

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE GAS

NOT THE HOT AIR KIND, EITHER, AS HERETOFORE, BUT GENUINE ARTICLES—THE KIND THAT BURNS.

Elizabeth City is going to have gas. This time it will be real stuff that can be used for illuminating purposes.

At a meeting Monday night, the board of Aldermen discussed the proposition to grant a gas franchise to some company to establish a gas plant.

The matter was discussed thoroughly and, as usual when there is a proposition before our city fathers, to considerable length.

The question of price is of first importance and is causing no little discussion. At one time, a company offered to establish a plant here and furnish gas for \$1.10 per thousand.

The establishing of a gas plant here has been talked up during the past five or six years, but somehow, it always fell through, and the people did not get the gas.

GOT JUDGEMENT FOR \$17,000

One of the most important cases tried in Currituck court last week, was Tauralt against the Carolina Land & Lumber Company, in which Tauralt was suing to collect notes held against the Land and Lumber Company.

Tauralt had sold to the Carolina Land and Lumber Company a large tract of land specifying the number of acres. After the sale was made several gentlemen in Currituck established titles to parts of the tract.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CONTESTANTS.

Today and tomorrow should be the big days in the Advance's Popularity Contest. Contestants should remember that during this time they will be credited with votes for subscriptions, job work, or advertising brought to this office.

"DOGWATCH" ON THE BEACH

VETERANS OF THE NAVY OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH PLANNING FOR GOOD TIME NEXT MONTH.

The naval veterans of the U. S. and of the confederate navies are arranging to have next month, some afternoon what to the soldiers would be a campfire, but for sailors is a dogwatch (something like a smoker).

The banquet room of the Mason's hall at Virginia Beach has been kindly placed at the naval vets' disposal and it is expected that about fifty men who did their duty on the Merrimac, the Minnesota, the Shenandoah, the Wabash, the Albemarle, the Lancaster, the York town, James town, etc. etc., will be present.

It is well understood that each participant is pledged to spin a yarn, sing a song, whistle a tune, or dance a hornpipe.

The committee in charge is: A. J. Dalton, 29 Williams Street, and A. L. Lowe, 103 Plume street, Norfolk to whom all interested can apply for further particulars.

PAID TAXES FIRST.

The tax books for the year 1911 are now in the hands of the sheriff and his deputy; and these gentlemen are now ready for your taxes.

The first man to come up and settle his taxes for this year was Plume Gibbs, a colored man. Gibbs wanted to go away and did not want to be troubled about his taxes any more, so he walked into Sheriff Reid's office Monday and paid them up in full, obtaining the first tax receipt torn out of the books. Gibbs' example is worthy of emulation, even by the white taxpayers; and, if others would do likewise Sheriff Reid would be greatly relieved.

D. OF C. TO MEET

The D. H. Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will meet next Tuesday, Sept. 19th, at the home of Mrs. C. W. Hollowell, Bayside. The members are requested to be present.

CARNEGIE-LOWERY

George A. Carnegie and Miss Malmie Lowery, both residents of Norfolk, secured a marriage license here and were united in marriage last Friday afternoon. Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden performed the ceremony.

SOW SEED IN THE FALL

"Wood's Crop Special" for September, says: "It is always advisable, in our opinion, for farmers to put in as much of their land as they can in the fall. We nearly always get seasonable growing weather during the fall and the early spring, and crops sown in the fall not only furnish a cover crop for the soil, but are growing and thriving at seasons which in recent years have proved most advantageous in our southern soils and climate. We would therefore urge our farmers to sow all the land possible in suitable crops this fall, so as for short feed crops another year."

"Wood's Crop Special" is issued monthly and gives timely and seasonable information about seeds that can be planted to advantage and profit each month throughout the year. Write for sample copy to T. W. Wood & Sons, Seedsmen, Richmond Va.

LOOK FOR BOOKS ITS SCHOOL TIME

THE ELIZABETH CITY GRADED SCHOOLS BEGIN THE FALL TERM NEXT MONDAY—LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED.

It's school time and there is a mighty ransacking in closets and out-of-the-way places for books and book bags hurriedly cast aside on the last day of school in the spring. Many a dust covered reader and speller is being sought high and low that the members of the school brigade may be in readiness to fall in line next Monday morning.

The Elizabeth City graded school will open its doors and begin its fall session next Monday morning. This means nearly a thousand boys and girls representing, every class condition, and ambition from the dainty girl in pretty frock to the "one galus" urchin of the freckle face variety, will fall in line for the march to the school buildings, where their year's labors begin.

The faculty is arriving and the teachers will all be here by Saturday when a conference will be held in the Superintendent's office to plan for the opening. Superintendent Sheep returned several days ago, and has been busy preparing for the event and when Monday arrives with its great crowd of school children he anticipates little trouble in starting of the machinery of the schools. There have been several changes made in the faculty. Several of last year's teachers have retired and new ones have been selected to fill their places, but the high standard of the faculty has been maintained and even strengthened.

Superintendent Sheep expects a large enrollment during the coming term, and he requests that all attend from the first day of the term so all pupils may enter the work of the class rooms at one time. He desires prompt attendance for he has no patience with tardiness. It's the plan of Prof. Sheep and all the teachers to make this the best term and he desires the hearty cooperation of the parents to help him to accomplish this.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER HAS PASSED AWAY

Mr. Samuel Alexander, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of North Eastern North Carolina, died at the home of his son, Edmund Alexander, near Chase City, Va. Last Friday morning. The funeral and interment took place at that place.

Mr. Alexander was more than eighty years old. He was a very prominent citizen and was well known in Elizabeth City, where he resided for many years. He held during his long life a number of positions of trust and honor. The last public position that he held was clerk of the Federal court of the Eastern District. He resigned that position on account of old age.

In his old age he was a very interesting old gentleman. His mind was remarkably clear and active, and he had a vast fund of information in regard to olden times and old people.

WILL PATENT DITCHING MACHINE.

Mr. C. Nixon Morgan of the Newland section, has just been notified by the patent authorities that his ditching machine heads anything that was ever sent to the patent office.

Mr. Morgan has been working on this machine which will prove one of the greatest inventions of agricultural implements of the country. This machine will be capable of doing an enormous amount of work, and will do it too in a very perfect manner. As soon as the patent is secured Mr. Morgan will likely put his machine on the market.

A SUICIDE ON CHURCH GROUNDS

ALSO AN ATTEMPT TO MURDER A WOMAN AT COLORED BAPTIST CHURCH ON ROANOKE ISLAND.

A suicide and attempted murder occurred at the colored Baptist church on Roanoke Island last Sunday night. After the services had been concluded and the congregation was in the act of leaving the church grounds, several pistol shots rang out in the darkness of the night. The congregation of colored people was seized with a panic and confusion reigned supreme. Upon investigation it was discovered that Fox Bowser, a colored man of good reputation hitherto had shot a colored woman named Mercida Thomas. He fired two shots into her body, one in the head and the other into the neck. He then fired a bullet through his head. Bowser died during the effects of the shooting and has been taken to a hospital in Norfolk.

Jealously is assigned as the cause. When the Thomas woman was leaving the church Bowser asked her to let him speak to her. She refused saying that she did not want to hear anything he said. The shooting followed these words.

WOODVILLE ITEMS.

Woodville, N. C. Sept. 11.

A great meeting closed at Woodville September 8th. Rev. C. A. Jenkins, pastor of the Memorial church of Norfolk did the preaching for Rev. A. A. Butler, the pastor of Woodville church. Brother Jenkins preached eight of the best sermons we ever heard. He came to us a stranger but we all learned to love him at once. May God bless him and his work wherever he may go. May God bless every effort that was made to bring the lost to Christ, and may those that have not surrendered to Him have time and opportunity and do so. There were ten additions to the church. Seven by baptism and three restored.

We did not see the editor of the Advance at the meeting. We would have been glad to have had him with us.

Mr. B. F. Humphries, who has been down with an attack of paralysis since last December is no better. He is with his brother, Mr. J. B. Humphries of Woodville.

FINED TWENTY DOLLARS.

Rufus Gorman, colored, was up before Judge Sawyer Wednesday, upon the charge of forcible trespass and assault on a negro woman named Mary Davis. Judge Sawyer first sentenced Gorman to two months on the roads, but changed the sentence to a fine of twenty dollars and cost, because the negro could prove a good character.

GRADED SCHOOL TEACHERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

The teachers constituting the faculty of the Elizabeth City Graded school will hold a conference with Superintendent Sheep in his office in the high school building next Saturday morning at ten o'clock. The purpose of this conference is to plan for the opening which will take place next Monday Sept. 18th.

PETTREY-HUBBARD

Clarence McGuffie Pettrey of Kimball, West Virginia, and Miss Beulah Virginia Hubbard of Lynchburg, secured a marriage license Tuesday and were united in marriage by Rev. J. D. Bundy.

DRAINAGE CONVENTION TO MEET

PROMINENT EXPERTS COMING HERE TO DISCUSS THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM—IMPORTANT MEETING.

Much interest is being taken in the Drainage Convention, which will meet in this city some time this fall. The plans are being perfected for the meeting and a very interesting program is being prepared. Some of the best experts on the drainage problem will come here to address the convention, and a number of prominent citizens will participate in the proceedings, while a great number of people throughout this section will come here to attend it. The date has not yet been announced.

This convention will be the most important meeting to be held here this year. It will deal with a subject, which interests the people of North Eastern North Carolina. Much interest has already been awakened in drainage and the work of draining the low lands has already been commenced and in several sections, it has reached considerable development. In the Moyock section, the Dismal swamp is being converted into a wilderness of corn, instead of a wilderness of briars and brambles.

The purpose of this drainage convention is to increase this interest and to educate the people to the necessity of drainage, for drainage is the salvation of Eastern North Carolina with its bogs and swamps and wonderful fertility.

A special invitation will be extended to the people of Eastern North Carolina to come to the Drainage Convention.

LOVERS HAD TO WAIT.

Falling to get the written permission of mother to wed, caused a great deal of inconvenience to a youthful Mt. Herman couple Wednesday afternoon, and delayed the wedding until a young brother could return home to secure the proper credentials authorizing register of deeds, J. W. Munden to issue the license.

Mr. Paul Jones, a promising young farmer took his fiancée, Miss Bessie Harris, daughter of Mrs. Clinton Harris of Mt. Herman township; accompanied by her younger brother and a girl friend, and came to town to wed. When the question of the Young Ladies' age arose, it was given under 18 years. This caused a hitch and Mr. Munden could go no further, until the consent of the young ladies' mother could be secured. This necessitated a trip to the home of the bride's mother about three miles in the country.

The written consent was secured and Mr. Munden hastily performed the ceremony that made them man and wife, making the third couple that he had married on Wednesday. Mr. Munden considers three weddings in one day a good day's business.

DIED WHILE SITTING ON PORCH

Sam Sawyer, Sr., an aged citizen of Elizabeth City died very suddenly last Sunday morning, while sitting on the porch at his home in Williams street. The interment took place Monday afternoon in Hollywood cemetery.

Mr. Sawyer was about seventy-five years old. He had been afflicted with asthma for a number of years and recently has had several attacks. He was as well as usual just before he died and the end came quite unexpectedly.

Mr. John Kessinger of Washington, N. C., was here this week on business.

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

NEGRESS WHO OWNS CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY MUST SERVE LONG TERM IN PENITENTIARY.

"Aunt Mary Wilson has done got convicted." This is the comment of the Camden darkies, some sadly and some otherwise, for aunt Mary had enemies as well as friends, who rejoice in her down fall.

Mary Wilson is the conjure woman famed throughout all Camden and Currituck counties that was tried this week before his honor Judge Cline in Camden Superior Court, and it just about took the whole week too to convict her of murder in the second degree. She has been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

She is the woman who beat to death of an old colored man named Jim Morrisette in Camden county several months ago. She and Morrisette had a falling out about some rabbit gums, which Morrisette's boys had been pilfering. This caused man's hip. From these injuries he died.

Mary has been a famous character. She has lived for many years in a free home, and has been greatly feared by all the superstitious in Camden county. But she has worked her undoing and now she is shown of the power.

Mary to conceive a strong dislike for Morrisette; and one Saturday afternoon, she waylaid him with a big cudgel and jumping up in his cart, she gave him a good resounding whack over his head. The lick of course glanced and broke the old

HAAG'S SHOW

The Warren County Times, McMinnville, Tenn., has this to say of Haag's Show which is expected in Elizabeth City on Sept. 25th.

Hagg's Mighty Show gave two excellent exhibitions to good sized audiences last Monday. The show does not claim to be one of the biggest on the road, yet the performances was one of the best seen here in years. Many of the acts alone were more than worth the price of admission and would have been a credit to the largest aggregations. Mr. Ernest Hagg, owner and manager, is a gentleman of the highest type, and made lasting friends of all who met him. Unlike most of the traveling aggregations, Haag's Show is free from graft and gambling devices, there being a standing forfeit of a large amount for any person or persons who have ever been defrauded out of a penny around his tents. His show had never visited McMinnville before, and yet all who attended the exhibition went away friends of the aggregation and feeling that they had never before been treated nicer, or seen a cleaner, or fore moral show. The announcement of a return engagement to McMinnville next spring will be hailed with delight.

SUNDAY SUBJECTS

Rev. I. N. Loftin will occupy his pulpit at Blackwell Memorial church next Sunday at both the morning and evening services.

The subject for the morning sermon will be, "The Use of Power." The subject for the evening sermon: "The Powerless Christian."

RAPIDLY MATURING

Reports from the various section of this district state that the cotton crop is rapidly maturing. The cotton is opening and in many instances the cotton fields are white. Every indication points to an early autumn.