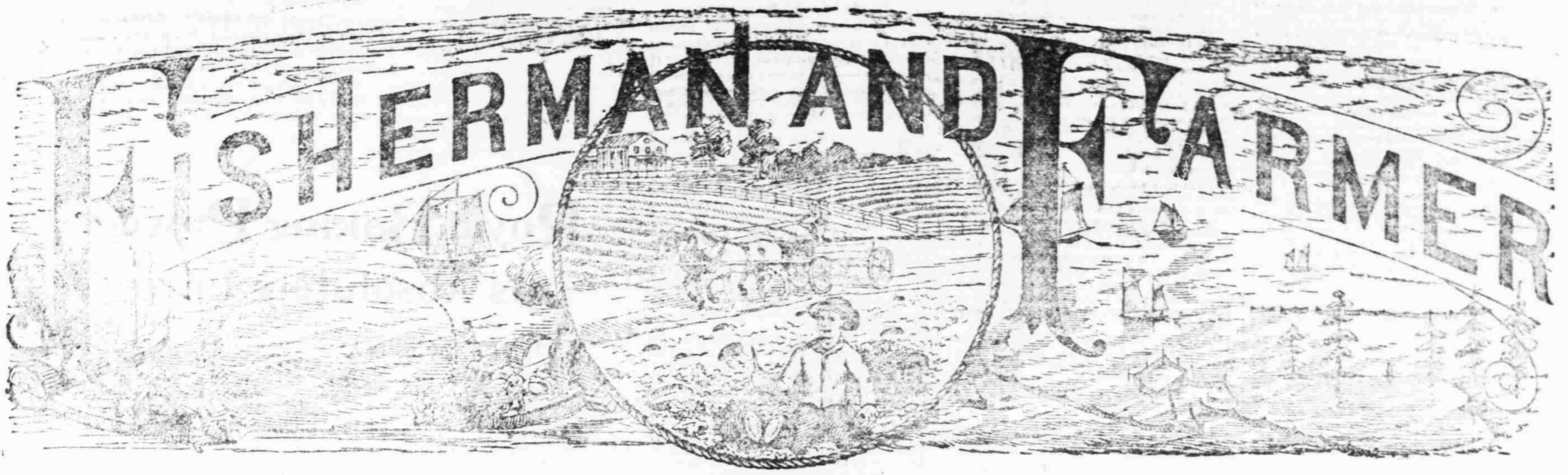


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HALF-WAY.

The years that steal your youth away Come drifting on—come drifting on Like snowflakes that endure a day And then are gone.

Upon the hearth is blazing bright An open fire—I sit and dream, And think how far into the night And storm its ruddy glow doth stream

And then, within my heart, tonight The flame of youth flares up once more To shed a gleam of flickering light Through all the dark that lies before.

And all the lost come back once more, And all the dead things live again, And footsteps echo on the floor, And faces press against the pane.

And now I try so hard to catch A whisper from the forms that pass, To touch the hand that lifts the latch— The lips that tremble on the glass.

And seek to check the rising tears For sweet dead joys and loved ones gone, For memories that like the years Come drifting on—come drifting on.

My fire burns slow, but through the gloom Comes stealing in the gray of dawn, The shadows scurry from the room Till all are gone.

And morn is here—the storm is past, The room is filled with ruddy day: But on my head is drifting fast The snow that never melts away.

WANTED—A PREACHER.

Wanted, a preacher in the town of Critic, to begin work immediately. Salary \$500, to one who can suit each individual member.

We cannot afford to be generous as we wish to secure the services of a first-class man. We are a very united and easily satisfied people and wish a lively, jovial, dignified, sedate, serious sort of man; neither married nor single—a young man of much experience and great wisdom.

A good business man is preferred—one who can support a large family, give freely to all church expenses, charities etc., besides laying up something for a rainy day. To do this it will be necessary for him to live in a quiet, frugal manner, in a fine house elegantly furnished, and always ready to entertain company, especially those from the country. This they can well afford to do, as whenever a family from the country dine with their pastor they bring with them a jug of butter milk, and often a dozen of eggs in the summer time.

We would like a very plain looking handsome man; one who will call regularly upon his members, visit the sick, attend all marriage, funeral and prayer meetings, but his own wood, make his own garden, and always be found at home.

He must win the affections of the poor by trying to please the rich—a very calm, cool, enthusiastic speaker—one who has no throat difficulty, but can speak in an easy eloquent

manner.

If he be a fine scholar or a college professor, let the fact be announced before he begins to preach or he may not be appreciated. One who will be guided in all things by each member of the church, no matter how widely they may differ.

We expect our pastor to welcome and seat all persons.

Some of our members prefer home to foreign missionary work, although they never pay a dollar to either, and by using a little discretion he can work in harmony with both.

The preacher's wife must be a perfect lady, do her own work and always be dressed in style to entertain callers. She must combine the most rigid economy with the most lavish hospitality. She must be a very intelligent, progressive woman; but she must remember that the majority of our congregation have a great horror for stony-minded women.

The preacher must use every means in his power to preserve a youthful appearance, but will lose caste if detected in coloring his hair or wearing false teeth.

We would like a pale, spiritual looking man with a robust, healthy appearance. Our people become very much excited if a minister is seen standing around groceries or stores, so he must be wise and buy his supplies in the early morn, before his congregation are stirring. If he would win the young men from the street it would be well to adopt some disguise so that he will not be recognized. He should not be disturbed if some of his flock wander away to other folds half the time. "Variety is the spice of life."

Before spending a cent of his salary he will be expected to consult the leading members of his congregation and govern himself accordingly. While not expected to select the hymns the pastor will have the entire control of the choir until requested to step down and out.

He must be an active worker in the church, a leader in all moral reforms, never speaking of the evils of the day, but preach eloquently of the wickedness of the people before the flood. Some would like a temperance sermon occasionally, while others declare that they will have nothing to do with a temperance crank. As we differ in our views upon the most important questions of the hour, it is better that our pastor should have no decided opinion of his own.

We want one who has no bad habits; a pastor who will be a shining example to our boys. He must neither chew nor smoke, but if he does, must treat the boys occasionally, of course. Sometimes

people say that they will not pay a cent unless they are pleased with the pastor, but I, for one am willing to do anything and everything to help but, be it understood, that I always have had, and always will have things go as I say. To a pastor who can meet these "reasonable" requirements here is an easy, pleasant, profitable, interesting work, and a happy home in the town of Critic.

REASONABLE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Board of Councilmen of Edenton met April 4th '93 in regular session at Mayor's office. Present J. L. Rogerson, Mayor, F. A. White, W. I. Leary, Jno. C. Bond, and A. H. Mitchell.

Minutes were read and corrected by inserting owners of sheds, instead of occupants.

The committee on drains were continued and instructed to purchase suitable drain pipe for the town and have the pipe on the Ralph lots taken up and 24 inch pipe put in its place. John G. Bond was added to the committee.

On motion the report of the committee to assess damages for street from Okum to Court street was received as follows:

The undersigned Commissioners appointed by the Board of Councilmen of Edenton to assess damages done to parties for right of way for streets from Court St. to Okum street in said town, said street to be forty-nine feet wide with its northern side in line with northern side of Magnolia street. After notice as required by law to parties interest, reported as follows: After examining the property we assessed the damage to which owners would be entitled for such right of way across the J. D. Bateman and wife lot extending from Court street to line of the John T. Smith and wife lot at seventy-five dollars. For the right of way across the lot of E. M. W. Moore we assessed damage at one dollar. For the interest of Mrs. Ellen Ellis in property on Okum street occupied by her we assessed the damage of twenty dollars and for the interest of Bettie, Joe and Clara Bunch in said Ellis lot we assessed the damage at five dollars. We did the above work on March 24th 1893. At our meeting said Bateman and wife, E. M. W. Moore and Joe Bunch were represented by Council and each gave notice of an appeal from our actions upon the ground that damage assessed was too small in amount.

Respectfully submitted to councilmen.

Commissioners: R. F. Cheshire, A. L. White, J. A. Harrell.

On motion the street Commission-

ners were instructed to purchase a lawn mower for use of the town.

Ordered that the following ordinance be adopted and published:

That no person shall be allowed to turn at large, or tie for grazing any cattle or other stock on the streets or public spaces of the town of Edenton and any person violating this ordinance shall be fined one dollar for each and every offence.

On motion the street committee was instructed to receive road machine after it has been tested and satisfactory.

It was ordered that an Election be held on the 27 April, 1893, for town officers and the following were appointed Registrars and Judges of Election at the following places:

Ward 1, Thos. Thompson, Registrar, J. T. Quinton, Judge, Ziegler's store.

Ward 2, R. F. Cheshire, Registrar, H. E. Williams, Judge, Court House.

Ward 3, J. E. Boauer, Registrar, K. R. Pendleton, Judge, Pruden's house on Church st.

Ward 4, L. F. Ziegler, Registrar, W. H. Hedrick, Judge, Theo. Ralph, store.

Ward 5, G. W. White, Registrar, Anderson Luton, Judge, G. W. White dwelling.

Ward 6, John Caphart, Registrar, R. K. Hall, Judge, Capehart store.

The Treasurer reported the following Amt. on hand last report, \$232.49 Rec'd. from J. W. Spruill \$144.40 " " Mayor for fines, 12.50

Total, \$389.39 By amt. paid out for orders, 208.29

To balance on hand, \$181.10 The reports of Collector Spruill and Mayor Rogerson were in keeping with the Treasurer's.

The following bills were allowed and ordered to be paid: J. W. Spruill, house rent, fare on boat etc for Mrs Ange \$2.40

J. H. Rogerson, T. K. fees, N. ward \$0.00 J. L. Rogerson, Mayor from May 1st '92, to April 31st '93 \$100.00

J. L. Rogerson, paid Jackson Mitchell carrying woman to Plymouth \$3.00, J. L. Rogerson, paid N & S. E. R. \$1.400

Wm. M. Bond, attorney six months to 31st April \$50.00 Jas. R. Elliott, printing posters and circulars \$3.25

A. A. Mitchell 2 days Councilman \$4.00 F. A. White 7 days Councilman \$14.00 A. L. White, lighting streets and lamp posts \$50.50

Board adjourned to meet Friday, April 14th. A. T. Bush, Clk.

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