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Four Ward Charter Passes State Legislature

Elizabeth City Will be Divided into Four Wards, and Will Have Eight Aldermen. Charter Secured After a Hard Fight.

In a session from Raleigh Wednesday stated that the Citizens Charter popularly known as the four ward charter had passed its third reading in the Senate and had become a law. This Charter provides Elizabeth City shall be divided into four wards and that each ward shall have two Aldermen, making in all eight Aldermen.

This Charter has been bitterly fought in its passage through the State Legislature, the opposition having done everything in its power to prevent it from becoming a law. This new Charter will likely make considerable change in the personnel of the municipal officers in the next election.

FAIRY OPERETTA FOR ORGAN FUND.

St. Catherine's Guild of Christ's Episcopal Church will present a fairy operetta, entitled, "Lilly Bell" in the auditorium of the High School tonight for the benefit of the church organ fund.

The operetta is a very interesting one and the public is assured of an enjoyable time.

The cast of the characters is as follows:

Queen—Mrs. Mae

Greenleaf

Thistle Down—A Rivet—Miss Hat-

tie Horney

Heart's Ease—A Fairy—Miss Marion

Woodley

Edora—The Naiad Queen—Miss

Mary Gilbeht.

There will be a chorus of Farles

and Naiades.

Worked Hard to Find Mr. Gibbs.

Sheriff Reed and Chief of Police

Thomas are to be commended for the

persistent efforts that they have

made in searching for Captain E. F.

Gibbs. Both of these officers have

spent much time in directing the

search and in engaging in it personally.

Chief Thomas started out with the

first party of searchers last Friday

night after midnight and since he

has taken all the interest possible.

Sheriff Reed is still conducting the

hunt for Mr. Gibbs and is personally

defraying the expense of a part of

the reward money.

DISMAL SWAMP HERMIT DEAD.

A dispatch from Suffolk says that

Fletcher Lassiter the "Hermit of

Lake Drummond," is dead, aged 60

years.

Mr. Lassiter had spent nearly all

of his life in the fastness of the

dismal swamp. He lived alone in a

comfortable little bungalow.

Some time ago the hermit was

taken ill, and they brought him up

among the highlands to die among

relatives.

The jungles of the swamp were as

home to the "Hermit" and the beasts

that prowled by night were his

companions.

Mr. Lassiter loved the simple life

and while on his death bed he would

smile and look reminiscent as he

apparently heard a call from the

wild.

The "Hermit" was known to hun-

dreds if not thousands of sportsmen

throughout this section as well as by

those who frequently come from the

Northern States.

He was an expert fisherman a

pleasant companion and he was wise

in all the ways of the woods.

During the final illness many a

choice delicacy was sent to the "Her-

mit" by his friends from distance.

To make known what was to have

it gratified.

IRON WORKS BACK AND TO STAY TOO

Built of Iron and Concrete without a particle of wood. The Buildings Will Not go up in Smoke Again.

A conflagration three months ago turned the plant of the Elizabeth City Iron Works and supply Company into a mass of ashes, debris and broken and twisted machinery, which excited the sympathy of every person. The destruction of the plant was deplored by all as it meant that a large number of people would be thrown out of employment.

Mr. Sanders announced immediately after the fire and the announcement was received with a great deal of satisfaction, that the plant would be rebuilt at once, and before the twisted and broken machinery (some of it very valuable,) had time to cool a force of hands was on the ground clearing away for the new building.

From the morning after the fire until new work on the new plant has not been interrupted; and on the site where this mass of ashes, clinders, debris and broken machinery lay three months ago, has arisen a brand new plant to take the place of the old, and this time the buildings are constructed of concrete and steel that they may hereafter withstand the attack of flames as the plant of this company has been turned into ashes.

During the past three months in which the operations of the foundry and the machine shops have been suspended the supply department of the company has been very active, having kept on hand at all times a large stock of supplies, with which they have supplied their trade.

Now, the foundry building is completed and operations in moulding work were begun more than a week ago. This department of the plant presents the same busy scenes as of olden times, when the glare of molten iron flashed like millions of fire flies in the early hours of the evening. The moulds which were destroyed in the fire have been replaced and the foundry is turning out various kinds of iron implements, just as it did before.

The work on the machine shops is being pushed with all possible dispatch, and it will be only a few days when the whir of turning wheels and the grating rasping sound of the big lathes will be heard again. New machines will be installed at the earliest possible date, and the company will have its entire plant running.

This company is one of the most progressive enterprises in our midst nothing daunts it, fires destroy the plant other buildings take their place in an incredible short time, and buildings that are not susceptible to the melting influences of the flames.

Mr. Sanders though advanced in years, is a progressive man, with indomitable energy and courage, and the aggressive spirit of this gentleman who knows no defeat, has encouraged the other members of the firm and the large number of employees to accomplish this great task in so short a time.

WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY PARTY. The ladies of the third circle of the Parsonage Aid Society held a Washington's birthday party Wednesday night February 23, in the annex of the First Methodist Church. An interesting program was rendered on this occasion in which General Washington and Lady Washington were represented. An excellent program of music was rendered.

PAVING BIDS. The Board of Aldermen held a meeting yesterday morning for the purpose of taking further action in the street paving.

After much discussion, Mayor Fearling was instructed to advertise again for bids in all kinds of material to pave the streets of Elizabeth City. Mayor Fearling will advertise for these bids at once.

E. F. GIBBS IS MISSING

Apparently has Disappeared From the Face of the Earth and There is no Clue to Assist a Large Number of Searchers to Find Him.

The people of this community are greatly wrought up over the strange disappearance of Captain E. F. Gibbs a prominent farmer of Pasquotank county, and a citizen well known in Eastern North Carolina. Apparently he has disappeared from the face of the earth; and there is not at this writing a single clue as to the cause of his disappearance.

Captain Gibbs left his home, which is about two miles from the city last Friday morning about four o'clock with a horse and cart to come to Elizabeth City to get some empty flour barrels. He informed his wife when he left that he would be back by breakfast time. He took five dollars with him presumably to pay for the barrels.

About five o'clock Friday morning Mr. E. L. Hancock discovered his horse hitched to the cart wandering aimlessly about at the foot of Factory avenue. He stepped the horse and left him standing head to a tree on Factory avenue, thinking that the horse had walked off leaving his owner and that he would soon overtake the horse and cart. The horse stood there until nearly noon, when Deputy Sheriff Raper recognized the horse and had it sent to sports inventory. Word was sent to the Gibbs farm for some one to come after the horse and it was then learned that Captain Gibbs was missing.

Mrs. Gibbs greatly alarmed came to town in search of her husband and aided by friends searched all Friday afternoon without finding a trace of him. The news began to spread and considerable anxiety was felt, so at midnight an alarm was turned in, and the people began to search in earnest. All day Saturday the search was kept many people taking a part in the hunt, but nothing could be learned about Mr. Gibbs.

Sunday morning his friends abandoned all hope of ever seeing him alive and turned their efforts to dragging the Pasquotank river to find his body. The river front was dragged all day Sunday; but not a single thing was learned. Monday the search of the river was renewed, and is still in progress. Hopes of ever recovering his body grow each hour less certain.

Sheriff Reid and Chief of Police Thomas stated Monday afternoon that in all of the searching they had not been able to obtain a single clue that will help them in the quest to find the body or those who destroyed him.

Mr. Gibbs was a prosperous farmer and a quite steady man, who was never given to any freakish action. His friends do not entertain for a moment the idea that he has gone away, but they are of the opinion that he fell into the hands of some one who has murdered him and thrown his body into the Pasquotank river.

Mr. J. P. Kramer has regained his health so that he is able to be out on the streets again after an illness of about five months.

Mr. Kramer has had a slow and tedious recovery from the effects of an operation for an attack of appendicitis. The many friends of the family will be delighted to learn that he is able to be out on the streets.

Offer \$150 Reward For Captain E. F. Gibbs

The Pasquotank Farmer Who Strangely Disappeared From His Home Last Friday and Has Not Been Seen or Heard of Since.

The strange disappearance and absence of Captain E. F. Gibbs has grown exceedingly mysterious. A whole week has passed since he disappeared, and not one single clue has been obtained. Captain Gibbs has been searched for during all this time, but no trace of him has been found. His friends have grown hopeless of finding him and a hundred and fifty dollars in rewards have been offered.

Sheriff Charles Reed and Mr. John Mercer of Currituck offer a reward of fifty dollars and the Board of Aldermen through Mayor Fearling has also offered a reward of fifty dollars for the recovery of Mr. Gibbs' body if he is dead; or for information that will establish his whereabouts if he is living.

Worth Bagley Council No. 60 J. O. U. A. M. of which order he was a prominent member also offer a reward of fifty dollars.

LEGISLATURE

Although the sixty days allotted by law for the meeting of the General Assembly will be out Saturday March 11th, just two weeks off, remarkably little legislation of State importance has yet been enacted. The calendar of the House contains sixty-nine bills of general interest in addition to a large number of local bills that are pending. In the Senate the calendar contains nearly as many bills of State importance and the legislators will be among the busiest people to be found anywhere for the next two weeks.

There will be night sessions galore and the legislative clerks and newspapermen expect to be reached to the limit of human endurance. Although the session is nearly over nothing has been reported from the committees as to the proposed constitutional amendments. Early in the session the Stubbs bill to hold a constitutional convention was voted down on the ground that amendments to be made would be prepared by committees for ratification by the voters of the State at the next general election, but it seems impossible thus far to get even a quorum of the committees present at the several meetings announced to consider the question.

Several anti-trust bills have been introduced and the judiciary committee have announced a hearing for Tuesday afternoon to consider all anti-trust bills. Representative Koonee who has been the most insistent for anti-trust legislation says he will make a fight for the appointment of a sub-committee to take under advisement all the bills and draft a composite effective anti-trust bill.

IN THE HOUSE

Committees Reports

To amend article X of the constitution so as to allow waiver of exemptions.

Bills Introduced.

McPhaul: To educate the negroes in North Carolina relative to tuberculosis.

McGill: To amend the law of 1909 relating to pensions for ex-confederates.

Ewart: To make it a felony for any corporation to contribute money or transportation to any party or candidate for any public office.

McGill: To amend the law of 1909 allowing commissioners to increase pensions and to levy a special tax therefor.

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Latham: To prohibit the fishing with certain nets in certain waters of Beaufort county.

Latham: To improve the roads of Beaufort county.

Latham: An act supplemental to the act relative to the criminal court of Beaufort county.

McWilliams: To regulate fishing in Slades River in Hyde county.

McWilliams: To protect the oysters in Hyde county.

Committee of the Whole on Revenue

Act

Section one, relating to how taxes shall be paid, and two, relating to poll tax, were passed on.

Section two provides the same levy as was provided in 1909, \$1.25 to be levied for education and support of the poor. Mr. Doughton said there were proposals to raise the rate for pensions, and for schools. It were best to offer these amendments now, since if these increases were made, the total amount in section 2 would have to be increased. At present the total for the State was 43 cents, being only 23 2/3 cents for the county to keep up the constitutional epation.

In the Senate

The state administration building bill was taken up in the senate again Monday for the third time and, after voting down all amendments except the two by Senator Boyden, one cutting the amount of the bond issue from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000 and the other authorizing the building commission to erect a fire-proof building or buildings on a suitable site and an amendment of Senator Barnes providing that the bonds shall not be sold for less than par.

The senate by a vote of 26 to 12 passed the bill on second reading and it took its place on the calendar. The minority made an effort to have the amount of the bond issue reduced to \$200,000 but after an extended debate their efforts failed by a decisive vote.

Senator Hobgood's bill extending the time for bringing an action for death through fault of another was reported unfavorably by the committee on judiciary.

IN THE SENATE

Bills Ratified

An act for the working laying out, repairing, improving and draining of the public roads of Washington county.

An act to protect the opossum in

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