



Merchants Hold Their Annual Banquet

Able Speakers Make Stirring Addresses For the Advancement of Elizabeth City Along Industrial Lines.

The banquet which the Retail Merchants' Association proposed several weeks ago, and which had been postponed several times, was given Friday night in the Masonic Hall on Water street. The hall has been recently remodeled and refitted until it is the finest of its kind in the State, and when it was brilliantly lighted it presented a scene of rare beauty.

The time set for the opening of the banquet was eight o'clock and in spite of the downpour of rain which flooded the city and made the streets torrents, more than a hundred merchants and business men gathered in the hall to celebrate the event. It was a scene of great moment when so many business men and prominent citizens gathered to discuss the welfare of the city and the ways and means to improve its condition and further its interests.

At the very beginning everybody took an optimistic view of the city's future and as the plans for advancement were unfolded the audience waxed enthusiastic. Not so much enthusiasm has been seen in any meeting in this town in many a day, and the banquet Friday night must accomplish much for the good of this city.

City Needs Manufactures.
President J. T. McCabe presided. The banquet was elaborate. A tempting menu was served.

The first speaker was Judge Geo. W. Ward. His subject was "The Needs of Elizabeth City." It was a most opportune subject, discussed in an able manner by one of the most learned members of the legal fraternity in the State of North Carolina.

Judge Ward spoke at length on the need of manufacturing enterprises in this city to furnish employment to the people that are already in the city and to others that might come here if employment was offered them. He took the view that no town in the State had the natural advantages for manufacturing plants that this city has; that manufacturing enterprises ought to do well here, and at the same time build up the town. He spoke at length on the movement to organize the 20,000 league and push to secure 32,000 inhabitants. He urged upon the merchants and business men to cooperate and do everything in their power to bring about the perfecting of the organization. The judge's address produced a profound impression upon the audience, and it was well received by the large crowd of banqueters.

Opportunities of City—Judge Ward was followed by Attorney E. F. Aydtlett, one of the leading lawyers of North Carolina. His subject was "The Opportunities of Elizabeth City," and was a fitting address to follow that of Judge Ward's. Mr. Aydtlett stated that he was familiar with nearly all the towns in the State and that not one that has come under his observation possesses so many advantages and opportunity for growth and development, and that Elizabeth City excels all others.

Progress was the key note of the address and as Mr. Aydtlett spoke in an able and convincing manner he audience became very enthusiastic. He declared that the town must take hold of the opportunities and use them for its development and that

WAS PLEASED WITH THE GRADED SCHOOL

President Wright Says It is One of the Most Efficient Schools He Has Visited.

President Wright, of the Eastern Carolina Training school spent some time here this week engaged in inspecting the methods of teaching employed in the Graded School here. He came to Elizabeth City especially to make the inspection, having heard a great deal of the proficiency of our school.

Mr. Wright expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the school and its workings. He stated that the school here was one of the finest that he has visited and that the methods employed are the best that he has observed.

HOW TO GET GOOD SEED FOR THE GARDEN

As a rule, it is bad policy to buy garden seed that are offered at low prices, for it costs more to grow good seed than poor ones, and the fact you are offered seed below the price charged by the best seedsmen is sufficient evidence that they should be left alone. Buy only the best, and buy from seedsmen of long standing and unblemished reputation. If you get a seed catalog with the most impossible pictures of fields of vegetables, watermelons, etc., that is usually a good catalog to put in the fire. But when a catalog has photographic illustrations in half-tone taken direct from the plants themselves it shows a man who is not trying to deceive and generally has good seed.—W. F. Massey, Raleigh.

that citizens were going to get a move on them and were going to use them.

Lacks of Elizabeth City

Dr. J. H. White following with an impromptu speech filled with much sound advice and many witticisms which the audience greatly enjoyed. His subject was "The Lacks of Elizabeth City." His opinion was, that while the town lacked some things, yet it possessed many things that makes it the metropolis of this eastern country.

J. Kenyon Wilson the attorney of the association, next addressed the meeting. His subject was "Help the Farmers to Help Us." His theme dealt with the improvement of the farming section of the community, and he outlined a plan by which a model training farm can be secured in every county at a very nominal cost.

Mr. Wilson's subject dealt with scientific farming, and if the plans that he outlined last Friday night are carried out there will be located in this county before another year an experimental farm for the education of the farmers.

Mr. Croxton, of the Norfolk and Southern Railway, made the closing address, and he spoke on "The Willingness of the N. and S. to cooperate with the people of Elizabeth City, for its industrial advancement. He assured the association and the business men present that the railway company ever stands ready to unite in any movement for the development of this town and county to a greater degree.

Nothing Heard Yet Of Captain Gaskins

But Ship Brokers Feel Confident That He is Safe and Will Eventually Arrive In Wilmington.

Great uneasiness is experienced by the family of Captain Zora Gaskins, at his prolonged delay in reaching Wilmington, N. C., from Baltimore, with the schooner George I. Phillips, laden with fertilizer.

Captain Gaskins cleared three weeks ago, and since the date of his clearance nothing has been seen or heard of him or his vessel.

It was reported several days ago that his vessel was sighted burning at sea, but this report was an error, since the burning vessel proved to be the J. S. Hoskins, whose crew was rescued by a Danish ship.

Ship brokers in Baltimore are of the opinion that Captain Gaskins has been blown off shore by the heavy winds and will eventually arrive in port safe and sound. They express no uneasiness at his long delay in arriving at his destination. Captain Gaskins friends at Hatteras feel confident that he will eventually show up as his vessel is an able one, and Captain Gaskins is an experienced seaman.

A number of his friends in this city do not feel so hopeful of his safety and they greatly fear that the captain and his crew are lost.

Washington Birthday Exercises at the Graded School.

The Graded School will have a Washington Birthday Exercise consisting of declamations, recitations, essays, songs etc., on Monday afternoon February 21st, at 3 p. m. The public is cordially invited. All the public exercises of the school are interesting and should be well attended by the patrons of the school. The school will give a holiday on Tuesday February 22nd.

L. E. Skinner who has conducted a laundry here for some years past, most satisfactory to the people, begs for continued support and patronage.

Mr. Skinner is a most valuable citizen and active in all good work. He is entitled to consideration from the people of this town, who contemplate sending their laundry to Norfolk. All things equal it is a duty to stand by and support home enterprises.

A MATTER OF HISTORY

A letter addressed to the business men of this city by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, calling for dues in advance to enable them to put the wheel in motion was sent out this week. One of the executive committee on being interviewed, stated that without a proper support by a sufficient number of people of the town the board would not undertake an active campaign. They, the committee felt that a waste of effort would result in the absence of such support. Harmony of action in all public matters now prevail in the city. Will the people show their faith by their good works.

COUNTRY RESIDENCE BURNED YESTERDAY

The dwelling house on the Bob William's place, about two and a half miles from the city was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The farm was owned and occupied by Robert Buffkins. It was a nice residence, containing ten rooms and it cost about \$4,000.

The fire originated from a lamp exploding. Mr. Buffkins' children are sick with scarlet fever, and it is supposed that the lamp was being burned for the purpose of attending to them.

The loss was partly covered by insurance in the sum of \$2,600.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY HYDE COUNTY CITIZENS

Whereas, the citizens of Swan Quarter Township in Hyde County, have noted with pleasure the fact that the report of Committee having for consideration the River and Harbor bill in the present Congress, has reported favorably a bill which includes an item appropriating \$14,750.00 for proposed improvement connecting Swan Quarter Bay with Deep Bay and,

Whereas, the passage of said bill including this item, will provide for an improvement that means a saving of considerable distance between the ports of Swan Quarter and Washington and Belhaven, N. C., as well as a safe and smooth channel way for vessels trading between said ports, and,

Whereas, our people desire to express their appreciation for the activity of our member of Congress from the First District, and Senators Simmons and Overman, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the citizens of Hyde County are profoundly sensible of the service of Hon. John H. Small in securing favorable consideration, both through Congress of every interprise that has in view the progress and betterment of condi-

tions in the State and District, which can be secured through federal aid, especially do we appreciate his efforts and the results with reference to the proposed improvement of the waterway between Swan Quarter Bay and Deep Bay, above referred to.

Be it further resolved, that our people appreciate the fact that our United States Senators secured the passage of a bill carrying this item through the last Congress, which failed of final passage, however, because rejected by a conference committee.

Resolved Further, that we will greatly appreciate the further efforts of our Senators in securing favorable consideration of this item when the River and Harbor Bill has reached the United States Senate.

Resolved Further, that copies of these resolutions be mailed to Hon. John H. Small, to Senators Simmons and Overman, to the Raleigh News and Observer, to the Washington Progress and Washington Daily News and to The Tar Heel.

Copy of Resolution adopted at Mass Meeting held in Court House in Swan Quarter, N. C., Monday, Feb. 14th, 1910.

TO GREET ROOSEVELT

Washington, Feb. 19—President Taft today has given full details of the plans that have been formulated thus far for the reception to be tendered former President Roosevelt upon his arrival in New York harbor some time between June 15 and 21st. Col. John A. Stewart, president of the New York State League of Republican Clubs and representative of the Republican Club of New York discussed the matter with the President for half an hour or more. He told Mr. Taft that the committee in charge of the celebration would extend later an informal invitation to him to be present at New York as the guest of honor.

There is some doubt as to whether Taft will be able to participate, but it seems more than likely that he will.

TO PLAN FOR THIS SEASON'S BASE BALL

The stock holders of the Athletic Association are requested to meet in the office of the Savings Bank and Trust Company next Monday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing the Association for the coming season.

The officers of the association propose to put a strong team in the field again this season, if the Association secures the proper support. All the old stock holders are urged to attend this meeting.

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COLONIAL MOCK MARRIAGE

A Colonial Mock Marriage will be given at the home of Mrs. Fred Davis, on Burgess street, tonight for the benefit of the Personage Society of City Road Methodist church. The price of admission will be ten cents. Refreshments will be served. The orchestra of City Road Methodist church will furnish music.

The following will participate in the marriage, Mrs. Joe Rodgers, the bride; Louis Hooper, groom; Mrs. E. A. Lupton, Maid of honor; Louis Chapell best man. The attendants will be Mrs. Cox and Will Mann. Mrs. Ward and Mr. Shipp. Ex Judge J. B. Leigh will perform the ceremony.

MR. JOHN H. SMALL WRITES AT LENGTH

The attention of the Tar Heel readers is especially directed to the communication of Hon. John H. Small to Dr. J. H. White of this city which appears in this issue of the Tar Heel.

This communication is very interesting reading matter to the people of this section. Mr. Small explains the various phases of the movement to secure the waterway and the efforts that he has put forth to induce the government to purchase the Dismal Swamp Canal as a part of the waterway.

Mr. Small makes these explanations so that the people may understand his position in the matter, that they hold him above suspicion. Every person in this section has the utmost confidence in Mr. Small and all believe that he will let no opportunity go by to further the interests of this section.

FRANCE WILLARD MEMORIAL SERVICES

A Frances Willard Memorial service will be held in Blackwell Memorial church next Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

ORGANIZE CORN CLUB ON 26TH

Supt. Little Desires That the Boys Get Busy and Get Ready For the Contest.

Superintendent Little has announced that the 26th of this month has been set for the date of organizing the Boy's Corn Club, in this county.

Mr. Little desires that all the boys residing on farms in this county shall meet here on that date for the purpose of effecting the organization of the club. At the meeting of the boys, the plans of the organization and the rules governing the contest will be outlined.

The boys are urged to join into the contest as some very nice prizes will be awarded to the successful contestants. The boys are urged to go to work getting the ground ready for the corn crop. The rules of the club allows the boys to employ help to prepare the ground, but after that they must do all the work themselves.

The age limit of the members of the club is from 12 to 18 years.

SAMUEL LORY DAVIS DEAD

After an illness of several months Mr. Samuel Lory Davis died at his home, 1707 High street, at 3:40 o'clock this morning. Mr. Davis was a son of the late Rev. Philip S. C. Davis, at one time pastor of Calvary Baptist church.

Mr. Davis was 37 years of age, and is survived by his wife and two children, Annie E. Davis and Lory Davis. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Nancy Davis and a sister, Mrs. P. H. Taylor, of Winton, N. C., and the following brothers: Rev. J. T. Davis, of Pennsylvania; Mr. J. J. Davis of Belhaven, N. C., and Mr. T. L. Davis of this city.

Mr. Davis was a member of Seaside Lodge No. 80, K. of P., and the Port Norfolk Lodge of Masons. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.—Ledger Dispatch.

THE ENTERTAINMENT FINE

Polk Miller and Col. Tom Booker, the two old confederate gave their entertainment in the auditorium of the high school, Wednesday night, before one of the largest and most cultured audience ever assembled in this city.

The entertainment was very fine and greatly pleased the audience.

The negro quartet was splendid and continuously brought down the house.

"This entertainment undoubtedly was one of the best that has been presented here in many a day.