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### Engineers Walk Out

#### Norfolk and Southern Steamers Are Standing Idle.

#### Traffic At a Stand Still

#### Several Boats At The Elizabeth City Wharf Are Waiting For A Responsible Man To Start The Engines. Effort To Get Georgia Engines.

The marine engineers' situation is that the engineers and owners of steam vessels have agreed to disagree.

The efforts of the owners to get a delay in the matter of the time set for the engineers' new scale of wages to go into effect failed, and a large number of the latter quit their positions at 12 o'clock Saturday night—with the result that numerous boats are now "tied up" and their crews out of employment.

The engineers voted on the question last night for the third time, unanimously refused to submit their case to arbitration or anything of that sort.

The owners have laid up as many boats as they could possibly do without, and are paying the new scale on such boats as they can't possibly spare from service.

There is no very bad feeling existing between the two sides to the question, although the owners think that they have not been given due consideration by the engineers.

On the other hand the engineers contend that their cause is a just one and that they have done exactly right in the matter. Those of them who have gone out have done so upon resignations, so that it cannot be called a "strike." In fact they couldn't strike and hold their engineers' licenses, which it is necessary for them to have in order to follow their vocations.

The engineers have, it would appear reached a settled conclusion as to the terms on which they are willing to work for the steamboat men in the future, and have shouldered the consequences by tendering any assistance from outside sources saying: "We stand on our own bottom." Their feeling of safety in the matter appears to arise from the demand that exists everywhere for the services of marine engineers.

That the owners of steam vessels are determined to make a bold stand against the scale of wages as proposed is evident from the number of boats that have been tied up, at the risk of large injury to the owners' business.

Mr. M. K. King, General Manager of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, said that his line had laid up four boats in consequence of the trouble with the engineers. These are the tug William H. Phillips, which has been towing in this harbor; the steamer Lucy, which has been running on the Roanoke river, North Carolina; the Pomico, which has been towing on Albemarle Sound, and the Dickerman, which has been running through the Dismal Swamp Canal between Norfolk and Elizabeth City.

He said the boats crews averaged about ten men each, and, therefore, some forty men are idle as a result of the tie-up. The company's towing in Norfolk harbor, Mr. King said, is being done by Joseph M. Clark & Co.

Mr. Jacob Kraemer, secretary to the General Superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line, said that he did not care to make any statement, except that his line is working in harmony with its employees, and that their tug, the Pinner's Point, which is the only steamer they employ at Norfolk, is running as usual. It is understood that this line has made a month's agreement with its engineers at the new scale.

Mr. C. E. Finch, Traffic Manager of the Seaboard Air Line, said that his line is not at present interested in the tie-up, as the only steamer it uses in Norfolk is the company's tug Dorothea, which was hauled out for repairs some time since, and is still on the ways. The Seaboard's towing in Norfolk at present is being done by the tug Louisa, owned by Captain John Twoby.

The Old Dominion Steamship Company gave notice to the public to-day, that, owing to the trouble with the engineers, and until further notice, the company will not have any boat on the Norfolk, Mathews and Gloucester route, nor on the route between Norfolk, Old Point and Hampton, nor on the Nansemond river except the barge "Nellie," and only one steamer on the Norfolk-Smithfield route, the steamer "Accomack" having been withdrawn from the last named route. This company is running its steamer Luray between Norfolk and Smithfield and its steamers Brandon and Berkeley between Norfolk and Richmond.

"After discussion, the following resolutions were adopted by the owners and representatives of owners:

"Whereas, a committee of the Marine Engineers, employees of those present and others, has attended this meeting and announced that it had been decided by the Marine Engineers, not to undertake any negotiations with the owners of vessels for an adjustment of the differences between them, but to insist upon the payment of the scale presented by circular; therefore,

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the owners of vessels should adhere to the resolution adopted at their meeting of the 30th instant, and put out of commission thirty-seven vessels and as many more as possible, and

"That the employers and representatives of owners advise the lessees of the Norfolk County Ferries to take such steps in regard to wages as is absolutely necessary to run such boats as they deem essential or unavoidable; and

"Resolved, further, That a committee of five be appointed, with full authority to handle all questions necessary to carry out the resolutions of the owners, and representatives of owners, in reference to scale of wages adopted by the Marine Engineers, and that no steps be taken by the owners without the consent and approval of said committee."

Adjourned.  
M. K. KING, Chairman.  
L. P. HOAG, JR., Secretary.  
The following was also given out by the owners:  
"It was contended by Mr. Bray (Continued on fourth page.)"

### State Normal Exercises.

The Elizabeth City State Normal school gave its annual commencement commencing Friday May 22nd and continuing throughout the 29th, of May, the last night being class day exercises. The addresses and papers which were read and discussed during the week were creditable and reflected great honor on Professor Moore, who is in charge of the college. The Tar Heel received an invitation to the commencement.

### Building A Launch.

Mr. Wright, who conducts a store on the upper end of Poindecker Street, is building for his own use, a nice little gasoline launch. The craft promises to be as well finished and servicable as the best which float on the Pasquotank, or come into these waters.

### Mr. Dunstan Resigns.

Mr. W. E. Dunstan, has severed his connection with The Crystal Ice and Coal Company. In resigning his position with this firm Mr. Dunstan turned the management over to Mr. S. B. Bartlett, who has bought a half interest in the concern, and will assume charge of the office.

Mr. Dunstan came to Elizabeth City from Bertie County, N. C., eleven years ago. He has since that time, made himself unusually public spirited, and has been in close touch with every advance of the city's growth. Few men have made as many friends, as Mr. Dunstan. The Tar Heel sincerely trusts that in choosing a new avocation, or pursuing his old calling under different management he may have the hearty support of the community, which is dutifully bound to appreciate his interest in the local welfare.

## VOTERS MAY ASK FOR DISPENSARY

On Tuesday night there was a meeting of those interested in the matter of temperance reform, or rather in the proposed sale and distribution of spiritous liquors.

Mr. J. B. Leigh, acted as president, or chairman of the meeting, with Mr. Roswell Mitchell as Secretary. There were no regular speakers, the affair being an informal one. It was unanimously decided that steps be taken looking towards the calling of a mass meeting at an early date. At the mass meeting it will be decided whether or not a petition which will be before the public brought will be signed by one third of the voters of the city, requesting a vote on the dispensary law, as provided in the Watts bill. This petition will go before the aldermen, who may allow the election, if they deem it best. The Watts bill, recently passed by the legislature

provides that the petition signed by one third of the registered voters of a community entitles that community to a right to call for a vote on the question.

The object and method of conducting the dispensary law is too well known for any great comment to be necessary. It regulates the sale of alcohol to one or more places designated by the city, and provides for a committee of three, appointed by the aldermen who look after the appointment of those who are to conduct the dispensary. It provides further that only liquor or spirits, in sealed packages may be sold, thus prohibiting drinking on the premises. It is well known that the glass at the bar counter, is the most dangerous glass of all, and it is chiefly to prevent this glass, and to keep the sale under proper restrictions that the bill was passed.

### SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

#### Elizabeth City Public School Closed Prosperous Year with Creditable Exercises.

(WRITTEN FOR THE TAR HEEL.)

An informal, but altogether well arranged program of pleasing exercises was rendered at the assembly Hall of the Public School Building on Friday last at 11 a. m. Promptly at the hour the pupils marched in double file through the two entrance doors with the utmost order and precision. The hall, which had been prettily decorated with flags, potted plants and cut flowers, was filled with the students, their parents and friends.

The exercises were opened with a fervent prayer by Rev. Mr. Shaw, and a cordial address of welcome from Mrs. Lula Butt Bradford the enthusiastic, energetic Principal. Mrs. Bradford stated that several weeks ago when it was considered by the Board of Education, almost a matter of impossibility to run the school the full term, all preparations for commencement were abandoned in order that the time and energies of pupils should be concentrated upon the review of the work of the session preparatory to the final examinations. When the

Aldermen and the Board of Education was rendered to continue the school eight months, too much time had been lost from commencement preparations and the school committee agreed that the practical results to the pupils would be far more beneficial if the regular routine of school work should go without interruption. So that the closing exercises consisted of a medal contest on Declamation and Recitation.

The following programme was rendered in a most creditable manner:

Carolina-Chorus by the School, Recitation—"Seven Times One," Ruth Evans, Recitation—"Old flag," Harry Banks. Recitation—"Mr. Bowser among the Dressmakers," Mary Wynn. The Red, White and Blue-Chorus by the School. Recitation—"The Flag of our Country," Solomon Swain. Recitation—"Brier Rose," Lydia Waters. National Anthem—By the School. Recitation—"The Uprising in 1776," Chas. Banks. Recitation—"Jack the Fishermen," Ida Carter.

Hon. J. B. Leigh, Chairman of the School Committee, then made a brief but very happy address in which he most heartily commended the work of the principal, the teachers and students during the year. He heartily commended

the pupils for their neatness and adornment of the building for their punctuality, deportment and class standing, and stated that the attendance and good discipline this year had broken all past records. He referred to the handsome library of 425 or more books which the principal with the aid of the teachers and pupils had secured during the session for the benefit of the school. He then dwelt upon character building as the aim of every true teacher and closed with the wish to see a bright future for each and every student of the Public School. He was followed by Mr. Wesley Williams, Sec. of the School Committee, who expressed his appreciation of the work of the school and said that he had vigilantly followed the career of the school during the entire session visiting the school as he did, so frequently and observing the work of the principal and teachers in their class-rooms as well as in the matter of discipline, and that he considered this the most prosperous session in the history of the school. Mr. N. R. Parker, the other member of the committee, on account of extreme diffidence, did not make an address but heartily endorsed all the good things that had been said by the others.

Mrs. Bradford then made a formal presentation of the certificates of promotion to all pupils who had reached an average of eighty per cent and over in each and every study as determined by their intermediate and final examinations. Over eighty per cent of the pupils had reached the required standard of scholarship which was indeed, a fine showing. To the remaining pupils certificates of assignment were given showing that such pupils would have to remain in the same grades for the session until their work should be satisfactory.

The Judges for the Medal Contest then reported that the medal Declamation should go to Master Solomon Swain; on Recitation to Miss Katie Reid. Mr. Roscoe Turner on behalf of the Judges, Mr. W. A. Worth, Mr. J. R. Pinner, Rev. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Howland Fearing, in a very felicitous speech presented the handsome medals to the worthy winners. He, also, presented to Miss Pauline Stokely, of the Fifth Grade, a prize from her teacher, Miss Boushall, on Punctuality and Deportment, also a gold medal on Writing to Felix Elliott, of the First Primary Grade, from his teacher, Mrs. Minnie Brooks. The boys from the Fourth and Fifth Grades then rendered "Dixie" as a chorus in a truly patriotic style, after which the school repeated in concert the Psalm of Life which was a fitting conclusion to the enjoyable exercises.

### Delegates Appointed.

At a meeting held in Elizabeth City N. C., by the Albemarle Retail Grocers Association June 2nd, 1903. The following gentlemen were appointed as delegates to the National Association to be held in Raleigh, June 8th, 1903. J. H. LeRoy, T. W. Williams, L. W. Anderson, E. C. Jackson and George E. Stevens.

A. Q. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

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, Berkley, Va.

## Miller is Champion.

#### Cape Hatteras Lad Walks Over the Contestants.

#### Good Salt Air The Secret

#### Mr. H. T. Greenleaf, Jr. is Second, With Mr. Turner as Third. Bell Also Made a Good Showing. A Small Crowd Were in Attendance.

Last Friday, at Baxter park, a series of contests, which were to determine the championships of the Elizabeth City Y. M. C. A. came off. About fifty good people came out see it, though as many dollars had been spent in advertising the carnival. Mr. Kight, the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., spent more than a week in preparation. Hurdles were built for the purpose, and the track was given every possible attention. The young men who took part were out in regulation uniforms, and at the time of starting all eyes were turned to the grandstand, where perhaps a dozen ladies sat, and as many men, all of whom deserve credit for the interest manifested.

First on the program, as issued in advance, was the 440 yard dash. This was won by Turner; time; 57 seconds. Greenleaf won the 220 yard hurdle race. Time; 30 seconds. In throwing the base-ball Bell won, putting the ball 283 feet and 7 inches. Miller made the running high jump at 4 feet, 9 inches. Again Miller took the 12 pound hammer throw, putting the hammer 68 feet and 2 inches. In the pole vault Miller broke the other records, making 7 feet and 11 inches, which for a novice is unusually fine, and is rarely equalled. In the running, broad jump Bell made a second point, touching the mark at 17 feet and 10 inches. Greenleaf was in three inches of this mark. In putting the shot Miller scored another point at 31 feet and four inches. The one hundred yard dash went to Greenleaf. Time 11 1-5 seconds. The 220 yard dash also went to Greenleaf at 27 2-5 seconds.

It may then be stated that the score at the conclusion of the contest stood as follows:

Miller 17 points; Greenleaf 13 points, and Turner 12 points.

The Junior races were postponed on account of the rain. These will come off at a later date.

Three medals were issued the three winners, the one going to Miller making him the Champion Athlete of Elizabeth City.

Mr. Miller hails from Hatteras, where he was raised on good salt air and plenty of out door exercise. He is practically a new-comer in this place and has had, probably, the smallest amount of physical training, which would necessarily have given him even greater advantage. It will be noticed that in exercises of the upper body he scored his greatest points, while his second, Greenleaf, excelled in foot races of several descriptions. This shows the good of Greenleaf's training.

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