



N. & S. STOCKHOLDERS RE-ELECTED OLD OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Were In Session Yesterday At Norfolk And Are Now on Tour of Inspection of Norfolk and Southern and A. & N. C. Roads.

The principal officers and stockholders of the Norfolk and Southern railroad arrived in Norfolk yesterday on the Old Dominion steamer from New York for the annual meeting and inspection of the road.

The annual meeting of stockholders was held at the company's offices in Norfolk and it is understood that the officers and directors were re-elected. Immediately after the meeting the entire party of non-resident and resident officials, numbering a dozen men left on a tug for a tour of the harbor and inspection of the Norfolk and Southern's waterfront property.

Yesterday afternoon the officers of the road left on Seaboard Air Line train No. 31 in two private cars for North Carolina to inspect the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, which is owned by kindred interests.

Among the officers of the company who attended were Marsden J. Perry, of Providence, R. I., president, and F. S. Gannon, of New York, vice-president. Judge LeBarron Colt, of Providence, also attended. Mr. Gannon is vice president of the Metropolitan Railway company of New York city.

The interests owning the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad bought out the Norfolk and Southern about a year ago, and while in the south for the annual inspection of one system the officials will inspect the other.

In inspecting the two roads it is considered likely that the party of officials will visit Elizabeth City, where property among the most valuable they own is located.

In Elizabeth City deep satisfaction is felt concerning the announcement of the re-election of the officers.

APPOINTED TO GRAND LODGE

At the regular meeting of Elizabeth City Lodge No. 122, K. of P., last night, Past Chancellor E. F. Lamb was unanimously elected representative to the grand lodge, domain of North Carolina, for a period of two years, effective April 1, 1906.

The next annual convention of the grand lodge of North Carolina will be held at Greensboro on the second Tuesday in June, 1906, at eight o'clock p. m.

The local lodge is now getting in fine shape and is busy at every meeting conferring ranks on new members and instructing them in the sublime mysteries of Pythianism. Probably no lodge in the city has during the past several months had a larger increase in membership and it is doing its proportional part in ranking the order of Pythians third in the State in membership.

OKISKO COUPLE MARRIED HERE

Mr. William T. Humphlett, aged 29, and Miss Estelle Forbes, aged 25, both of whom are from Okisko, where they are well known and popular, applied for and secured license yesterday afternoon at the office of Register of Deeds Spence, and not particularly desiring the services of a minister, were married by Mr. Spence a few moments later.

During the afternoon they returned to Okisko, where they will continue to reside.

Miss Annie Newcomb, of Suffolk, is the guest of friends here today.

FALSE ALARM; MUCH EXCITEMENT

FIREMEN COULD NOT LOCATE BURNING GASOLENE LAUNCH SAID TO THREATEN WATERFRONT PROPERTY LAST NIGHT

A false alarm of fire was turned in last night just before seven o'clock and the usual excitement prevailed, crowds chasing themselves on the streets, and the whole force of fire fighters with their apparatus responding with great speed to the loud clanging of the bell.

To the excited inquiries it was stated that a gasolene engine had exploded on a launch at the foot of Matthews street, that the boat was being consumed by flames which threatened to spread to the buildings on the waterfront and cause a 'monster conflagration.'

In a minute the firemen and a large crowd were at the wharf where everything was found to be perfectly normal. At the clatter or shore the boatmen protruded their heads, asked the matter and were astonished when asked if a boat had caught fire.

Somebody said a sparkler on one of the trim little boats was being started, and the boat had left, the crew unaware of the excitement they had caused.

The alarm was ringing even when the firemen returned, some one else having taken the rope and one of Chief Raper's men had to order, or probably request that it be stopped.

It is considered that the arraignment in court of some of these false alarm ringers would put a damper on their efforts to disturb the peace.

200 DELEGATES WILL ATTEND

CAROLINA PINE ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD BIG CONVENTION 14 AND 15—LOCAL MEMBERS WILL ATTEND.

Arrangements are now being made for the annual convention of the members of the North Carolina Pine Association at the Monticello Hotel, in Norfolk March 14 and 15.

As a result of the recent consolidation of the North Carolina Pine Association with the South Carolina Lumber Association it is expected that the convention will be the largest ever held by the lumbermen. Mr. John R. Walker, secretary of the association, stated yesterday that at least 200 manufacturers of lumber would be in attendance, besides prominent people that will be invited as guests. Among those who will be there as guests are Mr. Clifford Pinchot, head of the National Bureau of Forestry; members of the Wholesale Dealers Association, and of the New York Lumber Trade Association.

The annual banquet of the association will be held on the night of the 14th. Those who attend the convention will board a vessel next day for a trip around the Norfolk harbor.

It is not expected that the convention will have any important effect on the present condition of the lumber trade. Secretary Walker also states that the demand for lumber was active for this time of the year, and that while the trade always look with disfavor on any advance in price, he does not think the recent advances have much diminished the demand for lumber. Mr. Walker expects the price of lumber to hold steady for at least six months.

There are several members of the association here who never fail to attend the conventions, and will make no exception of the conference to be held in Norfolk, which, owing to the consolidation with the South Carolina association, will be the most auspicious in its history.

CONFERENCE DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

The following places and dates have been announced for quarterly conference for Elizabeth City district, over each of which Presiding Elder J. H. Hall will preside:

Weeksville, Union, March 24 to 25; Elizabeth City, First church, March, 25 to 26; Perquimans, New Hope, March 28; Pasquotank, Mt. Herman, March 31, April 1; Elizabeth City, City Road, April 1 to 2; North Gates, Hebron, April 7 to 8; Chowan, Center Hill, April 14 to 15; Hertford, Anderson, April 15 to 16; Edenton, April 18; Plymouth, April 21 to 22; Roper, April 22 to 23; Hatteras and Kennekeet, Chicamacomico, April 28 to 29; Dare, Shiloh, May 2; Kitty Hawk, Collington, May 4; Roanoke Island, Bethany, May 5 to 6; Camden, May 12 to 13; Moyock, May 15; Currituck, Asbury, May 16; Pantego and Belhaven, Pantego, May 19 to 20; Gates, May 23; Columbia, Columbia, May 26 to 27.

The above announcements are for Mr. Hall's second round.

THEY ELOPED TO ELIZABETH CITY

Mr. Claude C. Lawrence and Miss Ethel G. Wilkins, well known Norfolk people, were married in this city yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. F. Vines, of the First Baptist church, at his residence on Main street.

The young couple arrived on the 1:30 train and at once secured license only waiting until the official finished with another couple, and with the paper repaired to the home of Mr. Vines, who performed the ceremony in his usual impressive style. They took the first train back to the Virginia city, their future home.

CHILD STRANGELY DISAPPEARED FROM HOME NEAR WOODVILLE

Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams Has Been Missing Since Tuesday Night And Whole Vicinity Has Been Searched.

REPORT OF THE Y. M. C. A. BAZAAR

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. in making the following report of the bazaar held at the Y. M. C. A. last week wish to extend through the columns of this paper their sincere thanks to all the ladies for their liberal contributions in work, cakes and otherwise, to the business men of the city for the donations made by them and through them of out of town firms.

To those who worked so faithfully on the committees in getting everything in readiness and sticking to it to the close, and to the public for their liberal patronage.

The receipts were as follows:

Dining room	\$90.20
Candy booth	24.67
Door admissions	22.20
Fancy work booth	34.14
Cook book booth	32.27
Ice cream booth	85.45
Country store	53.93
Grab bag	9.50
Japanese booth	17.88
Gypsy and palmist	7.20
Miscellaneous	2.29

Through W. J. Woodley, wholesale grocer, from the Standard Oil Company, Norfolk, Va. 1 oil cook stove and oven.

The R. B. Davis Co., New York, 1

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Suspended Until Later In Season

Towards the organization of a local stock company for the construction and operation of another hosiery mill in Elizabeth City, nothing of note has been done during the past two weeks.

Soliciting stock has stopped, no further efforts being made to obtain signatures for amounts, and the project, like that for the furniture factory, is at a standstill for the present. It has by no means been abandoned, however, as it is announced by one of the principal promoters, the movement will be resumed again when the season advances a little further, or when certain people return to town who are expected to subscribe thousands of dollars, and the organization of the company with the capital stock agreed upon, is expected without trouble.

Now that it is an assured thing the Dare Lumber Company will locate its mills here the attention of the public is directed principally upon the hosiery mill and furniture factory projects.

THE PEOPLE ARE EAGERLY BUYING THESE OYSTERS

Mr. Ed Goodwin, who runs a restaurant on Matthews street, has now on hand 150 tubs of oysters, among the most select brought to the city during the season, and is retailing them to eager buyers.

They came from the beds in Core Sound, where they are noted for size and flavor, and were secured with considerable difficulty. In quality they compare favorably with those of Lynnhaven Bay and Far Creek, and it is only a few times during the year the public is able to buy them.

A telephone message was received late yesterday afternoon at the Daily Economist office from Woodville, giving the details of the strange disappearance of the small child of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Williams, well known people in that community.

The child, a girl of three or four years, has been absent since Tuesday night, and the distressed parents have caused the whole surrounding country to be searched thoroughly, but entirely without result, and the case is already being likened to the disappearance of Senator Beasley's boy, which has for over a year mystified the country.

The message said that though the greatest uneasiness had been felt since the child was first missed, the parents decided not to give it too much publicity save in the neighborhood where the search was being conducted, in the expectation that she would soon be found, but all efforts having failed, they had at last determined on giving the particulars to the public through the columns of this paper, in the hope that it would assist in the search.

At about nightfall Tuesday was the last time the child has been seen. Following the theory that she strayed into the woods a party has searched high and low, but gave it up as useless. Rumors of kidnapping are spoken of and considerable excitement prevails in the quiet rural precinct.

Not much faith is placed in the kidnapping theory however, the general opinion apparently being that the child lost itself in the dense woods. No stranger to whom the stealing of the child could be laid has been noticed around Woodville. Inquiries have been made of all the people living in the vicinity, but all say they have seen nothing of the missing tot.

Nearly four days have now elapsed and the disappearance has only become more surrounded by mystery. Mr. and Mrs. Williams scarcely know what to think and anxiety has nearly prostrated the mother.

CAROLINA BOY AGAIN PROMOTED

Mr. A. E. Cohoon, forester of the national government has again been promoted in the Department of Agriculture of the United States.

He is now out of the wig and woolly west, where he has spent much time in examining the forests and their conditions, and has taken up his headquarters in far away Portland, Oregon, where during the winter months, he has been engaged under the direction of the national government in giving a series of lectures on practical forestry.

His lectures deal with the problem of forest preservation; its culture and the best methods to be employed in assisting the native forests to recuperate themselves from the ravages of the destructive lumber men.

TO OUR TOWNSMEN.

Being unable to see each one personally, we desire to express our sincere gratitude to Chief Raper and his efficient firemen, to the police officers, and to the general public for the assistance they all gave us in helping to save our stock of merchandise in the recent fire that took place in the building we occupy.

Very gratefully,
A. B. SEELY & SON.