

## ANCIENT DAGGER IS UNEARTHED

ANOTHER INTERESTING RELIC DISCOVERED AT NAGS HEAD THROWING LIGHT, PERHAPS, ON THE HISTORY OF THE LOST COLONY.

The most interesting relic that we have had in our hands in many a day; and, perhaps, the most valuable relic in the state of North Carolina, is now in the hands of Dr. J. D. Hathaway of this city. It is a relic from the ruins of the Indian village on Nags Head.

It's a dagger or short sword, which resembles an old English dagger of the period of Edward IV, known as an anlage. If it could be reproduced, there is not a particle of doubt that it would be an exact reproduction of this ancient weapon. Though rust eaten and caked in rust with a part of the edge broken away, it now resembles a picture of this implement more than anything else we have seen.

As before mentioned, this curious dagger, which was, evidently, a very unwieldy instrument—but a very effective one, if it ever landed on the granium of an enemy, was recently taken from the sands of Nags Head, out of the ruins of this ancient settlement. This village and the forest for miles around, in the long ago, when the print of the white man's foot was seldom seen on our shores, was a prey to a mighty conflagration, which swept every thing before it. Great masses of charred and burned wood can be found everywhere long buried in the sands, needing but to be unearthed to reveal a secret long lost.

To fight the enemy that fired the settlement, the inhabitants gathered here to fight to the death and here can be found numerous relics that tell the history of these people and of their time better than the casual observer suspects. Indian pottery, tomahawks, skinning knives, arrow heads and such things fashioned crudely by Indian hands have lain for hundreds of years, mingled in confusion with instruments of the white man's trade.

The most interesting of all of them is this dagger.

Where did it come from and how came it there? is the question uppermost in the mind of the serious minded spectators as he turns it over and carefully studies it. This is the white man's implement of war of the long ago, suddenly brought to man's gaze in the 20th century mingled with the tools of the red man who quit the country long ago.

How is it that this relic of the white man's make, suggestive of the ancient English lay buried in this lonely spot?

Here is a possible answer. It was the English that lived with the Indian at Nags Head; and it was the English that died with the red man, or fled with him from the burning village by the sea when all was lost. When you behold these relics and learn the history of their finding, intuitively, you conclude that the white man at whose side hung this dagger was no other than a member of White's ill-fated colony, the first to come to North Carolina; and whose disappearance has all these years baffled the search of the historian, and the archaeologist; and as you read over the names of the members of the colony, you can almost intuitively imagine the name of the owner of this curious relic.

Dr. Hathaway has given much time to the exploration of these ruins and he has obtained possession of many relics that it is a safe bet one will, within the next few years, refute history's claim to Croatan and will prove that the lost colony, Virginia Dare, and all, went to Nags Head to

## CANAL QUESTION TO BE SETTLED

A LARGE ATTENDANCE DESIRED AT HEARING TO BE HELD IN THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE IN THE POST OFFICE BUILDING ON OCTOBER 10TH.

Mr. Lyons of the District Board of Engineers of Norfolk has notified Secretary Lamb of the Chamber of Commerce that the National Board of Engineers of Washington, D. C., will be here on the tenth of October and will hold a public hearing in regard to the selection of a canal for a part of the Inland Waterway. Mr. Lamb has advised the business men of this city of the coming of the board; and the data is being prepared to present the claims of the Dismal Swamp Canal as a part of the route. The people from the South Mills section will also be requested to come here to attend the hearing and to present their plans as to the Dismal Swamp Canal.

The people of this section are greatly interested in the selection of this canal as the selection of the Dismal Swamp canal will mean much to the advantage of Elizabeth City. The selection of the Chesapeake and Albemarle canal, which now seems to be favored by the war department will result to the disadvantage of Elizabeth City, and especially the South Mills section.

### MOSS GOT 15 YEARS

Raymond Moss was found guilty of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to fifteen years in the state penitentiary.

Moss was tried upon the charge of killing another negro named Walter Jones several weeks ago. The murder occurred at midnight, while the steamer Alma was in the act of leaving the Norfolk Southern dock on her regular trip to Hyde county. Moss fired the shot from the stern of the steamer. Jones was standing on the dock. Moss was arrested by Captain Spencer and turned over to the sheriff of Dare county at East Lake. The row that led to the shooting was over ten cents.

### POPULARITY CONTEST CLOSSES

(Written for last week.)

The final standing of the contestants in the Advance's Popularity Contest, conducted under the management of the United Contest Company, was as follows:

	Votes
Miss Leona Lewis	103,500
Mrs. C. B. Parker	99,000
Miss Beulah Gallop	70,850
Miss Jennie Rhodes	44,300
Miss Mary Wynn	22,400
Miss Beatrice Armstrong	7,500

The final vote of any other contestant will be published on request.

### EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS

Writes at the Courthouse, Thursday, Oct. 12th. Colored at the Normal School Building Friday, Oct. 13th.

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live with friendly Indians that they might be near the sea to watch for the ship that never returned. Dr. Hathaway discovered these ruins a year or two ago and he has shown his ability as an archaeologist in piecing together history as it is recorded in the broken pieces of pottery and such things. It's interesting and instructive to hear Dr. Hathaway talk on the subject upon which he is so well posted.

He will contribute his collection to the state historical society and the work will be taken up by that organization.

## LETTER FROM MR. PARKER

HE GIVES INTERESTING INFORMATION IN REGARD TO EXPERIMENTAL WORK OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Mr. Editor:— I have just made a visit to Raleigh. The men who have work consisting of experiments with varieties of corn, of cotton or fertilizer tests and of the ropping of cotton. These men are Messrs F. B. Whitehurst, S. G. Scott, C. W. Ives and W. H. Upton.

Most farmers misunderstood the purpose of these experiments, even to criticize it, because the results are not enormous yields and often times, even yield less than adjoining fields. A word here may be wise. We are conducting such experiments in over half the counties of the state. In this way we hope to find out which variety of corn of cotton and which fertilizing ingredients are most beneficial and which are least so, on the different types of soil grown on.

The farmers will appreciate the fact that by a visit to these places, which are right here at the county seat, he may in a few minutes see with his own eyes, some results which have heretofore only been found through farmers' bulletins. These results are not on paper, but on the soil of farmers here around Elizabeth City, and worked by your own farmers themselves.

Let us go into each experiment better.

Mr. Whitehurst has twenty varieties of corn each of which is grown in Carolina. We find some old farmers who are puzzled when they butt up against these experiments, for according to their views each variety must have been planted on a different phase of the moon's life, because some varieties have large and tall stalks while others are slim and low; some are yet green while others have been dried up for some time; some have only one ear each while others are prolific. Some ears are large with many rows of grains, while some are small or slim and may have only a few rows of kernels. Some grains of the corn are large and blunt while others are slim and narrow.

In the case of cotton, Mr. Upton and Mr. Scott have fine results for study. They each have twenty varieties which show marked differences, some of which may be either tall, low, slim, bunchy, large leaves, small and pointed, early or late maturing. The bolls may be either large, small, pointed, round, or a medium. The lint is of varying length and quality from short to long staple. Two varieties have lint that sells for over 25 cents per pound.

Mr. Upton, who lives in Camden county, between Elizabeth City and Camden C. H., has an experiment with fertilizers which is well worth a twenty mile trip to see. The soil is poor so the results are most conspicuous. Here were applied several different kinds of commercial fertilizers. The results are amazing.

The results from the same kind of experiment by Mr. Ives do not show such marked results. We know that each experiment station mentioned had exactly the same uniform treatment in the way of cultivation, all during the life of the test.

T. FRANK PARKER, Assistant.

### NOTICE

After Oct. 1st, 1911, my friends and customers will find me at E. S. Chesson Co's. Will be glad to see you and promise to do my best to please.

S. S. BARCLIFT.

## PLANT WILL REMAIN HERE

MR. DAVIS WILL SECURE ANOTHER BUILDING AND INSTALL A NEW PLANT WITHIN NINETY DAYS.

The Pepsi-Cola Bottling Works will still remain in Elizabeth City. Mr. D. W. Davis, Sr., member of the firm of D. W. Davis and Sons, owners of the plant that was burned last Friday morning stated this morning that new quarters would be secured at once, and that the plant will be in operation within ninety days.

The readers of the Advance have already learned of the destruction of the Pepsi-Cola plant last Friday morning about two o'clock, in which the entire contents of the building were completely destroyed.

The plant was evidently a subject of burglary and it was fired by burglars after the safe had been robbed.

The combination of the safe was drilled out, and the safe opened. About \$180 in currency was stolen and the books were destroyed. A three-gallon kerosene can was found in the gutted building, after the fire. No such can was owned or used in the building. A man was seen to run out from behind the building and run down Water street as if Satan was after him. A stranger inquired at the passenger station just before the arrival of the 10:48 train, the location of the police square.

No clue was left that will help to apprehend the guilty parties, and no hope is entertained of ever being able to have them arrested. About a month ago somebody tried the combination on the safe and battered it all up so that the safe door had to be sent to the machine shops.

The loss falls heavily on Mr. Davis as the insurance is not sufficient to cover it, and the loss of his books is greatly bothering him, too.

### CELEBRATES 6TH YEAR

Rev. C. F. Smith will celebrate the sixth anniversary of his rectorate of Christ church (Episcopal) next Sunday. Mr. Smith will preach a special sermon and there will be special music.

Mr. Smith's ministry at Christ's church has been eminently successful. The work has made great progress and Mr. Smith has greatly endeared himself to his membership. He has made him very popular with the people irrespective of denomination, and has proved himself a leader of men and a moulder of higher sentiments.

Elizabeth City is blest in having Mr. Smith and men of his caliber to live here.

### READY TO BEGIN WORK

Mr. W. G. Ferebee, of Gregory, reports that an engineer was on the ground last Tuesday, ready to begin work upon the plan for draining the new district just formed.

This is the district in regard to which an election was held on September 14th. It contains approximately 25,000 acres, seventy-five per cent of which under present conditions cannot be cultivated. So by an adequate system of drainage twenty thousand acres of land incalculably rich would be opened for settlement.

It is hoped also that the district may be extended so as to include the South Mills section.

## COY CUPID HUNG FIRE

COUPLE CAME ALL THE WAY FROM EAST LAKE TO BE DISAPPOINTED—WOULD NOT SWEAR AND COULD NOT GET LICENSE.

Cupid struck a snag early yesterday morning, when Alonzo A. Holmes and Miss Lugeal Creef, both of East Lake, N. C., applied to Register of Deeds J. W. Munden for a marriage license.

This couple arrived early in the morning and were waiting for Mr. Munden when he came to his office. The young man went in and applied for a "set of licenses." Everything went along all right and the young lady's age was recorded as 19 years. When Mr. Munden got the Bible to swear the young man as to her age, he got shaky and said that he rather she would do the swearing act. Mr. Munden called in a friend who accompanied them. He said he knew the young lady, but was not sure as to her age. He had rather she would do the swearing herself.

Mr. Munden got skeptical as to her age and called in the girl. She was willing enough to swear to her age, but Mr. Munden had become unwilling and would not permit her to swear. Mr. Munden declined to issue the license and the couple were forced to depart in the state they came, that of single wretchedness.

The last heard from them, they were heading for Camden, and it is a safe bet they knew what to do when they got there.

### WILL CELEBRATE 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Rev. I. N. Loftin will celebrate the fifth anniversary of his pastorate of Blackwell Memorial church next Sunday.

The subject for the morning sermon is, "What God Has Done for Me in My Pastorate." Subject for Sunday evening, "My God and My People."

There will be special music at both services.

Mr. Loftin's pastorate has been a very successful one. During the past five years the seating capacity of the church has been doubled, the church membership has been doubled and the congregations increased to more than three times the size of those five years ago. Along financial lines great progress has been made. A debt has been paid off the original building, and an annex costing \$12,000 has been built and paid for.

Mr. Loftin is greatly beloved by the membership of his church and is held in the highest esteem by the people of Elizabeth City regardless of denominations. His prospects for a continuance of his successful ministry are exceedingly bright.

### GRANDY GALLOP DEAD

The remains of Mr. Grandy Gallop, were buried in the family burying ground at Shawboro last Saturday. Rev. I. N. Loftin, pastor of Blackwell Memorial church, conducted the services. A large number of sympathizing friends of the family were in attendance upon the services. Mr. Gallop was about forty years old.

### \$5,000 FOR 130 ACRES OF LAND

A real estate deal of considerable size was made last Tuesday when Mr. C. L. Lester and wife sold to Mr. Wiley E. Sanders a tract of land containing one hundred and thirty acres for a money consideration of \$5,000.

In connection with this deal Mr. Wiley Sanders sold to John Sanders tracts of land for the sum of \$2,250 and also a tract of land to Mr. C. L. Lester for \$900.

## BOAT BURNED AT MANTEO

MISS BESSIE MIDGETT, AGED 18 AND ENGINEER CASEY VERY BADLY BURNED—LIVES ARE SAVED BY HEROISM OF LIGHT-HOUSE KEEPER—FIVE BAGS OF MAIL DESTROYED ALONG WITH THE VESSEL.

Manteo, N. C., Sept. 27.—Two persons were seriously burned, six others sustained painful injuries and five bags of mail were destroyed when the ten-ton gasoline steamer Edna May blew up at 5 o'clock a. m., Tuesday just as she was leaving the harbor of Manteo, N. C., on her way to Hatteras and towns along the sound.

The little steamer had just cleared her wharf and the engineer, Sam Casey was about putting on full speed for the run to her first landing. Suddenly there was an explosion which shook the vessel from end to end. There were eight passengers aboard and they apparently found themselves forced to getting from the Edna May which was in flames from the gasoline and was fast setting.

Engineer Casey was very badly burned, and the injuries received from the blazing gasoline by Miss Bessie Midgett, aged 18, of Manteo, were also of a severe nature. The other members of the party escaped

evidences of their terrible experience. That Miss Midgett did not lose her life was due to the heroic efforts of the keeper of the Chicamacomico Light who promptly came to the aid of the imperilled ones and rendered the most efficient assistance.

The Edna May was absolutely destroyed, nor have the searchers been able to find any trace of the mail which was aboard. It is thought that all must have been burned before the steamer sank. There is no known reason for the explosion. It is thought that the injured ones will recover.

The "Edna May" seems to have been an ill-fated craft all along. Only a year or two ago, she caught on fire from a gasoline explosion while in the Albemarle sound. The flame created a panic among the passengers; and Miss Cora Midgett jumped over and drowned. A Mr. Miller jumped over board to rescue her and came near drowning.

### FOUR PRISONERS GO UP

Sheriff Reid went to Raleigh Monday night to take four prisoners to the penitentiary. Ashley Stokes accompanied him. The prisoners were sentenced by Judge Cline in last week's term of court. They are, Dave Morris, five years, for larceny; John Cabarus five years for house-breaking; Tom Riddick, three years for house breaking and Raymond Moss, fifteen years for murder in the second degree.

### BOAT LINE TO COLUMBIA

Jerry Lytchfield, of Tyrrell county, has secured the gas boat Robena and has established a schedule between Elizabeth City and Columbia, twice a week, leaving Columbia Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7 o'clock, and arriving here at 12:30 o'clock. Return ing, he leaves Elizabeth City on Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 o'clock a. m., and arrives at Columbia at four o'clock. Mr. Lytchfield prorate in freight with the people's line for consignments to Norfolk and beyond.

The Robena is a splendid boat, well furnished and commodious for passengers. Mr. Lytchfield is receiving liberal support.

"Be of good courage; that is the main thing." —Thoreau.