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Street Cars To Come

The Baltimore Corporation Are Up to Date.

Power House Completed.

It Will Soon be Ready to Generate The Current Necessary to Set The New Enterprise in Motion. Nine Miles of Track.

And now the street cars are assured us. The new electric company have installed the motor necessary for the conduct of a first class system of cars which are to cover about nine miles of track, part of the track to be double and part single system. The tracks will extend down the principal streets, the names of which have not yet been given out for publication. However, the new system will afford Elizabeth City one of the finest opportunities for advancement and future that has yet been assured us. No other thing could do more to build up the city and it seems almost hard to realize that we are actually to have street cars and that at no late date. A Tar Heel man inspected the new motor which has been placed and will generate the necessary power.

Near the depot at the old property there stands to-day a fine brick building which covers a large area. Besides it stands a little wooden shed which tells the tale of the past.

The new building has a modern and roomy boiler room which will contain four boilers. Three of them with a capacity of seventy horse power each, are now in place. The fourth one will give one hundred and twenty horse power. Thus it may be seen there will be sufficient force to operate all of the companies proposed plans.

In the adjoining room are three newly erected engines. That is there is a place for the three, and all that is needed is to put them in operation, since they are now in Elizabeth City. These three engines are of two hundred horse power while a fourth one will also be placed along side of them giving one hundred horse power. Facing the engines are the new dynamos which will generate the company's current. Two of them are of one, hundred and twenty K. W., one at 125, K. W., one at 60 K. W., and one at 35 K. W. Four of these are alternating and one is continuous current. The largest of these five at 125 K. W., will be used on the Street Railway line.

In addition to this the company is making every effort to complete the new water works system. This system will necessitate a reservoir, which has been located at Knobbs Creek, about one mile from the engine house. At the company's plant a tower will be erected which will hold a tank 70 feet high. This tank will be 26 ft. in diameter, and will give great water pressure. It will, of course, be continuously supplied from the pumps, which will be constantly kept in operation, as the water shall be exhausted. When this is done it means good hydrants for the fire department, as well as nice drinking water, and water for all domestic purposes, for the public.

Let us pause and think what all of this means for us. Up to this time we have been only a small city, just worthy of the name. But within a few more months the stranger who shall visit us, will ride through our streets on electric cars. The prospective settler will find good water at his disposal, proper sewerage, and the excellent electric light service which is now at the demand of all will be continued at the commercial rate which has plac-

ed it at the disposal of any and every-body. It looks as though E. City were going to settle down for real honors now, and no mistake. It means to our view, that this city is destined to be the largest city in North Carolina, and that at no very distant date.

We have not jumped into success, but since the early days of incorporation we have gradually climbed into prominence, each year marking new progress, until the outcome is what we now have before us.

In the city of Baltimore notice has been taken of our stride forward. Here is what the great Baltimore Sun has to say about it: "Col. Milton W. Offutt and several associates of Baltimore who recently purchased the electric-lighting plant of Elizabeth City, N. C. have organized and control three other companies for the establishment of street-railway water and sewerage systems in the same town. It is estimated that the development and completion of these enterprises will cost over \$300,000.

The four companies have been incorporated. They are the Elizabeth City Electric Light and Power Co., the Elizabeth City Street Railway Company, the Elizabeth City Water and Power Company, and the Elizabeth City Sewerage Company. Colonel Offutt and his associates purchased the electric lighting plant for about \$50,000 and have spent about \$35,000 on extensive improvements. They have just completed a brick power house, and installed the necessary dynamos and other machinery for operating the light and power plant and the street railway. It has a capacity of 1,100 horsepower. They control the electric lighting and furnish current for various manufacturing plants. This enterprise is now in full operation. They are also engaged in constructing water and sewerage systems, and the work of laying pipes has well advanced. As soon as this is completed Colonel Offutt says they will begin to build the new street railway.

It is the intention to construct a fine electric street railway system on the principal streets. The various lines will comprise about nine miles and it is estimated that the road will cost \$90,000. All of the necessary franchises have been secured. Elizabeth City is an industrious town with a population of 10,000 to 12,000 and growing rapidly. The Suffolk and Carolina Railway Company which is controlled by Baltimore capital, is now building an extension of 25 miles from Eden-ton to Elizabeth City. Mr. W. H. Bosley president of the Queen Anne's Railroad Company, is also president of that company. Colonel Offutt, who is at the head of the new enterprise is vice-president and acting president of the United Electric Light and Power Co. and controls the Maryland Biscuit Company and is interested in a number of other enterprises. As a resident of Towson and a practical farmer, he is credited with having done as much as any other person for the advancement and development of Baltimore county. He takes pride in his farming interests and has raised some fine thoroughbred horses and cattle.

We are glad to have such capitalists behind us. What they have accomplished for the county of Baltimore and the city of Baltimore they can just as easily accomplish here. It means that we are on the verge of the greatest era in our history.

What we want next is the biggest fair and carnival, that has ever been given in eastern Carolina. We might combine it with a fishermen's fair, and bring every sea boat owner in Dare and adjoining counties down to see us. What does the public say to something like this, for the coming fall or spring?

WANTED:—Fifty Young Ladies to operate electric power machines on ladies shirt waists. Easy work, Good wages while you learn. Large wages after you become expert. Address, with references, The LeRoy Shirt Waist Company, Berkeley, Va.

BELVIDERE.

Correspondence of The Tar Heel.

Belvidere, N. C. May 27th, 1903.—The commencement exercises of the Belvidere Academy were held Friday the 15th, with an elaborate and appropriate program, consisting of recitations, dialogues, music, etc. The students acquitted themselves well, and reflected much credit on their tutors who labored hard for success. A large attendance was present from the surrounding country, and the writer heard but one sentiment. "It was a good thing." After the exercises were over the good fair sex of the village served ices to the crowd to aid in raising funds to build a new Academy, which is much needed. A goodly amount was realized. The committee propose to in the near future to erect a nice commodious building.

Mr. Walter White who lost his mill and fixtures on the 9th, of April by fire, is rapidly erecting another on the same site and the familiar whistle which we have sadly missed for some time was heard again this morning.

Miss Allie White who has been teaching in Southampton, Va, returned last Friday.

Miss Cora White is visiting in Greensboro and High Point, N. C.

Miss Emice Darlen who has been teaching in western N. C. for two years returned last week.

Miss Bella White who has been teaching in Southampton for quite a while is expected home this week.

Friends quarterly meetings will be held at Pine Woods Church next Saturday and Sunday. Ministers from Pennsylvania and Virginia are expected to be present.

THE ATHLETIC CARNIVAL.

On Friday, May 29th., which is to-day the Y. M. C. A. carnival will be held at the baseball park, on Baxter Avenue and net at the Albemarle Park as announced heretofore. This contest is to decide the athletic championships for 1903. The program will begin promptly at 2:30 p. m. The following is a list of the entries:—

Four hundred and forty yard dash; Bell, Turner, Mitchell. One hundred yard dash, Junior Race: Two hundred and twenty yard hurdle race; Bell, Greenleaf, Turner, Miller, Mitchell and Jenkins. Running high jump; Juniors. Throwing base ball; Greenleaf, Bell, Jenkins and Miller. Sack Race; Juniors. Running high jump; T. Turner, Miller and Greenleaf. Twelve pound hammer throw; Jenkins, Miller and Turner. Running board jump; Juniors. Pole vault, Greenleaf, Turner and Miller. Running board jump; Miller, Mitchell, Jenkins, Turner, Bell and Greenleaf. Shoe race; Juniors. Shot put; Greenleaf, Turner, Miller and Jenkins. One hundred yard dash; Bell, Miller, Jenkins, Greenleaf, Turner and Mitchell. Fifty yard dash; Junior race. Two hundred and twenty yard dash; Turner, Miller, Jenkins, Mitchell, Bell and Greenleaf.

The Judges are W. T. Old, P. H. Williams, Lieut. George M. Daniels, W. M. Baxter and Dr. S. W. Gregory.

Starters: C. W. Burrows. Timer: L. E. Old. Clerks: C. W. Melick and C. E. Thompson.

A small admission fee of only ten cents will be charged to help defray the expenses. Everyone who anticipates a good time should go to this carnival.

Dare County To The Front.

Manteo N. C. May 27th, 1903.—

Thursday at the home of the bride at Nags Head, Miss Mary Beasley and Mr. Jno. P. Wise were united in marriage. Justice Cecil Neal performed the ceremony.

Captain and Mrs. M. L. Johnson had the misfortune to lose their infant child last Monday. The interment was at the family burying ground at the north end Wednesday.

Last Monday Capt. Bloss Dougherty passed away at his home near here. He was eighty-five years old and one of the oldest inhabitants of this historic island. Capt. Dough has been a sufferer for more than two years, during which time his daughter, Mrs. A. Etheridge attended him with a devotion and fidelity that has elicited the admiration of her neighbors. The deceased was a most honorable citizen, respected by all who enjoyed his acquaintance. He was buried in the old family burying ground that contain the ashes of his ancestors for many generations.

The Manie Carlis is now on Creeds railways undergoing a thorough overhauling. Her run from here to Elizabeth City is, supplied by the schooner Hattie Creef. It will be about ten days before this boat is finished. This boat has been running between Manteo and Elizabeth City ten years during which time Capt. Johnson has been the popular master. It is probable that this schooner has brought more merchandise out of Pasquotank River than any other sail vessel afloat. Though depending solely on the wind. She makes two trips each week with a regularity not excelled by few steamboats. A conservative estimate would place the value of each cargo at \$500.00. And at these figures it is seen that Cap. Johnson brings more than \$50,000.00 worth of merchandise from Eliz., City a year. Then in ten years his cargoes have exceeded a half million dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gray went to Elizabeth City Monday. Other passengers were, Sanders Payne Jr., J. D. Oneal, Geo. Midgett, J. S. Hayman and T. O. Midgett.

The marriage bells are beginning to ring. Sunday week there will be two marriages at Salvo. The contracting parties are: Miss Marcie Midgett to Mr. Lafayette Douglas and Miss Lucy Midgett to Mr. Warren Midgett. Others will follow.

Much interest is being manifested in the great educational picnic and rallies to be held in June. Supt. of Public Instruction, J. Y. Joyner will be present besides other distinguished visitors, and a great occasion is expected. The schools between New Inlet and Hatteras will meet at Buxton June 24. Schools at East Lake, Mashoes, Stumpy Point and Croatan will meet at Manns Harbor Thursday, June 25; those on Roanoke Island, Nags Head and Colington will meet at Fort Raleigh Friday June 26. The schools will observe holiday on the date named and the teachers and students will attend en masse. Hon. B. G. Crisp is sparing no pains to make the occasion all that it should be. He says there is more interest taken in education in Dare County now than at any other time in its history.

The entertainment given Tuesday and Wednesday evenings by the faculty of the Manteo Academy were unreservedly pronounced a success. To Miss Epps and her able assistants Misses Langston and Beattie, much credit is due. The exhibition of the students showed a thorough training which their parents witnessed with an air of satisfaction. Everyone did well, but the recitations of Miss Beattie, and the vocal solo of Miss Langston, merited special mention. Miss Ozella Payne as queen evinced a grace and charm attractive to all. The programs were as follows:—

Tuesday Evening. Inst., Trio, Polka; Misses Bessie Westcott, Mabel Evans and Hattie Creef. Vocal Trio, Pit, Pat or There Falls the rain; by Misses Langston, Beattie and Payne. Cantata, School Festival; School. Recitation, Sister and I; by Miss Beattie.

Vocal Duet, Master and Pupil; by Misses Langston and Beattie. Play, Sister Masons.

Poses Plastique.

Wednesday Evening. Inst., Duet, Snow Bells; by Misses Sudge Pees and Hattie Creef.

Vocal Duet, A. B. C.; Misses Langston and Beattie. Play, Chronothanatolotron. Poses, The Fate of Virginia. Recitation, Lasca; Miss Beattie. Pantomime, Nearer My God to Thee.

Mr. C. D. Loan, of Plymouth, accompanied by two gentlemen from Baltimore, passed through Sunday morning en route to Hatteras where they go to inspect the plant and timber lands belonging to the Hornthal-Loan Lumber Co., and which plant was operated by this firm some months since. The Baltimore men it is understood, are considering the purchase and operation of the mill. This tract of timber contains about twenty million feet and is on the coast near the famous and perilous Diamond Shoals.

Mr. Walter L. Cohoon, editor of the Tar Heel, left Monday, after a weeks sojourn here and in other parts of the County. He tells us that he is preparing to issue a special Dare County Edition of his paper in the near future. In this he proposes to give this county such a write up as its resources merit. He has collected much valuable information, which will be interesting to our own people as well as to the outside world. The edition will be replete with views characteristic of the county. The Tar Heel is very popular here, and it would be very conservative to say that there are more copies of it coming to Dare County than all other North Carolina papers combined.

The four master schooner Ivey Corlidge, light, was stranded near New Inlet Saturday. A tug came down from Norfolk and floated the immense craft Sunday. Capt. Joe Westcott and his sturdy surfmen did brave and active work.

The sad intelligence reached here Sunday, of the death, at Nags Head, of "old man" Evan Neil, who passed away at his home Saturday in his eighty-third year. He had resided on that storm lashed coast since early boyhood, and a part of his history is the history of Nags Head once the dread of mariners but now the mecca of pleasure seekers. He had witnessed many wrecks, and had helped rescue many imperiled sailors. He said he had never seen a boat get ashore on the beach loaded with coal or pig iron, but that went to pieces. The funeral was held Monday. He leaves a large number of relatives to mourn his loss.

Mr. D. M. Stringfield, attended court in Elizabeth City this week. He was retained in a case on trial in that country. This fact only shows Mr. Stringfield's rapid rise in the profession, and his popularity as a man. He is an able young lawyer and though he has been with us only two years Dare claims him with a feeling of pride.

Our mayor Mr. Nelson is going to leave us to-morrow. He will go to his old home in Caldwell Co. We are sorry to lose him, as he has proved himself worthy of everybody's respect.

Mr. R. O. Moffett, the photographer is with us for a short time. He is being well patronized and the people would like for him to stay.

It seems that gasoline launches are getting to be the thing here. There were seven laying at Evans and Meekins wharf last Sunday, and two are being constructed.

Captain Wainwright, the "butterfly man" is hard at work, and has enthused half of the people here on the subject. We would like to have more such men as he.

The Superior Court for Dare Co., was held here last week, Judge Justice presiding. The civil docket was long but nearly all of the cases were continued. The criminal docket took up more time than usual. It was disposed of as follows:—

State vs. Billy Daniels, assault with deadly weapon—guilty, judgement suspended on payment of costs. State vs. P. E. Fulcher and A. H. Etheridge, agray with deadly weapons guilty—fined \$5.00 and costs. State vs. A. A. Brickhouse, assault with deadly weapons, not pros with leave. State vs. Chas. Westcott, trespass, defendant submits; judgement suspended upon payment of costs.

Married at High Noon

Miss Emily Hollowell Becomes Mrs. Dr. Fearing.

The Event of The Week.

Both of The Contracting Parties Are From The Best Families. The Event Took Place At The First Methodist Church.

At the First Methodist church on Wednesday at high noon the marriage of Miss Emily Hollowell to Dr. Zenus Fearing was celebrated. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Underwood, presiding elder of the district.

At the time appointed the church organ began its wedding march with Mrs. G. W. Ward presiding at this instrument. The attendants then entered the church, which was filled with friends and relatives of the contracting parties.

The ushers were Messrs George Pendleton, Dr. Kellam, Dr. Isiah Fearing and Mr. G. W. Worth. The lady attendants were Miss Stella Pryor, of Cleveland, Ohio, who acted as maid of honor, being attired in white organdie, and wearing a bouquet of Red La France roses, and Misses Mamie Burgess and Gay Woodson, who wore white organdie.

At the conclusion of the services the attendants left in the following order: Miss Pryor; with Mr. Howland Fearing, who acted as best man, Miss Burgess with Dr. Kellam, and Miss Woodson with Mr. George Pendleton. These were followed by Mr. Worth and Mr. Geo. Fearing, a cousin of the bride who gave the lady away.

The entire party were driven to the home of the brides aunt, Mrs. Mollie Fearing, on Road Street, where an elegant luncheon was served. After the wedding breakfast the newly wedded pair caught the train for Washington, Baltimore and other northern cities.

Quite a number of magnificent presents were sent in by the many friends of this popular young couple.

Miss Hollowell is the niece of Mrs. Mollie Fearing, and has for some time ranked as a social leader and favorite. She is pretty and accomplished, and will continue to share in the social gatherings, in the more dignified role of a dame. Dr. Fearing is a native of the city and state. He has for some time been fortunate in the possession of a number of friends. Perhaps no young man in Elizabeth City is more universally esteemed. His professional success has been marked, and with his charming young wife he will come back to us from his bridal tour, prepared in the God-given strength, which comes with matrimony, to attain greater success and to make for himself fame and reputation.

The Tar Heel has not chronicled a marriage in a long time with more pleasure, nor has it ever wished success in greater measure than it does to Dr. and Mrs. Zenus Fearing.

MERCHANTS ORGANIZE.

The Albemarle Retail Grocers Association is the name of an organization recently perfected in this, and which has as its object the mutual protection of the retail grocers, not only of this city, but all those in the Albemarle section. At a recent meeting very important resolutions were passed among which was one to eliminate as far as possible the semi jobber, or the merchant who sells both wholesale and retail. In other words the smaller merchants are dead set after the man who sells to them and then sells to their customers. Another resolution which this body passed was one effecting the collection of bad accounts.