

## Surfmen In The City

### ENROUTE TO NORFOLK TO ATTEND SURFMEN ASSO.

A large crowd of our surfmen from the down sound country visited Elizabeth City this week on their way to Norfolk to attend the meeting of the Surfmen's Association, which met in that city this week.

The Surfmen's Mutual Benefit Association meet each year just after the close of the life saving service, at some convenient point where there is a great gathering of the noble surfmen of the Atlantic coast.

This year, judging from the great crowds wearing the blue, who have visited the city this week, the association for number in attendance must have been a record breaker.

Our reporter, noted the following well known gentlemen of the life saving service of our part of the coast, while they were in the city Tuesday and Wednesday morning:

Captain F. H. Midgett, Capt. W. F. Midgett and Capt. Silas Heines of Kitty Hawk, and Rev. Henry Smith and little son. These gentlemen were all enroute to Norfolk to attend the association.

From Hatteras, N. C., were noted, Captains H. W. Stryon, E. H. Pell and P. H. Etheridge and Surfmen R. W. Basnight, R. S. Midgett, Z. S. Midgett, E. S. Midgett, as they passed through the city bound to Norfolk.

Captain W. Barnett, keeper of Ocracoke station, accompanied

by his wife, sons and their wives; Captain C. McWilliams, keeper of Portsmouth life saving station and Surfmen Roberts and Burroughs, who attended last week the Beaufort celebration, spent Tuesday night in the city and went to Norfolk Wednesday morning. Surfman J. A. Midgett of Chicocomo station and his brother, C. P. Midgett, Surfmen W. B. Midgett, P. L. O'Neal and B. D. Scarboro of Big Kennekeet, were also members of the crowd. Capt. L. B. Midgett of Chicocomo and Z. G. Burrows of Gull Shoal were also members of the party.

Mr. N. W. Daily, ex-surfman, now of Fowler & Co of this city, and son Dallas, left with the surfmen Wednesday morning to attend the association. Mr. Daily is one of the charter members of the association and was its first secretary, which position he most efficiently filled for a number of years.

The Tar Heel extends to these surfmen, who are now in Norfolk, spending three days in delightful social intercourse, its best wishes for their happiness and prosperity; for of all men, the Tar Heel holds the men who guard our storm-bound coast in the highest esteem.

Next week the Tar Heel will give its surfmen who stayed at home a full account of the association

## PARENTS OBJECTED; COUPLE ELOPED.

### Miss Alston and Mr. Harris Sought Chowan Minister

Last Sunday morning while objecting parents were "napping" so to speak, cupid got in some effective work which completely frustrated the opposition of parents, who would have had the fate of their daughter sealed otherwise.

"Love laughs at locksmiths" is a true adage and warning register of deeds is just about as futile, since this number is legion and to warn them all is a task well nigh impossible to accomplish.

Miss Willie Alston, radiantly beautiful, just budding into womanhood in her sixteenth summer, conscious that parents objected, yet yielding to an irritable yearning to plight her troth to the man of her choice, left home presumably to go to Sunday school at Newbegun church. This she did, or rather she went to church, but she did not wait for Sunday school. There she met her youthful lover (for he too, was just a little past eighteen summers) in a horse and buggy, ready to ride away from the frowns of angry parents across the Chowan line, where an unsuspecting (?) magistrate would innocently make them one.

Hastily informing her companions of her intentions, she was then into the buggy and he tearing away to consummate well laid plans. While an angry father fussed and fumed at home in impotent rage.

By the way we forgot to mention that the lucky swain was Mr. John Harris of the same community.

Anyway, whether they received the parental blessing or not the Tar Heel cannot refrain from extending to Mr. Harris happiest congratulations upon his success in winning so fair a bride; and to the bride herself, its best wishes that her path through life may be thickly strewn with roses.

## Pythians In Convention

### 37th. Annual Session of the Grand Lodge Met Here.

The annual session of the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias was held in Elizabeth City this week. The opening session was held Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Court House, with a large delegation of representatives of the order of Knights of Pythias from all over the state present.

Judge J. B. Leigh delivered the address of welcome on the part of the city; and Rev. Mr. Veighe, pastor of the Presbyterian church, delivered the address of welcome on the part of the local lodge. These addresses were brilliant efforts of oratory, which held the enrapt attention of the audience.

The response was delivered by Mr. Luther M. Carlton, Esq., in a most beautiful address, filled with beautiful sentiments and lofty thoughts.

Mr. Barnes of Illinois, supreme chancellor of the order of Knights of Pythias, then delivered an address before the grand lodge, which was one of the greatest oratorical efforts ever delivered here on any occasion.

At the close of the addresses the session closed.

On Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the grand lodge reconvened in a business session, which lasted until noon, when an adjournment was had for dinner. The lodge met again at two

o'clock for another business session.

A large crowds of delegates are in attendance upon the grand lodge, there being somewhere between three and four hundred visiting Pythians in the city.

The business establishments of the city to do honor to the occasion have been gaily bedecked in bunting and flags this week, which has presented a lovely scene of gayety and good will to the visitors.

The Pythians is one of the most noble order of the state, which is rapidly growing in this state, where it's destined in a few years to take its stand with the older orders for usefulness.

The Knights of Pythias now have one hundred and forty-six lodges with a membership of over 8,000 in this state. The books of the order shows that at this meeting of the grand lodge, there is a balance on hand of the general fund of \$4,929.65, and an orphans' fund of \$18,306.55.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the visiting Pythians were tendered an informal smoker at the Elks' home by the Chamber of Commerce of Elizabeth City.

The grand lodge then adjourned and the visitors left Thursday morning on the 8:50 train for Norfolk.

## Thurman is CONVICTED

### A Motion for New Trial

### Insanity the Plea Now

Norfolk, June 12.—"We, the jury, find Leo. C. Thurman guilty of murder in the first degree."

After a trial lasting but four hours and forty-seven minutes, in which an impregnable web of circumstantial evidence was wound about the accused by the prosecution, and a clear cut plea of insanity produced by the defense, Leo. C. Thurman was yesterday convicted of the murder of Wallace P. Dolsen, on the night of January 31, or the morning of February 1, 1906, in a room at 500 East Main street.

The trial and conviction of the man, who murdered his sleeping comrade for the paltry sum of \$245, or less, packed the body into a trunk, which he locked, tagged the trunk to Edenton, N. C., and, consummate cunning, lied to his acquaintance as to the whereabouts of the dead man, while the blood had not yet begun to congeal, were culminating events in a search for and the final capture of the fugitive from justice.

The cold-bloodedness of the act, the apparent callousness of the murder, the shrewdness which he has shown at every stage of the proceedings since he committed the awful crime, have astounded not only those who formerly knew him, but the police departments and detective agencies of the whole United States and Canada, which have been hounding the fugitive in the hope of \$400, which hung over Thurman's head.

Although the greatest secrecy has been exercised as to the time of the trial of the famous criminal, when Thurman was led from the city jail to his seat in the court room at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, a few spied him, and the news spread like wildfire throughout the business section of the city. In a trice all seats in the court room had been filled, and it was found necessary to call in a strong guard of police to keep back the crowds from the doors.

Commonwealth's Attorney, John G. Tilton, assisted by Attorney N. T. Green, the latter employed by the local lodge of Odd Fellows, to which Dolsen belonged, and conducted the prosecution.

Attorney James G. Martin, appointed by the court, and Attorney James of Elizabethtown, Ky., conducted the defense.

Not until the very opening of the case of the defense, had the line of argument to be pursued by Thurman's lawyers been divulged, but the fact that insanity was the plea set forward, was not a surprise.

Thurman did not move a muscle when the jury's verdict, sentencing him to death, was rendered.

Mr. Tom Jarvis of Moyock was in the city Thursday on business.

## MR. CREECY VISITS HIS FATHER

Mr. Edmond Perkins Creecy of St. Louis, Mo., son of Col. R. B. Creecy of Elizabeth City spent this week in the city visiting his father.

Mr. Creecy left here when a mere youth, some 39 years ago in company with his young friend, Dr. James Banks, to seek his fortune in the far away West.

He located in the city of St. Louis, where year by year he has ascended into prominence, power and influence, until today he stands in the front rank of men of renown and responsibility of the West.

Mr. Creecy is chief of police of St. Louis, a city of near a million people; and is chief of a force of over two thousand policemen, who stand sentinel over the great city.

The position that Mr. Creecy holds in St. Louis is a high and honorable one; and carries with it the greatest responsibility of any position that the people of St. Louis can give.

Mr. Creecy is an honored son of Carolina, in which she feels a pardonable pride.

Mr. Timothy Gilbert of Marshall, Texas, spent this week in the city visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Gilbert left here thirty-three years ago, and moved to Texas, where he has since resided. This is his first trip to this section, the land of his birth, since he moved away in 1874.

## Mr. Bright Expires Suddenly: Heart Failure

Mr. Monroe Bright died very suddenly last Wednesday morning at his home in this city; aged fifty years.

Mr. Bright, who a few minutes before he expired, was in apparently good health, was taken suddenly and his death was a great shock to his family and friends as well as to the whole community.

His death was the result of a sudden attack of heart failure.

Mr. Bright was well known in Elizabeth City and surrounding community, where he was held in high esteem.

He is survived by a wife and children and a great host of relatives and friends, who mourn their loss.

He was a prominent member of several secret orders.

The funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the interment followed immediately afterward in Overmans cemetery.

### POTATO MARKET.

Irish potatoes were quoted by wire Thursday morning at the following prices:

In Philadelphia, \$4 to \$5.25.

In New York, \$3.50 to \$5.50.

In Boston, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

The prices of potatoes depend upon the quality.

Prime potatoes are selling at fancy prices.

## Property Shrinks This Time of the Year. Tax List

The annual session for listing taxable has come again and throughout this State the tax assessors and list takers will be busy for the next thirty days. In addition to listing personal property, which is done every year, this is the year for a new assessment of valuation of real property.

This listing of property for taxation, and especially its valuation, tests a man's conscience and honesty more than anything else, and sad to say, very few persons can stand the test.

It is sad and shameful trait of our weak human nature that even many church members and other good citizens too, often yield to the temptation of stretching their consciences a little too far in listing their property for taxation. Many do not seem to regard it as dishonest or disreputable to evade their share of taxation in listing their taxables. And yet all taxpayers are interested in having everybody list his taxables fairly and truthfully. A

## GEO. SCOTT, JR. DIED MONDAY

Mr. George Scott, junior, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scott of Elizabeth City, died very suddenly at the home of his parents in this city Monday morning. Aged 26 years.

Mr. Scott was recovering from an attack of pneumonia, and expected to be able to leave his room this week.

His death occurred at 3 o'clock, and was due to heart failure.

The funeral services were conducted from the First Methodist church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, and the interment followed immediately afterwards in Hollywood cemetery.

The Elks, of which he was a prominent member, held their services over his remains at the grave.

Mr. Scott was a young man of many lovable qualities. He was held in high esteem by the entire city, and his untimely death is universally regretted.

### NOTICE.

FOR SALE—No. 6 Remington Type. writer in good condition; will sell same for \$45 cash. Address P. O. box No. 294, Elizabeth City, N. C.

certain amount of taxes must be raised and it is to the interest of everyone that all should pay their proper share and bear their burden of taxation.

Did you ever notice how little property some people own during the month of June—at tax-listing time? And how some property shrinks in value at that time? You have often heard the expression, "as thin as a June shad," and it might also be said, "How worthless does some people's property become in June!"

## MR. LEROY HAS SECURED THE SNAPPER.

Mr. J. H. LeRoy, president of the LeRoy Steamboat Company, has secured the gas boat Snapper, for the route between Elizabeth City and Norfolk through the Dismal Swamp. The Snapper will leave the company's dock in Elizabeth City on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at four o'clock a. m., enroute to Norfolk, and will leave at South Mills at 6:30 a. m.

Returning the Snapper will leave Norfolk on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 o'clock.

### MAN WALKS ON WATER.

A Boston professor is the inventor of some wonderful boots which enable him to walk on the surface of deep bodies of water, with no fear of sinking. The boots are made of cedar and are 4 feet 2 inches long, 6 inches wide and 6 inches deep. The feet are held in the boots by an elastic webbing, and in walking they are never lifted from the water, short, quick strides being taken.

### A TRUE FISH STORY.

Joseph Felipo, of Bloomfield, N. J., had two teeth knocked out in a fight with an eel recently. When the fish was opened he found a silver spoon which the residents say belonged to Geo. Washington. From the same town comes the story of Frank Dunigan fishing for pickerel when his watch dropped into the water. Later in the week while fishing in another stream he caught an eight-pound pickerel, in the mouth of which he found his watch still running, having been wound up by the fish eating and correct to the minute. Affidavits, duly sworn and subscribed, as to both of these extraordinary occurrences are on file and may be seen on application.

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