

LAST STAND ON CANAL ROUTE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL SEND DELEGATED TO CONGRESS TO MAKE A LAST APPEAL FOR GOVERNMENT PURCHASE OF DISMAL SWAMP CANAL.

The Chamber of Commerce Committee composed of Dr. L. S. Blades and Messrs. E. F. Aydtlett, J. Q. A. Wood, F. M. Grice and Secretary E. F. Lamb, will go to Washington, D. C., in time to appear before the Congressional committee next Monday morning in regard to the recommendations of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal.

The Congressional committee meets at this place to consider the report of the board of engineers recommending the purchase of the canal as a part of the Inland Waterway. This board has made several trips through both canals and have held several meetings to consider the purchase of them. Elizabeth City delegations have already appeared before the board several times advancing the purchase of the Dismal Swamp canal. Recently the board has given out that it intends to recommend to congress the purchase of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal. This statement has produced consternation among Elizabeth City business men, as it is conceded that the purchase of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal will close the Dismal Swamp canal to the great detriment of this section, besides such an act on the part of congress will practically confiscate the Dismal Swamp canal property.

The business men have made a desperate fight for the purchase of the Dismal Swamp canal; and they have not given up the fight. They propose to make the last stand next Monday morning in the Committee room in the United States capitol at Washington. Here the Elizabeth City committee will meet face to face with the Congressional committee, which has the final recommendation, and to this committee make the final appeal for the purchase of the Dismal Swamp canal. Nothing will be said to the disadvantage of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal and no fight will be made to prevent the United States government from purchasing, but every effort will be made to induce congress to purchase the Dismal Swamp canal also that this canal which is a thoroughfare of importance to the people of this section, may be kept open for navigation to furnish transportation to the people of the South Mills section.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE POSTPONED

The Chamber of Commerce committee, which is to go to Washington, D. C., in the interest of the Dismal Swamp canal has been notified that the congressional committee has postponed the time of hearing until Wednesday, January 17th. The committee will leave here in time to appear before the committee on that date.

MR. JENNINGS POLICE

At the meeting of the board of aldermen last Monday night, Mr. Zenas Jennings was elected by the board to a position on the police force.

Mr. Jennings secured three votes and Mr. R. C. Gregory secured three votes. Mayor Flora casting the deciding vote.

Mr. Jennings takes the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Williams. Mr. Gregory had been appointed temporarily to fill the vacancy.

LITTLE CHILD BADLY BURNED

CLOTHING CAUGHT FROM STOVE AND IN SPITE OF HEROIC EFFORTS OF HIS FATHER SERIOUS INJURY RESULTED BEFORE FLAMES WERE EXTINGUISHED—CHILD MAY NOT RECOVER.

Eldridge, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gid Hughes, Sr., was horribly burned at the home of his parents in Hunter street last Sunday morning.

The little fellow was at play in the sitting room, in the absence of his parents, who were out of the room. In some way his clothing caught fire from the stove; and, when his father reached him, he was enveloped in a mass of flames. The clothes on one side of his body and the hair on one side of his head burned off. Mr. Hughes caught him up in his arms, ran out of doors and rolled him in the snow to extinguish the flames.

Dr. I. Fearing was summoned and rendered medical aid. An examination showed that he was badly burned on his body. He may not recover, his wounds being of such a serious nature.

Mr. Hughes was badly burned about the face and on his hands in his efforts to extinguish the burning clothing.

PAVING CONTRACT COMPLETED

The \$120,000 street paving contract has been completed and an order on the city treasury for the last dollars in payment of it has been issued.

The board of aldermen last Monday night passed an order to close up the account with the contractor, Mr. Lawson, of Norfolk, and Tuesday morning, city clerk Brockett made out his order on the treasurer for nearly \$14,000. The city clerk's books showed that a little over \$124,000 had been expended for paving and curbing since the work began last spring. The work will now cease for some time, until enough of the money to be received from the property owners, has been collected to warrant the aldermen to begin paving again. There is \$60,000 and the interest on the amount available, but the property owners have five years to pay it and much of it will not likely be paid until the expiration of the five years.

The aldermen Monday night awarded a contract to the North Carolina Granite Corporation for about 20,000 feet of curbing to be used on the streets.

PRITCHARD-PRITCHARD

Mr. George D. Pritchard and Miss Pearl Virginia Pritchard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pritchard, Sr., of Providence township, secured marriage license Tuesday, and were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at the bride's home near this city. Rev. W. W. Sisk performed the ceremony that made them man and wife in the presence of a number of friends of the family.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard are well known in their community and are very popular.

MARKHAM & JONES

Markham & Jones, cut price furniture dealers have an ad in this issue of the Advance which announces their removal to the store corner Main and Water Streets, formerly occupied by A. F. Toxey & Co. In their enlarged quarters they are better prepared than ever before to serve their patrons.

THE ADVENTURES OF BETSEY



And She's Keeping it Too.

THE GAS COMPANY ACCEPTS FRANCHISE

AND THE ACTUAL WORK ON THE PLANT IS TO BEGIN BY THE FIRST OF MAY—GAS WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER THAT DATE.

In spite of vexatious delays and many disappointments, it seems that at last the having of real gas in Elizabeth City is only a question of a few months. The announcement will doubtless be heard with a great deal of pleasure by the people of Elizabeth City.

The North Carolina Gas Company, to whom a franchise was granted some time ago, have formally accepted the franchise and are expected within the next few weeks to put up the five thousand dollars forfeit bond as evidence of good faith.

The actual work on the gas plant is expected to begin by the first of May of this year, and the work is to be completed in six months; that is, within that time at least six miles of pipe must be laid and the gas made available to people along the mains.

The franchise, as it was submitted to the city by the gas company, was altered and amended by the board of aldermen. The fact that the company has now accepted the franchise after these amendments should eliminate the last possibility of failure to get gas in Elizabeth City.

MCCABE AND GRICE

McCabe & Grice announce in this issue of the Advance the approach of their great sale. It will be to the interest of our readers to read this ad.

FOR RENT—Building, Poindexter St. 26 X 80 with large lot and buildings in rear. Recently occupied by Broughton Buggy Co. Will rearrange to suit party desiring to rent. Possession at once. Also store 20x80 adjoining above property, now occupied by W. S. White & Co. Possession February 1st. J. P. KRAMER.

FOR SALE—New International Dictionary. Apply at Advance office. Or dictionary will be given for first club of ten subscriptions brought to the Advance office. Same dictionary as advertised elsewhere in this issue.

SNOWBALLING AND "SHINNY"

SOURCES OF ANNOYANCE AND EVEN DANGER TO PASSERSBY, THE BOARD PASSED AN ORDINANCE MONDAY NIGHT FORBIDDING CHILDREN TO PLAY THESE GAMES ON THE STREET

An ordinance has been passed by the aldermen prohibiting "snowballing" on the streets of Elizabeth City, also the game of "shindy" is prohibited by the same ordinance.

The ordinance prohibiting snowballing came as a result of some of last Sunday's capers of the boys and girls. They thronged the streets pretty much all day and pelted every pedestrian that came along. These young people did not seem to have any respect for age or anything else, but piled their sport to the discomfiture of the people who walked the streets.

The game of "shindy" is a great favorite among the small boys and its a dangerous one too. The wonder of it is that a dozen legs have not already been broken. The ordinance, if it is enforced, will be a great relief to parents.

"ELIZABETH CITY'S GREATEST SALE"

"Elizabeth City's Greatest Store" has now inaugurated "Elizabeth City's Greatest Sale." One of the most progressive merchants in the city, Mr. O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of the "Bee Hive" is thoroughly awake to the truth of the adage, "It pays to advertise." Within the past two weeks he has undertaken and carried out an advertising campaign without a parallel, perhaps, in the history of Elizabeth City. All eastern Carolina has been covered with advertising matter announcing this great event in the mercantile annals of the season, and the Advance has brought to its subscribers an announcement of profitless prices not on a few specials, but on an entire stock, and that one of the largest in the city.

But though the adage, "It pays to advertise," sets forth a general truth, everybody knows that in order to pay in the long run, advertising must be backed by actual prices.

Many merchants advertise sales without producing a ripple in the regular stream of customers, because their so-called sale prices are just about the same as everybody else's. From the beginning, Mr. Gilbert made it evident that his was to be a bona fide sale. All prices quoted were evident and unmistakable values. And on Tuesday of this week, a force of thirty-three clerks were sent to marking down the goods, and until after nine o'clock on Wednesday morning this work kept them busy.

The people know when unusual values are being offered. So before the doors of the Bee Hive were opened on Wednesday quite a crowd had collected to be among the first to take advantage of the opportunities of this remarkable sale. From that time the store has been crowded and the whole army of clerks have been busy. Judging from the many customers of the past two days, the results of the sale will justify Mr. Gilbert's most sanguine expectations.

MR. HANDCOCK'S HOME BURNED

Fire broke out in the home of Mr. Ed Hancock in Southern avenue last Tuesday afternoon and did much damage before it was extinguished. The fire caught in the roof and had gained much headway before it was discovered. The roof was burned off the building. Much of the household goods were destroyed.

CITY'S BANKS ARE PROSPERING

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN THE BEST IN THE HISTORY OF THE LOCAL BANKING INSTITUTIONS—DIRECTORS OF VARIOUS BANKS ELECT OFFICERS.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The banks of the city during the week have held their stockholders' meetings and have elected directors for this year.

The First National Bank reelected the old board of directors, which is composed of the following: Charles H. Robinson, L. S. Blades, J. B. Flora, D. B. Bradford, P. H. Williams, Wm. T. Old, M. H. White, E. R. Daniels, L. C. Blades, O. F. Gilbert, J. A. Kramer.

The directors elected the following officers: Charles H. Robinson, president; L. S. Blades, vice-president; Wm. T. Old, Cashier, and W. G. Gaither, Jr., assistant cashier. This bank carries a deposit of \$447,250.34. During the past twenty years, \$166,500.00 has been paid in dividends and the surplus and profits are \$7,500.00.

The First National Bank is one of the strongest institutions in eastern North Carolina.

CITIZENS BANK

The Citizens Bank held a stockholders' meeting Tuesday afternoon to elect directors for this year. The old board was reelected as follows: Dr. McMullan, W. C. Glover, F. M. Grice, M. N. Sawyer, T. P. Nash, F. F. Spencer and H. T. Greenleaf, Sr.

The following officers were elected: Dr. O. McMullan, president; W. C. Glover, vice-president; M. R. Griffin, cashier, and E. Ehringhaus, teller.

This Bank has had a very prosperous year and has made great advances in financial circles. It is one of the most progressive banking institutions in the state, and is one of the strongest banks in eastern North Carolina.

SAVINGS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

The Savings Bank and Trust Company held a stockholders' meeting this week in which the following board was elected: W. T. Old, E. F. Aydtlett, L. S. Blades, Charles H. Robinson, J. B. Flora, A. M. Willey, C. E. Kramer, P. H. Williams and J. W. Foreman.

The directors have reelected the following officers: W. T. Old, president; E. F. Aydtlett, vice-president and H. G. Kramer, cashier.

A semi-annual dividend of six per cent was declared on January 1st. This is an advance of one per cent over the former rate.

Last year was the best year in the history of this bank. It has greatly prospered, and is in the front rank of banking institutions.

MERCANTILE BANK

The stockholders of the Mercantile Bank held their meeting this week and elected the old board of directors, as follows: Geo. M. Scott, W. J. Woodley, T. W. Williams, J. H. White, J. Q. A. Wood, D. E. Williams, H. H. Lavenstein, Wm. E. Dunstan and J. W. Darrickson, Jr.

This bank, though the youngest in the city, has made rapid progress and is to-day one of the most progressive banks in Eastern North Carolina. The Mercantile Bank now has over two thousand dollars of undivided profits on hand. Last year's business was very prosperous. The officials expect to make this the greatest year in its history.

Hurry is the watch word at Mitchell's Big Sale.