

THREE YEARS FOR KILLING DOG; SEVEN YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Mr. Chas. H. Robinson Graphically Describes People And Condi- tions Of Orient.

Smyrna.

The city of Smyrna is the greatest shipping point for the products of Asia-Minor and a carriage drive to Mount Pagus gives a fine view of the city and harbor. In this city was the home of 'Croesus' and ever since it has been a synonym of great wealth.

To us the place of greatest interest was Caravan Bridge, which dates back to 129 B. C. Across this bridge the great caravan of camels heavily laden enter the city from the interior of Asia Minor, some of them having traveled six or seven hundred miles. They bring in some of the finest rugs made, dried fruits, olive oil, opium and many articles of Oriental manufacture.

Long train of camels were arriving and departing with their many drivers and attendants, making a very animated and interesting scene. The great Bazaar is said to be smaller than that of Constantinople, but to a stranger is a perfect maze and it is quite impossible to get about in without a guide. Charlie and I tried it, and refused the services of a boy who spoke a little English. He, however, followed us, and after wandering about for sometime we were glad to accept his services.

The city has 225,000 inhabitants and is decidedly an improvement on Constantinople. Its streets are cleaner and in the American and foreign sections are many fine buildings and residences. Charles Dudley Warner describes it as 'an Asiatic city with a European face. It produces nothing and exchanges everything and is the Paradise of the Turk. The house of luxury and beautiful women.' This may be true but I cannot understand how he managed to get a look at the women, for the Mohammed women all have their faces hid with veils, and nearly all we saw with face uncovered would have looked better if they had covered them with veils.

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once the greatest church of Constantine and Justinian; the Galata Tower; the Imperial Ptomare Museum, and many other historical places. The Grand Bazaar, with its four miles of booths for the sale of every imaginable article by people of every Oriental country, presents a scene of great interest. It is said that more than 40 different languages are spoken in this Bazaar.

On Sunday morning we steamed away, first taking a run through the Bosphorus, 22 miles for a look at the Black Sea and back. Thus our stay was of three Sabbaths—the Moslem, Hebrew and Christian. The view of the city from the ship is a charming one. The many Mosques with graceful minarets, palaces, and quaint buildings, shining white in the sun, are bewilderingly beautiful, but the remembrance of the filthy streets, the bronzed and sinister faces of most of the people, dispels the illusion that we are looking upon an earthly Paradise, and we bid the city farewell without a single regret.

Note—The penalty for killing a dog is three years imprisonment—for killing a man seven years.

C. H. ROBINSON.
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DESECRATION OF THE SABBATH

The ministers of the town and surrounding country, recognizing the appalling disregard of the Sabbath day, which God has commanded us to keep holy, will on next Sunday preach on this increasing evil. They say no one can fail to see the neglect of this day, by every class, and that the time has come for every pastor and citizen who loves home and God-given privileges to join hands in a crusade against all evil which threatens our peace and usefulness.

The following pastors will preach on the above subject at time and place indicated below:

Dr. J. H. Hall, at City Road Methodist church, at morning service.

Dr. A. P. Tyer, First Methodist church at evening service.

Rev. W. H. Luther, Pearl Street Methodist church, at morning service.

Rev. P. S. C. Davis, Salem Baptist church, at morning service.

Rev. J. B. Perebee, Shady Grove Baptist church, and also at Moyock.

Rev. W. T. Usry, Walker Memorial Methodist church, at evening service.

Rev. T. W. Winfield, Presbyterian church, at evening service.

Rev. Josiah Crudup, Blackwell Memorial Baptist church at 11 a. m. April 8th.

Rev. John F. Vines, First Baptist church, at morning service.

Fired Pistol Through Store

Several nights ago, a negro, drunk or half crazy, fired his pistol into the store of Mr. W. E. Hinton, in the upper part of the county, and has escaped all punishment.

It was at about eleven o'clock and the store had been closed for the night. Mr. Hinton and family live over the store and were preparing to retire when without any preface whatever the pistol shot rang out and the bullet crashed through the store. The shot was not repeated and as soon as he could Mr. Hinton ran out to the road and discovered that it was a negro who had made the assault and later, by diligent inquiry, obtained his name and learned that he lives here. Next day he came to town with the intention of having the negro arrested, but for some reason did not carry it into effect.

Asks Questions Concerning The Projected Canning Factory

Can anyone tell me the real value of a canning factory such as stock is being subscribed for?

If there is a reasonable profit in it for the organizer, I want to put my shoulder to the wheel and help organize it, and I will give my services free in doing so, for it will surely benefit Elizabeth City and its surrounding country.

If on the other hand there is a profit of from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for the organizers, I want to use my efforts towards stopping further subscriptions.

It is not my desire to retard any enterprise that will forward Elizabeth City and the surrounding country, for no one appreciates better than myself that to grow Elizabeth City's people must come together, organize and operate mills and factories.

In my opinion nine-tenths of the Elizabeth City subscribers to the canning factory being organized, subscribed simply with a few to get a canning factory none are familiar with the cost of such a canning factory and hardly care, in other words, they would be willing to almost give that much towards any enterprise that would so benefit Elizabeth City.

This was the view which I took of it and I will subscribe \$100 to any old thing whether it pays or not, yet, I don't think that it should be inferred and I would not wish it to be understood that I entered it as a paying investment, neither do I ask my friends to join not knowing the real cost of such a plant.

I would like to ask the promoters to state in this paper as to the cost of the Hastings Industrial Company, whether such a plant and buildings as their prospectus implies, can be built at a profit by any concern at \$7,000 giving them \$1,400 for organizing and building and turning the plant over to our people. If the Hastings Industrial Company is only making a reasonable profit, they should be willing to so state, and if they give conclusive proof that such is the case, there are people in Elizabeth City who stand

ready to help them. If they refuse to enlighten us, I would say we had better let the canning factory slide.

I think the promoters of this factory should be paid and paid well, its worth a great deal of money to do the work they are doing, yet, there is in the minds of a great number of people, that this plant would not cost to exceed \$3,000, and the promoters in justice to themselves, should enlighten the people as to the value and let us see if we can put our shoulder to the wheel and try to influence our friends to come and help build a canning factory.

There is no doubt in the people's minds, that Elizabeth City needs a canning factory, and needs one bad, and as these gentlemen have started the project, and have gotten a great deal of interest worked up in this regard, they should be given the first opportunity and at the same time great consideration.

It is not very pleasant to take upon ones self this matter, as I am doing, but these gentlemen have the Hastings Industrial Company at stake, I take upon my shoulder the good of Elizabeth City and its surrounding country.

If we organize a canning factory and it is worth the money and is a success, the farmer will hereafter feel more like putting his money in our enterprise; if on the other hand, a canning factory is organized, it is built and found to be not worth the money and is not a success, it will be a long time before we would be able to get the farmers to put another dollar in any enterprise, and no town can be successfully built without the co-operation of the farmers and towns people, therefore, we must use every safe-guard to see that the farmers are not asked to subscribe stock, unless it is good.

I am not for tearing down, but will ever be found one to forward and up-build every interest of Elizabeth City and its surrounding country.

Yours very respectfully,
A. C. HATHAWAY.

INTEREST GROWING IN THE ELECTION

With the near approach of election day when it will be decided whether Mr. T. G. Skinner will be reimbursed to the extent of \$5,000 of the amount he expended in purchasing a terminal for the Suffolk and Carolina in this city, by the issue of city bonds that event is coming to be freely discussed. If a consensus can be formed from the opinions heard in the discussions, the idea is that the bond issue stands an equal chance either way. Some believe the people will vote to give Mr. Skinner the amount, and others refuse to think that way and will oppose the issue.

Mr. Skinner was in town again this morning and in speaking of the election, substantiated the statement he made sometime ago to the effect that if the issue is defeated he will not erect an auditorium and will forever wash his hands of Elizabeth City and her interests. He also expressed the same confidence that the bonds will be issued, saying the people cannot help seeing the justice of his request to be reimbursed and will vote accordingly.

Steel Frame For The Roof

The steel frame work for the roof of the government building is now being put together by the iron workers and good progress is being made. The four walls having been completed, full attention will be given to building the roof.

The interior work is also rapid and the fire-proof partitions for the various offices are nearing completion.

ELKS ELECT YEAR'S OFFICERS

MR. R. W. TURNER CHOSEN EXALTED RULER, AND MR. G. R. LITTLE WAS APPOINTED DELEGATE TO THE DENVER CONVENTION.

The annual election of officers of Elizabeth City Lodge No. 856, B. P. O. Elks, was held last evening at the splendid home in the new Robinson building and nearly the entire membership attended to participate.

The election suited as follows:

Exalted Ruler, Roscoe W. Turner.
Leading Knight, D. B. Bradford.
Loyal Knight, J. C. B. Ehringhaus.
Lecturing Knight, Dr. I. Fearing.
Secretary, S. S. Richold.
Treasurer, J. M. Martin.
Tyler, J. M. Hill.
Inner Guard, G. W. Twiddy.

Mr. George W. Little was chosen as a delegate to the Denver convention, with Mr. W. M. Baxter as alternate.

The trustees were elected as follows: T. P. Nash, for three years; J. T. McCabe, for two years and Louis Selig for one year.

FIGHT AT SKATING RINK; TRIAL IN POLICE COURT

This morning at nine o'clock Messrs. Lex Tunnell and Sam West were arraigned before Mayor Leigh in the police court as the result of an altercation at the skating rink last night.

Mr. Tunnell was fined two dollars and half the costs and Mr. West paid half the costs.

Both were skating and collided, the subsequent argument leading to a little 'spat' in which neither was hurt.

A WELL KNOWN FARMER DIES

MR. SETH HARRIS SUCCEMBED YESTERDAY TO DISEASE FROM WHICH HE HAS SUFFERED FOR MONTHS—FUNERAL AND INTERMENT TODAY.

Mr. Seth Harris, aged 56, died yesterday at his home near Nixontor, after an illness lasting several months. During the past few weeks he had been confined to his bed and under the best of medical assistance his condition constantly grew worse. Yesterday when he breathed his last his death came as no surprise to the sorrowing family at the bedside.

The funeral was conducted from residence this afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. P. S. C. Davis officiating. The interment took place immediately afterwards in the Martin Pritchard burying ground, in Mt. Hermon township.

He is survived by a wife, six children, seven brothers and sisters and by numerous relatives living in different parts of the county. He is also survived by a mother, who is over 80 years old.

The deceased was one of the best known farmers in the section, and success in that vocation had placed him in a far better financial condition than the average farmer.

He had hosts of friends and acquaintances, among of whom are residents of this city, and his death is deeply regretted.

FRIGHTENED HORSE PLUNGED OVERBOARD AND WAS DROWNED

Mr. J. G. Harris, a farmer of this section, lost a valuable horse this week. He went to Norfolk and purchased a good animal at a sale and was crossing the ferry to Portsmouth, intending to drive through the country back home, when the horse took fright and in its struggles crashed through the railing and fell overboard drowning before assistance could be given.

Mr. Harris is a man of limited means and the loss to him is great.

March Strong In Property Transfer

In buying and selling real estate in the city and county March held its own as compared with other months, in the number of transactions at any rate. At noon today the transfer records at the court house revealed that 356 deeds, deeds of trust, chattle mortgages, etc., had been made during the month. The amounts ranged from \$3,000 down.

Most of the property to change hands is located in the country, though some city homes have new owners.

Temple Quartette Musical Feature

Monday morning at 8 o'clock seats for the Temple Male Quartette will be put on sale at Eight & Brights. Those holding season tickets can have them reserved at that time.

The Temple Quartette has been received enthusiastically wherever they have appeared this season and it will be one of the best quartettes ever heard in this city.

Miss Kathrine Cole as a reader has few equals and will delight her audience.

This entertainment will close the star course at the association this season.

DAYS OF GRACE ARE NOW OVER

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS IN THE GUISE OF PATENT MEDICINES CANNOT BE SOLD AFTER TODAY—LOCAL DRUGGISTS DISPOSED OF STOCK.

Today marks the expiration of the days of grace allotted by the government to the dealers in patent medicines to make disposition of such concoctions as contain alcohol and which are held out to the public in the guise of remedies for nearly all diseases to which the human family is heir. Due notice was served several months ago of the ban placed on such beverages to the effect that their sale would after a specified date be prohibited. An extension of time was granted by the department, however to permit the druggists and other dealers to sell off or ship back their stock on hand, which extension ends today.

Since the first notice the local dealers have been working off the medicines they know came under the head of those prohibited, and only a few bottles are left. There has at all times been some discussion as to the exact medicines coming under the head, for a list of them has not been furnished by the government. It is known, however that Hostetter's Bitters, Duffy's Malt Whiskey, and various brands of ginger are included. It is now stated that Peruna, on which there has recently been some sensational attacks made, will not be included as the manufacturers have changed the formula by adding a laxative ingredient.

The sale of all the medicines could be continued by securing government license to sell spirituous liquors, the permit costing \$36, but a druggist said this morning the license would be taken in a prohibition town as prima facie evidence that liquor was being sold.

Special Meeting To Hear Report

Tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock a special meeting for men has been arranged when a report of the interstate convention of the Y. M. C. A., which was held at Charleston, S. C., last week will be made by Secretary Evans.

Rev. Tyer will preside at the meeting and Mayor Leigh will give a ten minute address to men preceding the report.

The meeting will open with a song; service in charge of Mr. Kight.

Boy's Brigade meeting will meet at 2 o'clock and the new officers for the second quarter will be in their places.

March Dull For Marriages

The month of March has been unusually dull in the marriage line so far as this city and county are concerned, as is shown by the records at the court house.

At noon today only seventeen licenses had been recorded, and five of those were to colored people. The month started out brisk enough, several local couples being married and 'run aways' coming from Virginia almost every day, but during the last two weeks they dropped off, and the last six or seven days no one even applied for a permit.

Register of Deeds J. C. Spence, said it has been one of the dullest months in this respect since he has been in office.

Mr. T. C. Lyon, of Greensboro, is here on a business trip.

Mrs. James Towe, of Chapanoke, is shopping in the city today.