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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A List of Senators and Representatives to Meet in Raleigh Jan.

The Democrats gained four State Senators in last election and a dozen, possibly more, members of the House of Representatives. The General Assembly will be composed of the following:

- STATE SENATE. First District—D. C. Barnes (D) Murfreesboro; J. B. Williams (D) Shiloh. Second District—Van B. Martin (D) Plymouth; Dr. R. N. Cartwright (D) Fairfield. Third District—A. S. Rascoe (D), Windsor. Fourth District—A. Paul Kitchin (D) Scotland Neck. Fifth District—L. V. Bassett (D) Rocky Mount. Sixth District—R. R. Cotten (D), Cottendale. Seventh District—Ben. T. Holden (D) Louisburg; T. T. Thorne (D) Rocky Mount. Eighth District—M. Leslie Davis (D); Beaufort; Ernest M. Green (D) Newbern. Tenth District—R. D. Johnson (D) Warsaw. Eleventh District—George H. Belamy (D) El Paso. Twelfth District—J. A. Brown (D) Chadburn. Thirteenth District—J. W. Cobb (D) Lumber Bridge. Fourteenth District—J. W. McLaughlin (D) Raeford. Fifteenth District—O. A. Barbour (D) Benson; J. R. Baggett (D) Lillington. Sixteenth District—E. W. Sikes (D) Wake Forest. Seventeenth District—M. J. Hawkins (D) Ridgeway. Eighteenth District—A. A. Hicks (D) Oxford. Nineteenth District—James A. Hurdie (D) Milton; John W. Graham (D) Hillsboro. Twentieth District—A. B. Ivie (D) Leaksville. Twenty first District—F. P. Hobbins, Jr. (D) Greensboro. Twenty second District—D. A. McDonald (D) Carthage; H. M. London (D) Pittsboro. Twenty third District—Charles A. Armstrong (D) Troy. Twenty fourth District—D. N. Bennett (D) Norwood; R. W. Lemmond (D) Monroe. Twenty fifth District—L. T. Hartwell (D) Concord; H. N. Pharr (D) Charlotte. Twenty sixth District—A. H. Boyden (D) Salisbury. Twenty seventh District—H. R. Starbuck (R) Winston Salem. Twenty eighth District—Rep. Twenty ninth District—Rep. Thirtieth District—Zeb. V. Long (D) Statesville. Thirty first District—J. F. Reinhardt (D) Lincolnton. Thirty second District—J. G. Carpenter, Dallas. Thirty third District—O. Muxguardner (D) Shelby; J. C. Fisher (D) Tryon. Thirty fourth District—Two Republicans. Thirty fifth District—R. K. Finney (D) Piney Creek. Thirty sixth District—Rep. Thirty seventh District—Julius C. Martin (D) Asheville. Thirty eighth District—T. A. Cox (D) Cullowhee. Thirty ninth District—Rep. Democrats 44 Republicans 6

- HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Alabance—J. Elmer Long (D) Graham. Alexander—(R) Alleghany—R. A. Doughton (D), Sparta. Anson—Thos. C. Coxe (D) Wadesboro.

N. C. CONFERENCE CONVENES 30TH.

Large Gathering of Prominent Methodist Ministers and Laymen.

The North Carolina Methodist Conference will convene here on the 30th of November. This will be the biggest gathering that has assembled in Elizabeth City this year and it will be the occasion of the assembling of prominent Methodist preachers and laymen for the purpose of transacting the business of the Methodist denomination in Eastern North Carolina.

About 350 delegates and officers of the Conference will be in attendance and many more will come as visitors. The entertainment committee has announced that entertainment has been secured for the large crowd and this insures that the conference will be entertained in a befitting manner.

There will be a session of the Historical Society in the First Methodist church on Tuesday evening at which Hon. L. L. Smith of Gatesville will deliver an address.

Wednesday morning the conference will convene and will be organized. Bishop Hendricks of Kansas City will preside over the conference. Each session will be begun with a lecture by the Bishop. The Conference will be in session for six days, adjourning on Monday of the week following. During the sessions of the Conference, much business of importance to the Methodist church will be transacted. There are one hundred and eighty five preachers in the Conference and 4 laymen in each district. At this session of the Conference, the preachers will be assigned to their fields of labor for another year. There will be an addition to the clergy of the Conference, of six young ministers who will be received in the Conference on trial.

OUR MERCHANTS DOING WELL.

This section of the Old North State, has suffered five crop failures in as many successive years, caused by excessive rains in June. Naturally, these failures have effected every channel of trade, which followed by a slump in the prices of potatoes, the past spring, made business exceedingly dull this year in certain lines but the extravagant prices for cotton, eggs and other foodstuffs, has more than offset the crop failure and has made trade with the farmers very lively. Elizabeth City merchants have never experienced a better or more successful season. For some time past the people from a distance have been flocking here to do their trading and we are rapidly developing a great trade center and it will only require a bumper crop to make it an absolute certainty. One of our merchants stated to our reporter this week, that his trade this year, exceeded by thirty five thousand dollars, that of any like period in the history of his business. How is that!

MISS GRANDY ENTERTAINS.

Miss Lillie Grandy was hostess Thursday afternoon from three to six at a most enjoyable meeting of the "Trall Club" at her home on Main street. The house was beautifully decorated in pine and yellow chrysanthums mingled with potted plants and lighted with candles the effect was further carried out when each guest was presented with a dainty hand painted chrysanthe num score card. It was some what of a Thanksgiving entertainment the game played was an alphabet Thanksgiving dinner and with the elegant three course luncheon was served the Turkey in chocolate cream. Miss Alice Outlaw making the highest score in the game won the prize a bunch of beautiful chrysanthenums.

PLANS OYSTER CONVENTION HERE

To Convene Sometime in December to Discuss the Industry.

President Lamb of the Chamber of Commerce has a plan on foot to have an oyster convention, to meet here some time before the first of the year.

The purpose of the convention is to have a gathering of the prominent oystermen and fishermen for the purpose of discussing the oyster industry in eastern North Carolina and devise plans for legislation to protect the industry and the rights of the home people in the industry.

Such a convention will be of great benefit to this section and the discussions will have a distinct educational value, and it should create a great deal of interest in the industry. Besides the plans to have added legislation on the oyster industry will be especially beneficial in perpetuating and perfecting an industry of large value. Its to be hoped that Mr. Lamb will have success with his plans and that there will be a big convention held here some time in December.

There is no reason why the oyster industry in Eastern North Carolina should not be very profitable and there is not a particle of reason why Elizabeth City should not be the center of this increased activity

NORFOLK—SOUTHERN MERGED WITH PENNSY?

There is a report in railroad circles in Norfolk to the effect, that a very close understanding has been reached between the interests controlling the Norfolk-Southern Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad and few well informed railroad men would be surprised if it shortly developed that the Pennsylvania had absorbed, the smaller line.

The report, if true, is vastly important to the towns and cities along the Norfolk Southern road, as it will doubtless mean that the Pennsylvania means to make a bid for a share of the long haul traffic of the South and that would mean immediate and vast improvement in the local line. A better railroad and equipment, more trains and a vast increase in the importance of the line in every way would result. While the writer cannot vouch for the authority of the report above, it has been noticed within the past week that the familiar, dark red painted coaches of the Pennsylvania road have made their appearance on the local system. The name of the Pennsylvania Railroad has been painted out over the windows and the well known scroll, substituted on the side of the car, bearing the inscription "Norfolk and Southern". There is not particularly important in itself, but considered in connection with the possible community of interests, it has greater force and may be a preliminary move they will lead to the future verification of the merger of the two roads.

FACTS THAT TELL THE SFORY.

From ten o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon, our streets are full of people from the adjoining counties, while every day can be seen, continuous lines of wagons and carts, loaded with lumber and other material, which is being taken to the adjacent country, for building purposes.

These facts indicate a steady, healthy growth of business and there is no reason why our bustling little city should not only be the "Gretna Green" of love lorn swains but also the "Mecca" of business men, who desire to locate in a live progressive town.

REVENUE CUTTER HERE.

The revenue cutter Pamlico, was anchored in this harbor last week.

RECORD BREAKER IN MARRYING

Largest Number of Licenses Ever issued in any one year.

Register of Deeds J. C. Spence has tabulated the marriage licenses issued this year and he has discovered that this has been a record breaking year for marriages, in spite of high cost of living, hard times, etc.

The marriage licenses issued this year total 320 which indicates that Elizabeth City, is steadily growing in popularity as a "gretna green" where eloping couples find it easy to dodge irated parents who object to their matrimonial alliances. The majority of these licenses are issued to couples from Virginia which proves that Elizabeth City is the "Mecca" of the love lorn swains and maidens of the south eastern part of the old Dominion, and Elizabeth City justly deserves its wide spread popularity along this line, for any couple, no matter how hard pressed by determined parents, can here find always friendly hand that will guide them to the nearest minister and will otherwise hasten the union so devoutly wished for.

May Elizabeth City continue to grow in popularity as a matrimonial mart and may its reputation as such be heralded abroad through out the land.

OLD OFFICERS RETIRE DECEMBER 5TH

The county officers will be inducted into office on Monday Dec. 5th. For the most part the old officers will remain in office.

There are two new officers, Joshua Munden, register of deeds and George R. Little Clerk of the Court. Both of these officers are genial gentlemen, courteous obliging.

The two retiring officers are J.C. Spence who has been register of deeds for many years and W. H. Jennings for a long time clerk of the court. The record of these two officers is unsurpassed. They have made faithful and capable officers and have filled their offices and performed their duties in a manner to give entire satisfaction to their constituents. No man can find ought to say against the administration of either of these gentlemen, and its with genuine regret that the people see them retire.

HOTELS READY FOR CLERGY.

The hotels of this city has arranged to entertain a large number of the visiting ministers and laymen next week and it is safe to say that the lonely warfarer who unluckily arrives here on or after Tuesday will have trouble in securing accommodation.

A LOCAL THEATRICAL VENTURE

A local resident has had formed and is now busily engaged in billing through the larger towns of the state, a theatrical company to play light comedy and select vaudeville. It is reported that Elizabeth City will be the "dog" town of the circuit. To the uninitiated in theatrical parlance, this really means, the initial performance.

HAS APPENDICITIS.

Ray, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Toxey was taken to Norfolk last Monday to undergo an operation in a Norfolk hospital for appendicitis.

SLOWLY IMPROVING.

Mr. J. P. Kramer is slowly recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. The operation was performed several weeks ago, and Mr. Kramer's recovery has been very slow.

PAY YOUR TAXES SAVE MONEY

Sheriff Reid Has Got to Have the Money so Come along with it.

"Say, have you paid your taxes?" "Nope."

"Well, now, you see here, you had better do so at once." Sheriff Reid is badly in need of tax money and the various officials are making numerous demands upon him for money to run the government with. The year is growing old and as the end of the year approaches, the demands are more insistent. The sheriff is hard put to raise the money and its enough to run a man distracted to be in the position the sheriff finds himself now. County and state officials have got to have the money and the sheriff has got to get it out of the tax payers, and 3 feet counter show cases 1 are coming up mighty slow and if they do not improve in promptness he will have to adopt stringent measures to collect these taxes.

He has been an easy going sort of a man, always ready to accommodate the people to the limit, but he has reached the limit now and these taxes have got to come. So, get busy now and pay your taxes at once. If you dont you are going to have trouble and lots of it.

REV. R. L. DAVIS AT LOCAL CHURCHES

The Rev. R. L. Davis, State organizer of the Anti Saloon League addressed the congregation of the Blackwell Memorial Baptist church, Sunday morning last, and in the evening occupied the pulpit of the First Methodist church. The attendance at both churches was large and the discourses interesting.

D. H. HILL CHAPTER MEETS

There was a meeting of D. H. Hill Chapter of the U. D. C. at the home of Mrs. W. C. Glover Wednesday afternoon which was largely attended.

ANOTHER WEDDING.

Register of Deeds J. C. Spence on Monday issued a marriage license to Mr. Chas. P. Pritchard and Miss Kessie Davis both of Providence. They were married Monday afternoon at the home of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. David S. Davis.

PROUD RECORD OF M. E. ORPHANAGE

Raleigh.—Just ten years ago Thanksgiving, the North Carolina Methodist Episcopal Orphanage, was opened here and Superintendent Cole points with pardonable pride to the fact that in caring for over 245 children in that time there has been but one death and that one was due to tuberculosis and an operation. The management is appealing for money to complete a \$4,000 laundry plant after which there will be a movement for an additional boys dormitory to add forty to the capacity which is now, with 147 children, taxed to its utmost capacity. The plant is valued at fully fifty thousand dollars.

FAVORS PORT FISHER PARK

The Rev. A. J. Smith of Wilmington, vice president of the Fort Fisher Survivors Association comprising both the Blue and the Gray in the city the past two days, is especially enthusiastic over the determined movement that is to be made on the next Congress of the United States for making Fort Fisher a national park. The bill is already pending, with good prospects it is said of its becoming a law during the next Congress.

CIVIC LEAGUE ON SANITATION

Their Creed, Contains Many Dont's that You May study.

We would like to call attention to the Sanitary Creed of Health Commissioner Schruck of Norfolk, Va.

- SANITARY CREED. No Spit—No consumption from man to man. No Tubercular Cattle—No consumption from animal to man. No Manure or Filth—No house flies. No Flies—Less disease especially Typhoid. No Stagnant Water—No mosquitoes. No Mosquitoes—Less disease, especially Malaria. No Cisterns—Pure water. More Ventilation—Better health and longer life. Less Liquor—Better livers and better brains. Plenty of Water—Inside and outside Cleaner and healthier bodies, longer life. Sound bodies, as a rule, hold sound minds. More sound minds, more morality and less crime.

If we are careful to make all alleys, back yards, corners, drains and all places in which trash can and does collect perfectly clean now, and use plentifully, in such places, lime and kerosene, we will, thereby, kill or otherwise destroy millions of eggs of various insects, and be able to begin the spring with a far smaller percentage of flies etc than usual. DO IT NOW and KEEP IT UP all winter, THEN we will find it much easier to continue this work when the DANGER ARISING FROM NEGLECT IS GREATER. The alleys of our our are, in many places, an eye sore and a menace to health. It was the condition of an alley in Elizabeth City, that caused a visitor to become a contributor to the Civic League fund with the admonition that we emphasize the great necessity of keeping them clean. Isn't it possible for each of us to burn a great deal of the trash that makes these alleys so unsightly and often disgusting? And, too, can we not make a united effort to induce the town authorities to send the street carts more frequently into these alleys? Do you realize how much trash and refuse CAN be burned and in your cook stove, at that, if you have a hot fire? Try it and you will see how many things you have thrown in the chicken yard (that chickens WILL NOT EAT,) or thrown in trash box, OR THE STREET (that only serve to attract stray cats and buzzards), can be destroyed by fire. By BURNING ALL WE CAN we will have more respect for ourselves to say the least and will be saved the mortification of having such visitors to our premises as buzzards etc. which is surely not complimentary.

The next meeting of the Civic League will be held at the home of Mrs. T. P. Nash, Dec. 13th at 3 o'clock. Come, whether you are a member or not, for you SHOULD be if you are interested in your town—and you KNOW you ARE.

THE VENETIAN BAND.

It has been arranged for the Royal Venetian band to visit this city in the near future and it will certainly be a rare treat for the music loving people. The writer had the pleasure of attending one of the concerts given by this collection of real artists in Baltimore and can truthfully say that in his opinion, their work is well nigh perfect and for fineness of technique, really rivals the celebrated Sousa band and is superior to the Marine band of Washington, D. C.