

## COMMITTEE MADE GOOD IMPRESSION

IN BEHALF OF THE DISMAL SWAMP CANAL, WHEN IT APPEARED BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE LAST WEEK.

Secretary Lamb of the Chamber of Commerce and Dr. L. S. Blades, members of the Elizabeth City Committee who went to Washington, D. C., last week in the interest of the Dismal Swamp canal as a part of the Inland Waterway route in North Carolina have returned home.

They appeared before the Congressional Committee and made an earnest plea for the Dismal Swamp canal. Mr. Lamb made the address before the committee. The speech had been prepared with a great deal of care and it contained much convincing argument in favor of the Dismal Swamp canal. The address was heard by the members of the committee with the greatest interest. Many times during the speech, Mr. Lamb was interrupted by the members of the committee with various questions. Mr. Lamb answered these questions in a very satisfactory manner, which showed that he was thoroughly conversant with the subject that he was handling. After the speech had been made, several minutes were spent in answering the questions propounded to him.

In the speech, Mr. Lamb said nothing against the purchase of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal as a part of the waterway route, but he advocated that the government shall purchase the Dismal Swamp canal and it shall be operated by the government at its present state of efficiency. In this manner, declared Mr. Lamb, the U. S. government will do the right thing by both sections and by the property owners on the Dismal Swamp canal route as well as preserving to North Carolina this important waterway to commerce and navigation.

This visit of the Elizabeth City committee to Washington is the last stand in the fight to save the Dismal Swamp canal. Just what was accomplished is problematical, but, it is believed by those best informed that the efforts will bear fruit in saving the Dismal Swamp canal, for, if the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal is purchased, as it will be, and the Dismal Swamp canal ignored, it will result sooner or later, in the owners of the property having to abandon it, thereby closing the canal to navigation and practically confiscating this property, for boats would not likely patronize a canal and pay toll when a free canal at their service.

## M. P. GALLOP & COMPANY ENLARGING STORE

M. P. Gallop and Company of Water street, are for the second time in two years enlarging their store to get more floor space to accommodate their largely increasing business. Carpenters have been at work some time fitting up that part of the old Arlington hotel used as a hobby to make into a part of this store. The partition is being removed which will give considerable more floor space.

This very prosperous firm has continued to grow ever since it has been in business, until now it is one of the largest grocery concerns in the city. The business continues to increase steadily day by day, year and year out.

Mr. Gallop and his force of clerks are accommodating and obliging and are very popular with the large patronage of this company.

## MISS PAULUS AT LAVENSTEIN'S

Lavenstein has an interesting announcement on page four of this issue. Read it.

## MAY ESTABLISH HOSPITAL HERE

PLANS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TONIGHT LOOKING TOWARD THIS END.

There is being agitated among the business men through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce a movement to establish a hospital in this city and the matter will be brought before the members of the Chamber of Commerce tonight, when it meets in its regular monthly session.

The physicians of the city have been asked to hold a meeting of the medical society for the purpose of discussing the proposed plans.

The paramount need of Elizabeth City is a hospital. This is recognized by all. There is hardly a week and some times several times a week, that some one is not taken from Elizabeth City to a Norfolk hospital to undergo an operation or to receive treatment in some way. Besides, there are many who go to Norfolk hospitals from the surrounding counties. The expense attached to the trip to Norfolk and the hospital charges, is very large and is very burdensome to those who have to go. Secretary Lamb feels that Elizabeth City can have a hospital here in Elizabeth City just as well, and can have an efficient one, too. This will give the people an opportunity to receive treatment at home without the inconvenience and cost of a trip to Norfolk.

The matter will be thoroughly discussed at the meeting tonight, and if the business men think well of all of the proposition, plans will be made to have a hospital here.

## NOW HOLDING COURT HERE



JUDGE STEPHEN C. BRAGAW

The above cut is a picture of Judge Stephen C. Bragaw, the new judge of the First Judicial District, recently appointed by Governor Kitchin to succeed Judge George W. Ward, who resigned.

This is Judge Bragaw's first visit to Elizabeth City as judge. He is now engaged in holding the January special term for the trial of civil cases, and will be in the city this week and next. Judge Bragaw has entered into the duties of his position like a veteran. He dispenses the business of the court in an expeditious manner, and in his every ruling and decision, shows himself an able and learned jurist. He is making a most favorable impression upon

## HAND BAG AND PISTOLS

YOUNG DESPREADOES WHO ENTERED D. M. JONES' STORE LODGED IN JAIL—DOUBLE OFFENSE.

Keeper Upton, of the Pasquotank river railroad bridge had a real "wild and woolly west" experience last Monday night with a couple of boys, regular young desperadoes.

It's against the regulations of the railroad company for pedestrians to cross the trestle. Monday night Mr. Upton saw a light crossing the bridge. He overhauled the boys and stopped them. He forbade them to cross the bridge, and imagine his surprise, when one of the youngsters, not over fifteen years old, flashed a brand new pistol in his face and demanded that he should get out of the way. This was not what Mr. Upton was looking for and the boys certainly got the "drop" on him for the time being. He kept his nerve, however and watched for his chance to catch the young outlaw off his guard. When he did, he knocked this pistol out of his hand and took charge of both them. They were carrying a hand satchel and he took charge of this too.

The hand bag being very heavy caused him to examine its contents. It was filled with pistols and cartridges. The very goods that were stolen from D. M. Jones and Company's hardware store Monday night.

Mr. Upton got an officer and turned the boys over to him. They were brought back to Elizabeth City and lodged in jail. They had not been in jail before, but they seem to plan to break out. Sheriff Reid got next to their movements and took extra precaution to take care of them.

The boys are Milton Lowry and Earl Frank, two white boys about fifteen and ten years old. They will be given a hearing later upon the charge of breaking into the store of D. M. Jones and Company.

Both of these boys are tough customers and are fit subjects for the Reformatory. They are continually in trouble about something; and, if their careers of crimes are not checked, it's hard telling what will become of them.

Reports from Norfolk state that the condition of Mrs. E. P. Pugh, who is receiving treatment in Sarah Leigh's hospital is rapidly improving and she is expected to make a rapid recovery. She was taken to the hospital last Tuesday.

the court, both lawyers and audience, and it is the opinion of every one that Governor Kitchin appointed the right man to succeed Judge Ward.

The following is a short sketch of the Judge:

Stephen C. Bragaw was born in Washington, North Carolina, on the 22nd day of February, 1868, and is a member of an influential and honored family. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and graduated from that institution in 1890. He read law in its law school and was licensed to practice in 1897, and began his professional career in New Bern. Shortly thereafter, however, he returned to his native town and has made himself one of the leading and most successful lawyers in that strong bar. He has served as County Superintendent of Schools in the county and has always been deeply interested in the improvement of the public schools. He served as mayor of Washington and was a progressive officer. In 1905 he served in the State Senate with usefulness and ability.

He is a trustee of the University of North Carolina and is president of the Sons of the American Revolution.

## REID AWARDED \$1,000 DAMAGES

THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL TERM OF COURT IS BEING RAPIDLY DISPATCHED—ONLY THREE JURY CASES SO FAR.

The January special term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases is in session here this week with his honor Judge Bragaw presiding.

The court was convened Monday morning at ten o'clock. Considerable business was transacted Monday; though, on account of the illness of an attorney, the calendar was badly disarranged. So many cases had to be continued that there were no cases for Tuesday at all, and court was suspended for that day. On Wednesday, the case of C. W. Reid against the Norfolk Southern railroad was tried. The whole day was consumed in hearing it. The jury returned a verdict awarding Mr. Reid one thousand dollars.

The suit grew out of the claims by the plaintiff that he was injured in stepping off a Norfolk Southern train at night at Okisko, and falling in which he had several ribs broken and was otherwise injured.

The plaintiff was represented by attorneys Ward and Meekins and the defendants were represented by attorneys Bond of Edenton and Wilson of Elizabeth City. (Continued)

Only two cases were disposed of by trial yesterday. There were: Sharp vs. Street and Crank vs. Mopikov.

The first suit grew out of the claims by the plaintiff for a balance of account, amounting to forty dollars. The jury had not returned a verdict at night.

The second case grew out of a claim of an account, in which a bicycle was held as security. The plaintiff purchased a certain amount of merchandise from the defendant and gave him his bicycle to hold as security. When the final settlement was made the plaintiff claimed an overcharge. The defendant refused to give up the wheel. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

## DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY ENGAGED IN SELLING TAGS

The members of the D. H. Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, have instituted a "Tag selling" for the purpose of raising money to pay on the confederate monument debt. Tags have been printed and placed in the hands of interested persons to sell, and they are meeting with some success, but not with the success the effort ought to receive. The tags sell from a nickel up, just what the contributor feels disposed to donate to the cause.

It was through the untiring efforts of the Daughters of the Confederacy that the monument was erected, one of the most beautiful in the state of North Carolina. It stands on the courthouse grove, a lasting monument to a cause that everybody must love and a monument to those old gray haired veterans, whom every true citizen should venerate, and feel that an opportunity to honor them, is a God given privilege.

The members of the Chapter appeal to the people to buy tags and help in the efforts to make money to pay off this debt.

Little Eldridge Hughes, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gid Hughes, was taken to Norfolk Wednesday to receive treatment in a Norfolk hospital for the burn he received about a month ago.



BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH IN WHICH DEDICATORY SERVICES ARE TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK.

## WILL HAVE SPECIAL SERVICES

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH TO HOLD DEDICATORY SERVICES ALL NEXT WEEK—NOTABLE SPEAKERS—PUBLIC INVITED.

The annual report of Blackwell Memorial church has been made public. The report shows that \$6,929.29 has been raised in money during the past year and that the membership has been increased by the addition of 120 new members. All debts resting upon the church have been paid in full and the plant is now entirely free from debts.

The church during the past year has made wonderful advances along all lines and has accomplished much for the upbuilding of the town. The beginning of the year 1912, finds that church in a splendid working condition with all of the members enthusiastic over the bright prospects for this year's achievements.

Beginning next Sunday a series of dedicatory services will be held. The following program has been prepared:

Sunday, Jan. 28, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject—The Wisdom Literature of the Bible.—Dr. James D. Bruner.

Monday, Jan. 29th, 7:30 P. M. Subject—Prayer and the Spiritual Life. Rev. Josiah Elliott.

Tuesday, Jan. 30th, 7:30 P. M. Subject—Distinctive Baptist Doctrines and Polity—Rev. A. A. Butler.

Wednesday, Jan. 31st, 7:30 P. M. Subject—Jesus and the Gospel.—Rev. W. W. Sisk.

Thursday, Feb. 1st, 7:30 P. M. Subject—(1st.) Jesus the Head of the Church and the Priesthood of Believers. (2nd.) Making the Church a Praise. Rev. W. A. Ayers.

Friday, Feb. 2nd, 7:30 P. M. Subjects—A struggling Church and the Power of God—Rev. J. B. Ferebee. (2nd.) Blackwell Memorial in My Day as Pastor and Now—Rev. W. A. Ayers.

Sunday, Feb. 4th, 11 A. M.—Dedicatory Service. Sermon by Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell.

We want our whole membership to attend these services. We want this time to be a period of the best fellowship and spiritual growth. We want the people of all other churches to be with us as much as they can and will. God has brought up a great church in our midst and for this blessing we should all rejoice. There will be splendid music rendered from time to time.

## THE EUREKA MATTRESS CO.

The Eureka Mattress Company has recently sent a representative to this city and their wagoes may be seen every day on our streets. An interesting ad appears on the back page of this issue.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

J. C. Spence, treasurer of the First Baptist church has made public his annual statement of the financial affairs of the church. This report shows that the total amount contributed last year by the church, Sunday School and societies was \$5,815.77.

There has been a great increase in the membership by the addition of new members during the past year. The church has made great advancement along all lines and begins this year in a flourishing condition, with bright prospects for greater achievements in the denominational work.

## MEET, FEBRUARY 1ST TO DISCUSS STRAWBERRIES

A meeting of the farmers of this and adjoining counties will be held in the court house here on Feb. 1st, for the purpose of discussing strawberry culture in this section. It is the purpose of the promoters of this meeting to organize an association to raise strawberries on a large scale.

It has been demonstrated that the soil and climate of this section are especially adapted to strawberry culture, and the crop can be made to be a paying one.

The railroad company has promised to furnish the proper transportation facilities if the berries are grown in sufficient quantities. Their meeting will be an interesting one and the farmers are urged to attend.

## SHERIFF MUST HAVE TAXES

Sheriff Reid is now busy after the delinquent taxpayers. There is a lot of the taxes for last year on the books, and the time is out. Sheriff Reid has just got to have the money. Unless the taxpayers come and settle their taxes more promptly, drastic measures will be adopted to force collections. The sheriff and his deputy have given the taxpayers all the time that they possibly can. The money has got to come now.

## BLAND HAS RETURNED

Eddie Bland, the young white boy who left his home so mysteriously and remained strangely missing for several days, has returned home. Much uneasiness was experienced by his mother on account of a report from Suffolk that a white boy had been taken from a freight car almost frozen to death. Investigation proved that it was not Bland.

Bland arrived home early Wednesday morning on the through freight. He struck the ice and a sheet of the recent cold snaps and his journeys were not as pleasant as they might have been. Bland is thoroughly disgusted with his experiences of this trip.

Good bargains in furniture and house furnishings at Markham & Jones, the cut rate furniture dealers, corner Main and Water streets.