one of the most bitter of the session, and the Republican lines were badly broken.

The discussion waxed warm and then the yaps and nays were called for and an amendment concerning the fine. Senator Grimm moved that "a general fine of not less than \$100 be substituted for the enormous penalty. Grimm immediately spoke on the cause and brok down the opposition. The vote was 23 to 20 in favor of the amendment. This started Grady on his rampage. Half an hour of fighting followed. Finally compelled to modify his situation Grady offered another amendment, making the general fine not less than \$5.00 or more than \$1,000. There was no opposition to this and in that shape the bill now stands.

Commenting on the proposed new measure the McKeesport Daily News says: "Some strange things have come before the state legislature under the title of 'bills,' but the freakiest and most uncalled for concoction ever presented is the one now being considered and known as the Salmes libel bill. It is nothing less than an effort to muzzle newspapers and do away with that long cherished principle of Americanism, the freedom of the press. The measure assumes most unreasonably that the publishers of newspapers are negligent in the matter of ascertaining facts in regard to happenings and instead of being a business institution the newspaper is vehicle for injuring others. It appears that certain politicians whose conduct might not look just right in print are especially interested in the measure.

"In the first place it is not what might be considered proper legislation, for it is mainly the result of a desire to prevent publicity from showing up anything that may be illegal in political circles. If the lawmakers will only confine their energies to the enactment of good laws, they will have their hands full and any will earn nothing but praise from the press—and the press is the most willing thing in this world to be stow praise where it belongs. It often stretches a point or two to keep from criticism, but a good paper will never shield wrong doing. Furthermore, the present libel is sufficient.

The Lost Ballot.

Mr. J. R. Pinder Explains its Going. A few days ago I issued a circular in which I stated that a vote intended for me went into the pocket of one of the poll holders and not into the ballot box. One of the poll holders admits that he destroyed one ticket, but that no one knows whether it was for me or my opponent. From the fact that I claimed the vote, this gentleman feels that some explanation is due.

The facts so far as I have been able to get them are these: Someone handed his ticket to one of the pollholders, after his name had been called, but there was some confusion at the time and the name could not be recalled, and it was decided that the ticket should be thrown out as no one knew who voted it. This is admitted by two of the poll keepers.

My reason for claiming the vote was that a gentleman came to me and said that Mr. Wiley N. Gregory handed his ticket to one of the pollholders, and that the name was forgotten as above stated, and the vote was not put in. I then asked Mr. Gregory if he intended to vote for me, and he said that he did, hence I claimed the vote.

I did not wish to intimate that any fraud was intended, but the point I made, was that had all the votes cast for me been counted, I would have had a majority in the primary.

J. R. PINNELL.