



UNITY IS THE THING NEEDED

Dr. White Outlines Policy of the New Administration

FINE SUGGESTIONS

THE PLATFORM OF THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, IF ADOPTED WILL PUSH THIS CITY RAPIDLY TO THE FRONT.

A reporter of The Tar Heel had an interview with Dr. J. H. White, the newly elected president of the Chamber of Commerce on the plans of the new administration. In discussing this matter he had the following to say:

The chief object of the incoming administration of the Chamber of Commerce shall be the building up of the business industries and resources of our town. We hope to attract new people and new enterprises; to encourage more transportation to invite our people to never before, and arouse greater interest among them in this organization. It is a notable and lamentable fact that most of our merchants and other business men take little or no interest in this organization; seeming to lose sight of the benefit and advantages of united efforts, which can be secured only through an organization of this kind.

Many of the large property holders of the town, who get the most benefit from its growth, are not even members of the Chamber of Commerce and do not contribute a penny to its support. Very interesting meetings at which subjects of vital importance to the town, will come up for discussion and action, and there will be only three or four merchants present.

It is a regrettable fact that any trivial excuse is sufficient for not attending such a large meeting of any kind, even to a card party, with such indifference, we need never expect to see our town go forward with the admirable development and progress as it did a few years ago, when the Chamber of Commerce was first organized, and well attended, and our people were united in the effort to promote our common welfare.

The officers of the Chamber appeal to the merchants, especially and all citizens of the town to give them their co-operation in putting this dear old town on the list of the most progressive and best towns of the country. We can do it.

We hope to call forth enough public spirit to raise sufficient funds to engage a good secretary for all his time to give the town such a "boost" as it has never had before.

To attract capital and enterprises to assist us in developing our dormant resources of various kinds.

One of our sister towns, with less population, is now paying

the secretary of its Chamber of Commerce \$100.00 per month and paying \$50.00 per month for a building for its headquarters, well heated and lighted, comfortably furnished and supplied with writing material and advertising matter. There the visitors and prospective investors always receive the "glad hand." Is there anything wrong with "Old Betsy"? Why should we not have a greater Elizabeth City Club? As Charlotte, Atlanta, Norfolk and other progressive places?

Elizabeth City's merchants have the reputation of being, as a whole, the most progressive and successful in North Carolina—indeed, where is there another town in North Carolina of equal population, which has mercantile establishments comparable to those of Elizabeth City—There is not one, and the same business energy and sagacity which made our mammoth stores, can make other great enterprises.

Just a little pulling together will accomplish it—Business men it is up to you, shall we have factories and other industries?

WILL APPLY FOR CHARTER

ELECTRIC LINE TO BE KNOWN AS THE ELIZABETH CITY AND ALBEMARLE RAILWAY. MR. WILSON MEETS WITH ENCOURAGEMENT.

Mr. George Wilson is still unflagging in his interest to build an electric line from here to Lister's pier.

The line will be known as the Elizabeth City and Albemarle railway. Application for charter for this road will be made to the present Legislature.

Mr. Wilson was in town last Friday and appeared before the Chamber of Commerce, presenting the matter of building this line.

Those present took much interest in the matter and will throw their influence with the project.

Mr. Wilson also appeared before the Board of County Commissioners Monday in the interest of the proposed road. He wanted to enter into a deal with the county with reference to replacing the wooden Lowry bridge across Newbegun Creek with a steel structure. His proposition was for the county to pay half and the railway to pay half, or to make any equitable deal satisfactory to the county and the railway. The commissioners while favorable to the project took no action, but it is thought that they will make some favorable deal.

Much interest has already been aroused in the project and it is believed that as soon as the charter is secured that the necessary stock can be raised.

NOTICE!

Owing to the fact that many people have asked me when I was going to take charge of the Hub, I wish to say that I have no connection or interest in that establishment.

H. H. LAVENSTEIN

CITY TO HAVE A GAS PLANT

Franchise Granted for this Purpose Last Monday Night

WAS NO OPPOSITION

FRANCHISE MUST BE ACCEPTED WITHIN 15 DAYS WORK COMMENCED IN 60 DAYS. 3 1/2 MILES OF MAINS AND PIPES MUST BE LAID WITHIN NINE MONTHS. BOARD TOOK RECESS UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF CHARTER COMMITTEE.

The town is to have gas. A franchise to establish a gas plant was granted to W. H. Fritchman, W. L. Lumerdin and G. P. Peed at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Monday night, without a dissenting vote. Mr. Fritchman was present at the meeting of the Board. He assured all that the plant would surely be built.

The franchise as originally presented with some minor changes made by the special committee to whom it was referred, was adopted. This committee consisted of Alderman N. R. Parker, Mayor Thompson and Alderman LeRoy. The committee report was favorable and was adopted. The franchise is for a period of thirty years and the grantees are to furnish gas for lighting, heating and cooking and for fuel; and motive power. It is to be furnished at \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet, with discount of 25c per cent, per thousand cubic feet, if bills are paid within 10 days after they are due. The gas to be furnished to be not less than 20 candle power.

The grantees are given fifteen days to accept the franchise and must begin work within a period of 60 days after acceptance of franchise and shall within nine months after they begin work have laid at least 3 1/2 miles of mains and pipes. It is also a part of the condition that they shall extend mains and pipes with reasonable promptness.

The grantees are also required to file a \$2,000 bond before they begin work to indemnify the town against any damage which might result from their work.

Among other matters transacted by the Board were the following:

The matter of remitting tax on Graded School bonds held by Dr. McMullan was continued as was also the committee appointed to confer with the Dare Lumber Co., with reference to fire protection.

Aldermen Parker, Grice and Anderson were appointed a committee to attend to the matter of condemning property in Front and South Road streets.

The South side of Church Street, Culpepper to Perse, and the West side of Perse were ordered paved on the same plan

as heretofore, property owner to pay half and the town to pay equal amount.

Chief Bell was ordered to notify N. and S. Railway and Mrs. H. C. Godfrey to pave sidewalks in front of their property on Pennsylvania avenue.

On recommendation of Light Committee a light was ordered to be placed in front of Christ Episcopal church.

After routine matters were transacted the Board took a recess until Wednesday night, Feb. 10th for the purpose of receiving report of committee in the matter of suggesting changes in the city charter.

DRAINAGE IS LEADING TOPIC

PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON ARE INTENSELY INTERESTED IN THIS GREAT QUESTION WHICH MEANS SO MUCH TO THEIR COUNTRY.

On January 25th we boarded the South bound train for Cherry, N. C., where we were invited by the Drainage Association of Washington County. Our first stay was with Rev. S. W. Woodley, vice-president of this association, and also vice-president of the State Association. We met Mr. Woodley at the State meeting in Newbern last September, where he showed much activity in the work.

At the meeting in Cherry, on the 26th, much interest in drainage was manifested by the people. These people are determined. They see the time has come to act, that 3 crop failures caused by excessive rains with insufficient drainage cannot longer be borne without some effort on their part. With such fertile soil as is found on the south side of the Albemarle Sound, with proper drainage, good crops could be assured most any year. These people have lost enough the last three years by the overflow of Lake Phelps, to drain that whole county lands that are cultivated and that are now laying idle.

Farmers in every section of the Albemarle have suffered, but none so much as our people on the south of the Albemarle Sound. The drainage question of the south may not be considered of much importance by our neighboring farmers and the business men of Elizabeth City, but if they will take a survey of this section and see what this South Country is worth to this town and what it could be made to be worth, if fully cultivated, surely all would wake up to the situation.

Take the many thousands of acres laying idle for want of drainage; estimate the great amount of produce this county could furnish. Place it in cash. Much of this money coming to us for merchandise and building material.

Place these people in better condition and watch results.

F. F. C.

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SCHOOL MEN TALK IT OVER

Interesting Session of City School Superintendents

BEST SESSION YET

PROF. S. L. SHEEP, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GRADED SCHOOLS OF THE CITY ATTENDED THE SESSIONS AND READ AN INTERESTING AND VALUABLE PAPER. PROF. S. L. SHEEP VISITS GOLDSBORO GRADED SCHOOLS.

The North Carolina Association of City Superintendents and Principals closed its three days session last Monday in Raleigh.

Prof. S. L. Sheep, superintendent of the Schools of this city attended the sessions and was highly pleased. "The meetings were pleasant and profitable and showed that marked improvement has been made along educational lines and that the educational leaders are striving with increasing vigor for still greater efficiency in school work throughout the state," he said. "The meeting convened Thursday of last week with about 80 superintendents, representing all parts of the State.

He stated that one of the papers which brought out the most discussion was "What Shall We do With the Negro in Our Education?" This subject was handled by Prof. Carmichael of Durham who has done more to develop the industrial feature in the Durham schools than any other schools in the State. Prof. Carmichael's idea was to give him an industrial training in conjunction with the regular studies. His paper contains illustrations just how he was carrying on this work. Prof. Carmichael's environments are such that he meets with the support of the white people of the State. Another factor which helps him is that Durham, perhaps, has more money than any other school, which enables them to do more along that line. As stated this paper was largely discussed. The eastern men felt that they were handicapped as public sentiment is not behind them in Prof. Carmichael's methods.

"Courses of study and departmental work were fully discussed.

The great feature of the session were the addresses by Dr. Stevens of the A and M College, of Raleigh. Dr. Henry Lewis Smith, President of Davidson College and Prof. Hammill of the normal and Industrial College, of Greensboro, on the subject of science.

The subject of medical inspection of schools was discussed by Dr. Brawley of Salisbury and Prof. S. L. Sheep, of this city. The News and Observer speaking of Prof. Sheep's paper said:

Superintendent S. L. Sheep, of Elizabeth City, spoke on "Medi-

cal Inspection of Schools." Many splendid ideas were suggested by this paper, and the need of medical inspection was well presented.

The following officers were elected:

President—Supt. L. C. Brogden of Kinston.

Vice-President—Supt. Harry Howell, of High Point.

Secretary—Supt. C. W. Wilson of Scotland Neck.

While away Prof. Sheep visited the Graded Schools of Goldsboro, comparing them with our own system. The only advantage that he could see was that they had been running for 28 years. He noted the effect of heredity, which materially helped in the discipline and the mental development, showing the good effects of a Graded school on a community. He was particularly struck with the campus of six acres and regretted that we did not have equally large one.

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CITY DEATH RATES LOW

INCLUDING TOTAL POPULATION THE RATE WAS ONLY 8.25 PER CENT. WHILE THE WHITE WAS ONLY 6. HEALTH OFFICERS' REPORT FOR JANUARY.

The city still continues to have an exceedingly low death rate. The lowest of any town in the State of 10,000 population and upward.

The temporary annual rate for whites for January was only 6 per cent; the colored was 12 per cent; for total population 8.25 per cent.

The birthrate was 16 per cent, for white and 32 for colored, for total population 24.

For January the births were—White, males, 7; females 1; total 8. Colored: Males 6; females 6; total 12. Total white and colored 20.

The report shows three cases of small pox in the city. The sanitary conditions are reported good.

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SOUND FROZEN OVER. A party who came to this city, Wednesday from the Coast, stated that when he left Currituck Sound and Kitty Hawk bay, were frozen over.

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