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JUDGE WARD HAS RESIGNED

THIS FORMAL RESIGNATION HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT IN TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE ELIZABETH CITY BAR RECOMMENDS WASHINGTON MAN AS HIS SUCCESSOR.

Judge Ward, who has, for the past seven years, been judge of the First Judicial district, has sent his resignation to Governor Kitchin and will retire from the bench. Judge Ward has been determined for some time to leave the bench, so that he might escape the burden that the duties of his position placed upon him, that he might follow his profession and business affairs with more leisure.

The association held a meeting Monday afternoon and the available candidates were discussed. The name of Hon. E. F. Aydlett was mentioned as a suitable man to take Judge Ward's place on the bench. Mr. Aydlett was present and defined the nomination stating that it was utterly impossible for him to accept the position, should Governor Kitchin appoint him judge of the First District. Ex-Judge J. B. Leigh's name was mentioned as a successor, but Judge Leigh also declined the nomination. Finally Attorney Wiley Rodman, of Washington, N. C., was nominated as the person to recommend to Governor Kitchin for appointment as judge of the First District for the remainder of Judge Ward's term, nearly a year.

The many friends of Judge Ward throughout the state will learn with a great deal of regret of his retirement from the bench. He has made a splendid judge and has won great reputation as an able jurist. In his retiring to private life, the state has lost one of the strongest judges on the bench.

STOLE HOLYARDS OF SIGNAL TOWER

Somebody has carried Col. Simmons of the United States weather bureau a very mean trick, and if Mr. Simmons could find him out, he would have the law on him. One night this week somebody stole the holyards on the storm signal tower and now the keeper of the tower can't get his warning flags up no matter how the wind blows. Stealing is indefensible anyway but this is the most indefensible stealing to take place in this city yet. It greatly interferes with the proper display of storm flags.

BADLY SCALDED

Mr. F. T. Winslow has been informed that his mother, who resides at Meador, has met with an accident, in which she was badly scalded with boiling coffee. Mrs. Winslow is an invalid, and is incapable of helping herself, her limbs being drawn with the rheumatism. For more than eighteen years she has been helpless, even having to be fed. In some way a cup of coffee was knocked from the table and ran down into her bosom, badly scalding her breast.

REV. MR. SMITH TO CONDUCT SERVICES

Rev. C. F. Smith will conduct services in St. Joseph's Episcopal church in Camden county tonight (Friday). He will also conduct services at Weaverville next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

MRS. AYDLETT PASSED AWAY

MOTHER OF PROMINENT FAMILY FOUND DEAD TUESDAY MORNING. FUNERAL SERVICES AT BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Mrs. Abner Aydlett, Sr., one of the oldest and highly esteemed women in eastern North Carolina is dead. Last Tuesday morning a servant in the home of her son, Mr. J. H. Aydlett, was sent to her room to call her to breakfast. No response was received to the call, and an investigation was made which revealed that she was dead in her bed, having passed away some time during the night. She was in her usual health the evening before and spent some time conversing with her sons, E. F. Aydlett and Dr. J. H. Aydlett. She retired at the usual hour and nothing was noted by the family during the night, that would indicate anything but that she was sleeping peacefully.

The funeral services were conducted over the remains from Blackwell Memorial church on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. I. N. Loftin, and the interment took place in Hollywood cemetery. A large congregation of sympathizing friends of the family attended the funeral.

The following were the pall bearers: Messrs A. M. Willey, G. D. B. Pritchard, M. N. Sawyer, E. F. Lamb, C. W. Grice, D. B. Bradford, T. P. Nash, T. B. Wilson, C. W. Stevens. Mrs. Aydlett was about 81 years old. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Noah Burfoot and by four sons, Messrs, E. F. Aydlett, A. L. Aydlett, J. H. Aydlett and Dr. H. T. Aydlett. She was a most estimable woman, well known in this county and in Camden county where she was held in the highest esteem. Every member of her family of children has made a successful career, and they are among the most prominent both in business and in society.

MISS BURGESS ENTERTAINS

Miss Carrie Burgess entertained a number of her friends at her home in Cypress street last Tuesday night. Various games were indulged in and a musical program was rendered by Miss Gottle, of Hinton, W. Va. Those present were: Misses Kate Brothers, Lonnie Brothers, Mattie Ward, Lucy Burgess, Mae Chappelle, Bertha Chappelle, Sophia Evans, Courtney Jones and Goldie Cottle, of Hinton, W. Va., Messrs Paul Pugh, Walter Pugh, John Berry of New York, John Whaley, Ben Ansell, Emmett Wynne, Robert Bemberry and J. B. Burgess. The event was very enjoyable.

MR. WRIGHT DEAD

Rev. E. F. Sawyer of this city, conducted the funeral services over the remains of Captain William Wright in Shiloh Baptist church last Sunday afternoon, and the interment followed in the family burying ground. More than a thousand people were present to attend the funeral services.

Mr. Wright was 65 years old. He is survived by a wife and ten children.

He died very suddenly last Saturday afternoon. He made a visit to Elizabeth City on last Friday and was in his usual health.

He was a splendid citizen and stood high in his county's affairs. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Gid Lamb, until recently superintendent of the Pasquotank county chain gang, is very seriously ill at his home in this city. His condition is so serious that it is doubtful, if he will survive.

A Rhyme Within Reason



Son, be thou wise,
Tho small is my size,
The world do I lead,
I just—Advertise

"A WORD TO THE WISE"

NEGRO CUT IN TWO BY CIRCULAR SAW

UNFORTUNATE WORKMAN FALLING ON CARRIAGE AS IT MOVES TOWARD SAW HAS HEAD COMPLETELY SEVERED FROM HIS BODY. CORONER SUMMONED.

A colored man named Perkins, an employee of the Roller Mills, was cut completely in two last Tuesday morning by falling in front of the circular saw on a moving log carriage.

Perkins was engaged in moving the headblocks. He went to swing his lever and stumbled and fell of the carriage. The sawyer threw on his lever without seeing the predicament, which his assistant was in. The sawyer's carriage was steam fed, and when it was once started, it could not be stopped. The moving carriage took the colored man right up to the saw and the saw passed through his body, entering it over one shoulder and leaving it under the other. The body and head fell apart, the head on one side and the body on the other side of the saw.

The coroner was notified and a jury was summoned to view the dismembered body of the unfortunate man.

Perkins was a good colored citizen and his tragic death in this horrible manner is greatly deplored.

RABBITS PLENTIFUL

Huntsmen report that there are more rabbits in the country this year than they have ever seen. There are rabbits everywhere. The hunter with gun and dog is getting in good work, slaying them by the score. The small boy is now pretty active with his rabbit gun. A trip out in the country and a dozen of these gunners can be found setting at the crack of the fence where a rabbit has been in the habit of crawling through. The boys here in town spend a good part of their time manufacturing guns which they set in the branches near the city. They catch a good many rabbits too.

MR. STEVENSON DEAD

Mr. George E. Stevenson, one of the most prominent citizens of Currituck county died at his home at Shawboro last Sunday after an illness of several weeks.

The funeral and interment took place Monday afternoon. Mr. Stevenson was about 55 years old. He is survived by a wife and four children.

He was prominent in the affairs of his county. He was an excellent citizen, was well known and highly esteemed.

MR. J. A. SAWYER ILL

Mr. W. I. Sawyer received a telegram yesterday from Gum Neck, Tyrrell county, stating that his brother, J. A. Sawyer, was critically ill and was not expected to live.

PAVING WORK ABOUT DONE

BRICKS ARE NOW GOING DOWN ON PEARL STREET AND THIS WILL BE THE LAST STREET PAVED AT THIS TIME. ALDERMEN DISAGREE

Just a little piece of paving on Pearl street between Martin and Peindexter streets to use up the residue of brick and curbing, and the \$120,000 street paving job will be completed.

The paving began early last spring and the work has been pushed all the year. The contractor expects to have everything cleaned up before Christmas. When the contractor began the first of this week to finish up his odd jobs, he found that the city had on hand a considerable quantity of brick and some curbing so the aldermen met Tuesday night to decide what to do with it. There was not very much brick, not enough to pave a street of any length. The different members of the board suggested different courses. Mr. Lovin insisted that the greatest need of paving was on Ehringhaus street. It was finally decided, however, that Pearl street should get the brick.

WEDS BRIDE AT EIGHTY

WELL-TO-DO AND PROMINENT CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTY MARRIES AT RIPE AGE. ALREADY HAS GROWN-UP GRANDCHILDREN.

Mr. W. J. Spence, age seventy-eight, and Miss Sarah E. Jones, age forty-four year, were united in marriage last Tuesday night at the bride's home in Newland township. Mr. Spence is a very prominent citizen of this county, owns considerable property and is a man of much influence. Having the means at hand to live leisurely, he has devoted much of his time during the past several years to travel and reading and is one of the best informed men in the county. He has been married once before. He has grown-up grandchildren. His second marriage at this advanced age, comes as a great surprise to his many friends throughout the county.

Mrs. Spence is an excellent woman, and is held in high esteem in her community.

CAN'T SELL TOBACCO AND CIGARETTE PAPER TO BOYS

Merchants cannot sell tobacco and paper to boys to make cigarettes. Not many know that this is against the law, but several merchants in this city have found it out, and it cost them something over five dollars to learn this point of law too.

One day this week, E. M. Davis & Co., John Cartwright, Overton Bros. and J. T. Rayner, all grocers, were up in Justice Court upon the charge of selling to boys under seventeen years of age a sack of smoking tobacco and giving them cigarette paper with which to make cigarettes. The law says cigarettes or anything that can be substituted for cigarettes. That is where they got picked up. They were fined five dollars and cost for this their first offense and very likely it will be their last offense.

John Lowry was fined five dollars and cost for selling cigarettes to boys.

STEAMER EVA SUNK

The steamer Eva operated between points in Hyde county and this city by Captain Sam Spencer, sank Tuesday in Alligator river. She was loaded with a cargo of peas bound to Elizabeth City. No details could be learned of the cause of the sinking.

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STEPHEN BRAGAW FAVORED FOR JUDGE

The friends in this city of Hon. Stephen Bragaw, a prominent attorney of Washington, N. C., are very active in his behalf in his candidacy for the appointment as judge of the First Judicial District to succeed Judge Ward, who has resigned. They have learned that the endorsement of the Elizabeth City Bar association was not unanimous, and that several members of the bar would be just as well satisfied with him as judge. He is an able and capable lawyer and a very proper successor to Judge Ward. His career as a lawyer has been very clean, and his friends feel confident that, should Governor Kitchin appoint him, he would grace the bench with great judicial purity and dignity. Those informed best regard his chances for appointment as being very bright.

PASTOR GETS POUNDED

The membership of City Road Methodist church gave pastor Buffalo a pounding party last Wednesday night at the parsonage.

The members of the party left substantial tokens of the esteem in which he is held by his membership, in the large collection of pantry supplies.

No pastor in Elizabeth City is more popular with his membership and the people at large than pastor Buffalo.

BROKE HIS LEG

Mr. Cleveland Jackson met with the misfortune to have one of his legs broken Wednesday morning. He was in the act of mounting his horse, when the horse slipped down, falling on Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson fortunately escaped more serious injuries than a broken limb.

BRAY-RANDOLPH

Mr. Robert L. Bray and Miss Vivian Randolph, both residents of Camden county were married at the parsonage of the First Baptist church in this city yesterday afternoon, Rev. F. W. Stone, pastor of the First Baptist church, performing the ceremony.

A number of friends of the couple accompanied them and witnessed the ceremony.

XMAS SHOPPING TAKING ADVANCE

MANUFACTURERS AND SHOPPERS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE EXCEPTIONAL WEATHER THAT HAS REIGNED. NEW TRAFFIC COMING TO THE CITY.

Holiday shopping in Elizabeth City is now on in full blast, and large crowds of visitors, some of whom have been in the habit of going elsewhere, and home people through the streets each day looking for holiday goods and Christmas presents. The joyous spirit of the Christmas times has infected the shoppers, and they are a merry crowd, good natured and jolly, men women and children, strangers and acquaintances, jostle each other with their burdens of boxes and packages, all out for the best that the stores contain for them.

Never before have the stores in Elizabeth City displayed such magnificent stocks of general merchandise, novelties and holiday goods as they now have on exhibition. Their stocks are complete and the shoppers here everything that they can possibly want for their holiday supplies; and, at prices too, that can not be surpassed in large cities. The stocks of merchandise carried by the local merchants are of such proportions, that selections are limitless. The country people from the adjoining counties are well aware of these facts too, and they are coming here to do their shopping, because Elizabeth City affords all of the advantages offered by larger cities and more; inasmuch as Elizabeth City is nearer to the people and offers more convenient traveling facilities. The shoppers in most localities of this section can make the shopping trip and return home the same day.

The holiday shopping has begun early this year. This is a delight to the accommodating and obliging merchants and their faithful clerks, who toll from early in the morning until late at night to please the shoppers in their selections of merchandise. Early shopping is most satisfactory both to the merchants and to the shoppers. It affords more time on the part of the shopper to select their purchases and it gives the sales people more time to attend to the wants of their customer and help him to make his selection. Nothing is more unsatisfactory than trying to shop on the last days when the rush is almost a scramble. If the early shopping is kept up this season, it will be uniform and there will be no rush.

The Advance urges its readers living away from Elizabeth City to make their shopping trips within the next few days, just as early as possible and to come to Elizabeth City, for anything and everything that you can possibly want as it can be attained right here. The advertisements in the Advance will afford you a reliable guide for your shopping.

From now on many of the stores will be kept open during the evenings for the benefit of the home people.

ARCHIE RUSSEL DEAD

Archie Russel, the seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Russel, of this county, died last Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock at the home of his parents about five miles from the city after a long illness of typhoid fever.

The funeral services were conducted over the remains Wednesday afternoon and the interment followed in the family burying ground.

STEAMER ALMA LATE

The steamer Alma had a break down this week while enroute to this city on her regular trip. She arrived here yesterday morning twenty-four hours late.