



I got this from HATHAWAY BROS.

The E. City Public School will hold its annual closing entertainment of the school on June 3rd and 4th and the public is cordially invited. We acknowledge a kind invitation from Superintendent Hinton.

Emanuel Davis, a polite and friendly colored man, conspicuous in his race, and, we think, a native of this town, departed this life on Sunday, aged about 60 years. He was a faithful attaché of his owner in the Confederate war.

The reported strike and race riot last week was greatly exaggerated. It was a false alarm and the Naval Reserves who responded to an unauthorized call to arms did not reach the scene of disturbance, but remained under arms at the Army.

Dr. R. B. Swindell has returned from a short sojourn in the mountains, and we are glad to see in greatly improved health. But we regret to hear that for consideration of health he will seek a permanent home remote from broad waters.

Our town, we fear, is on a boom. New buildings, rip saws, cotton spindles, foundries, steam and factory whistles, bull frog industries, "more mort," are seen and heard on every hand. Wait awhile 'til the canal is opened if you want to see something.

The committee to take the census of the school children in the town are at work and their work shows that whatever may be the short comings of this metropolis of the Albemarle the increase of the juvenile population is satisfactory and progressive.

We have always thought the south-side of Tyrell county, and the south-side of Matamuskeet Lake in Hyde county were the earliest truck places in our section. For several years Tyrell has led in peas and Irish potatoes. She had potatoes in market last week.

Few people are aware of the variety of goods shipped from the South to all parts of the world. The Steamer Georgia, of the Old Bay Line, plying on the Chesapeake Bay between Baltimore and Norfolk, recently brought in to Baltimore for shipment consignments of Southern goods to Cape Town, Africa; Kingstown, Jamaica; Shanghai, China, and London, England. A part of the Chinese consignment was cigarettes made in North Carolina.

"Providence often puts a big potato in a little pipe way." We often wonder at the way some people get on who do not seem to have any fitness for business, but if you ever tasted a "cracker with 'Fox' stamped on the top crust, you didn't wonder at the success of the Bakery where it was baked.

OBITUARY.

Death of the Oldest Native of Elizabeth City.

Departed this life in Portsmouth, Va., May 15th, Mr. James H. Shannon, aged 85 years and 6 months, having been born November 4th, 1811.

Mr. Shannon was born in Elizabeth City, N. C., whence he emigrated to Portsmouth early in life and was a brother of William Shannon of our town, deceased, who is remembered by nearly all of our citizens.

Mr. James Shannon was a venerable link of the present and past generations and his lineage connects him with the earliest history of Elizabeth City. He was a lineal descendant of Betsy Tooley who owned the water front about where Mr. Robertson's wharf now is, about 1800, of this town when it was called the "Narrows," and traded with the Dismal Swamp shingle getters; which trade probably originated the foreign trade in shingles to the West Indies and first gave an impetus to the business of the town.

James Shannon was her descendant, and presumably her grandson. He was venerable in years, exemplary in life, and a credit to his native city. His death was not unexpected, tho he had battled with the reaper for several weeks, and finally surrendered to the relentless victor.

He leaves several children, one son being a prominent and prosperous citizen of St. Louis, Mo.

A Word or Two on Cycles.

We have been studying on Cycles. We've thought and thought, and only one thought we are sure of. In time, and a short time, a man on foot, on our boulevards, will be as great a curiosity as a catamount or a Royal Bengal Tiger. All the world's a wheel and all the men and women merely cyclers. Yea, and all the toddlers too. First a toddler—happy as a coon, graceful as a fawn, agile as a kitten. See their little "tooses" playing in and out like little white mice peeping from under a damask gown. They cannot walk a foot, but guide the wheel as helmsmen do the rudder. Were we a toddler we'd be a cycler.

MILL MEN, ATTENTION. A PLAINING MILL PLANT.

Elizabeth City, North Carolina. IN THOROUGH ORDER. The best equipped and most conveniently arranged mill in N. C. Eighteen Million feet of lumber has been handled in one year at this plant. Thirty three saw mills to draw supply from are conveniently located.

The following sensible letter from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, explains itself: DEAR SIR—I wish to call your attention to the important election to take place in your county on the first Monday in June, 1897, in accordance with Section 6, of the School law as enacted by the last General Assembly.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

| RESOURCES. | | |
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| Loans and discounts | \$ 143,966.25 | |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured | 1,123.28 | |
| U. S. Bonds to secure circulation | 12,500.00 | |
| Banking-house furniture and fixtures | 5,500.00 | |
| Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents) | 2,578.45 | |
| Due from State Banks and Trust Companies | 2,010.41 | |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 15,000.79 | |
| Checks and other claims | 5,497.33 | |
| Notes of other National Banks | 400.00 | |
| Fractional paper currency, nickel cents | 205.23 | |
| Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz: Specie | 5,952.20 | |
| Legal Tender Notes | 5,630.00 | |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (2 per cent. of circulation) | 568.50 | |
| Total | \$98,420.85 | |

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00 Surplus fund 7,500.00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 5,305.27 National Bank notes outstanding 11,200.00 Individual deposits subject to check 396,407.88 Total \$98,420.85

The Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Opens at Nashville, May 1st, and Closes October 30th, 1897.

SEABOARD AIR LINE. Will sell EXCURSION TICKETS AT VERY REDUCED RATES, the following being total rates from points named:

| | A | B | C |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Norfolk, Va. | \$2.00 | \$1.50 | \$1.40 |
| Portsmouth, Va. | 27 00 | 19 50 | 14 40 |
| Suffolk, Va. | 27 00 | 19 50 | 14 40 |

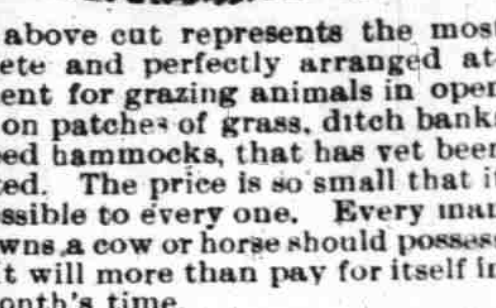
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