

SESSION OF GREAT IMPORT

PLANS FOR A HOSPITAL TO BE TAKEN UP AND ALL CITIZENS INVITED TO ATTEND—OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a big public meeting tonight in the court house and the public is urged to attend.

A number of important subjects will be discussed in the meeting and movements will be started to secure institutions for this city which are badly needed.

The hospital for Elizabeth City will come up tonight, and this will be the main subject discussed. There is a movement on foot to build and equip a hospital here and this movement is creating a great deal of interest and is receiving very liberal support. The need for a hospital has been apparent for a long time. This need has been impressed upon the people more and more each day. Several movements have been started to secure one but these movements fell through and never accomplished anything. The movement this time has been started on different lines, and it is believed that the efforts will succeed and that the hospital will be built here in the near future. The doctors held a meeting several nights ago, and they heartily endorsed the plan to have one here and they have promised to aid in every way possible to promote it. Last Friday night, the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting and the members of the chamber were enthusiastic for the hospital. It was decided in that meeting of the Chamber to hold a public meeting to interest the citizens of the town. Mr. Lamb was instructed in this meeting to go ahead with the work. Mr. Lamb has received the most encouraging promises of support. His plan which will likely be adopted is to organize a stock company, and solicit stock subscriptions to secure the funds. It is his plan to have the stock distributed as much as possible by having everybody take stock, even if it is for a small amount. He has been promised considerable stock already, a number of people signifying their intention of subscribing. Some of them have offered to subscribe considerable sums.

At the meeting Friday night, the proposition to hold an agricultural fair here this year, will come up for discussion. Arrangements will likely be made to secure the fair grounds and plans will be outlined for the biggest fair that has ever been held in this section. There was no fair here last year and the business men keenly feel the need of one. It is planned to make this fair an elaborate one, which will attract a large number of visitors. Special efforts will be made to secure a large number of exhibits and enticing premiums will be offered.

The new depot matter will come for discussion too. The railroad company has expressed a willingness to build the new depot just as soon as the people of Elizabeth City will agree upon a site somewhere on the main line. The company claims that it must locate the new depot on the main line as much time is lost backing into the present station. The officials desire that the people shall unite on some location as they have no desire to cause any friction or antagonize any by locating the station against the will of the people.

Immediately after the public meeting, Friday night, the Chamber will have the annual election of officers for the ensuing year.

The public is urged to turn out and attend this meeting.

Mrs. E. Jennings of Berkley, spent some time visiting his parents in this county this week.

When in need of furniture call on Markham and Jones, Water Street. They have a fine line to select from at lowest prices.

FARMERS TALK BERRY CULTURE

SOIL ADAPTED TO STRAWBERRIES AND CROP IS A PAYING ONE—SUITABLE VARIETIES FOR THIS SECTION.

The strawberry meeting was held in the court house yesterday morning. The attendance of farmers was good, although there were not as many present as could have been wished.

Prof. Pillsbury of the A. and M. College was present and addressed the farmers on strawberry culture. Prof. Pillsbury spent Wednesday morning making trips through the county to study the soil in regard to strawberry raising. He found it especially well adapted to strawberries and he stated that berries will do unusually well here.

Mr. Johnson of the Virginia Truck Experiment Station was also present and spoke to the farmers on strawberry culture. He explained how the crop could be made a very profitable one. He urged upon the farmers to put out a crop of plants and begin raising a crop.

The kinds of plants recommended for raising berries to ship to Northern markets are: Missionary, Klondyke, Excelsior, Success and Chesapeake.

A representative of the Norfolk Southern railroad was present and explained to the farmers that transportation facilities will be furnished for any quantity of berries that the farmers may raise to ship, and that the farmers are not compelled to enter upon this crop on a large scale, until they have experimented to their satisfaction. In some shipments of berries, they can be shipped on the four o'clock express, and when they reach Norfolk they will be placed in the proper kind of cars.

There will be another meeting in the interest of strawberry culture in the near future.

BIG LAND SUIT GOT NON-SUITED

This big case for this week's superior court got non-suited and this cleared the way for a number of minor suits which have been disposed of.

The suit was C. P. Weston against the Richmond Cedar Works and it involved a large tract of timber land in Pasquotank county. An able array of attorneys represented both sides, and when the case was called Monday it looked as if a great legal battle was on. The court opened up the case and progress was being made in taking testimony, when Tuesday afternoon the attorneys for the defense attempted to get before the court some evidence, which the judge ruled out. This set up a contention as to the evidence, and a motion was made for a non-suit. This was granted and the case will be taken to the Supreme Court, when the admissibility of the evidence in question will be decided upon.

This suit grew out a contention over a tract of timber land which is now of great value. Various grants and deeds have been made to this piece of land, but one of the important deeds got registered in Camden county, while the land is in Pasquotank county. As soon as the plaintiff discovered this error in the registration of land deeds which was made nearly eighty years ago, he set up claim for the land and began suit against the Cedar Works to obtain possession.

It was the attempt to have introduced in court this deed registered in the wrong county, that brought a halt in the trial and caused a non-suit.

J. C. Meekins, Sr., of Columbia, spent some time here this week visiting his son.

Deputy Marshal Jerry Wilcox spent some time in Gates county this week serving papers in the case of J. R. Lassiter, administrator vs the Norfolk Southern railroad.

THE WEEK IN TYRRELL

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST AT THE THRIVING COUNTY SEAT OF ONE OF THE BEST COUNTIES IN THE STATE

Columbia, N. C. Feb. 1.—The home of Mrs. D. W. Cooper, on Rider's Creek, was made sad last Tuesday morning when they awoke to find their baby dead in bed. We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Cooper in their bereavement.

It has been rumored on the streets this week that Mr. S. M. Combs, one of Columbia's most successful business men, will go north in a few days to purchase an automobile to use in his livery business.

Mrs. Hugh Peid, of Norfolk, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Duncan, at Woodlawn Farm, and in town with her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Sprull, on Elm street, has returned to her home.

Mr. R. L. Upsher of the firm of R. L. Upsher Guano Company, of Norfolk, was in town this week on business.

Mr. J. T. Alexander, of Scuppernon, was in town last Tuesday on business.

Mr. J. T. Puckett of Elizabeth City, made a business trip to Tyrrell this week.

The brick work on the new bank building has been completed and the roof put on. It will soon be finished and ready for use.

Unless freezing weather prevents, work will begin on the new M. E. church the first of next week. The building committee hope to have the building so that they can hold services in it by late spring.

Dr. C. A. Flowers, who purchased the old home place of the late Mrs. B. V. McCleese, on Bridge street, (some time ago), is making good many improvements, building new barns, rebuilding fences, etc.

Miss Mae Litchfield, who holds a position with Miller, Rhodes & Swartz, in Norfolk, is at home for a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Litchfield on Broad street.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. W. J. Coffield, who has been very sick Gold street, is rapidly improving.

Mr. Mark Majette, a prominent attorney of Columbia, made a business trip to Norfolk this week.

The Columbia high school is having its mid term examinations this week.

Mr. Warren Davenport, of Elizabeth City, made a business trip to Columbia this week.

The farmers of Tyrrell are preparing to plant a heavy crop of Irish potatoes this spring. Seed potatoes are now being shipped here by the on Gold street, is rapidly improving. carloads. We hope that a good crop will be raised and that prices will be high.

Messrs. W. B. Alexander and J. B. Holmes, of Fort Landing, were in town this week on business.

MORE OF US OUGHT TO BE WOMEN

Unusually attractive bargains will be offered next week at M. Leigh Sheep's—the "Woman's Wear" store and the only store in the city catering exclusively to woman's wants. On another page of this issue appears a big ad calling attention to some of the extraordinary values that are to be offered at M. Leigh Sheep's beginning next Wednesday. No woman who reads the Advance should fail to attend this sale.

Mrs. A. S. Mann and children are spending some time in Moyock visiting relatives.

When in need of furniture call on Markham and Jones, Water Street. They have a fine line to select from at lowest prices.

LADIES ASKED TO ATTEND

THE HOSPITAL MEETING AT THE COURT HOUSE TONIGHT AS THEIR HELP WILL BE NEEDED IN THIS MOVEMENT.

The women of Elizabeth City are requested to attend the big hospital meeting to be held to-night in the court house. Secretary Lamb of the Chamber of Commerce and the promoters of the hospital movement are anxious to have the ladies present, as their aid and cooperation will be sought in securing this much needed institution.

Let the ladies attend and hear the discussions and learn of the plans, for they will be called upon to help in the work; and, if this movement turns out like most things of a public nature in Elizabeth City the ladies will be expected to do most of the work and will not fall in this expectation either, for nearly every public spirited scheme or movement in Elizabeth City has either been carried through by the women or helped to that extent, it became a success.

Special preparations will be made for the ladies to-night to attend the hospital meeting.

MRS. FRANK BENTON DEAD

Mrs. Frank Benton died at her home No. 424 Cherry street last Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, after an illness of several days of pneumonia.

The funeral and interment took place yesterday.

Mrs. Benton was about 35 years old. She is survived by a husband and three children. She was a most estimable woman. She was a daughter of Dr. Barret of North Hampton county and was reared in that county.

12,000 ACRE FARM

One of the biggest feats in agriculture ever undertaken in this state, has been begun in the Moyock section in Currituck county. It is the Fountain Farm Company, and the farm will embrace about 12,000 acres of land which will be cultivated by a stock company, with a capital stock of \$250,000.

Engineers have completed a survey for a drainage district, and will begin in the near future to prepare the land for agricultural purposes. This farm will contain some of the richest and most fertile soil in Eastern North Carolina, and its yield of corn and other products will be enormous.

COULD NOT ATTEND FATHER'S FUNERAL

Mr. Benton, father of Mr. Frank Benton of this city died Monday at his home in Moyock, Currituck county. He was a good man and was held in high esteem for his many virtues.

Mr. Frank Benton was unable to attend the funeral and interment of his father on account of the critical illness of his wife. She too died Wednesday morning.

MRS. F. F. SPENCER DEAD

Mrs. Spencer, wife of Captain F. F. Spencer, died in a hospital in Norfolk last Wednesday morning at four o'clock.

The remains were brought here Wednesday and were taken to Fairfield, Hyde County, on the Steamer Alma Wednesday night.

Mrs. Spencer had been ill for several months. She was taken to a hospital about a month ago to receive treatment, but her condition was critical and nothing could be done to save her life.

A fine line of new furniture and house furnishings at Markham and Jones, Cut Rate Furniture Dealers, Water Street.

BRYAN'S SPEECH AT RALEIGH

AND A DISCUSSION OF WHAT THE GREAT COMMONER HAS STOOD FOR IN AMERICAN POLITICS—HIS INFLUENCE STILL POTENT.

Mr. Editor:

Mr. Bryan was in fine keep when he struck Raleigh—not frazzled as a campaign orator sometimes is. No orator within my memory has such a splendid physique, and no white man a better voice—I believe the negro, Joe Price, had a more musical voice; and, by the way, if it were not for the color line, I would like to say that Price was one of the best orators that the state has ever produced.

Mr. Darwin said in speaking of the pigeon family that the pouters would not associate with the tumbler, nor the fantails with the pouters but that the old gray rock pigeon could consort with them all. Bryan stood sun-crowned before his forty-five hundred auditors stronger and more popular for having suffered defeat three times in the cause of honest government and an honest dollar; and the pouters and fantails buried their petty differences to hear a man who was verily unafraid, who spoke with authority and not as a partisan. He had lost office but he has gained and holds what no officeholder in this nation can claim, the confidence of three-fourths of the pure Anglo-Saxon population in the country, the confidence and political leadership of the most of those who are in touch with the soil. Bryan, defeated as a candidate for the presidency three times, is still far stronger than any other man in his party, and has earned the political martyr's crown—the enmity of predatory wealth.

He showed how the currency had been made dishonest by the machinations of the money trust and how the dollar had become so inflated, from 1873 to 1893, in purchasing power as that it would buy twenty pounds of the farmer's cotton.

The country was never so near revolution since 1876 as in the campaign for honest money and honest control of the money in 1896. Bryan led that fight. The most available method then in sight among the other things he then advocated was the free coinage of silver at sixteen to one. Wall street throttled the particular method that was then proposed but was so frightened that its minions in congress, of whom there were and are legion, began to devise makeshift methods and temporary expansion by credit currency. But Providence took a hand in the fight and uncovered the gold in South Africa and the Klondyke. Something like a hundred million dollars a year of the yellow metal, in addition to the basic currency the world was then producing, was added to the circulation. The Boer war came on and Great Britain, to whom the world was then indebted, Mr. Gladstone said, five thousand million dollars (in tight money) became a debtor to the world in the sum of two thousand millions; some three hundred millions of which are said to have been expended in the Mississippi Valley alone for mules and war provisions. When Great Britain became a debtor as well as a creditor its government, which appeared to control our financial policy during Cleveland's second administration, suddenly became converted to the idea of an expanded currency. It's easier to pay debts when money is easy than with tight money. Honest money is a relative term. Josephus says that when Jerusalem was destroyed and the gold which the Pharisees had been heaping up in the treasury got into circulation the "price" of it went down one half. After Columbus discovered America and the gold of Mexico and Peru got into circulation in Europe, its value is said to have gone down a thousand.

DR. BLACKWELL PREACHES SUNDAY

DR. C. S. Blackwell will preach the dedicatory sermon in Blackwell Memorial church next Sunday morning. He will occupy the pulpit at both morning and evening services.

Dr. Blackwell is well known here, having been a pastor for many years. He was very popular during his pastorate here and is now held in high esteem by the people of Elizabeth City.

The church going public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Blackwell next Sunday.

SWISS YODLERS NOW COMING

FOURTH NUMBER NEXT MONDAY NIGHT—ONE OF THE BEST BEST STAR COURSE ATTRACTIONS OF THE SEASON TO APPEAR ON THIS DATE—TICKETS ON SALE AT SELIG'S

The fourth number in the Star Course, the Tyrolean Alpine Singers and Yodlers, will be presented in the auditorium of the high school on the evening of February 5th.

Tickets are now on sale at Selig's, corner Main and Water streets. This is one of the highest priced attraction to come here this season, but the price of seats will be the same as usual to give all the people an opportunity to hear this novelty in musical entertainment. This number cannot fail to please an Elizabeth City audience.

The Tyrolean Alpine Singers and Yodlers came to America from the Zillerthal, under the exclusive management of the Alkahest lyceum bureau. This company was one of the surprises and great successes of the past season. Never before had American audiences heard such a unique program of fine music and entertainment. With a view to giving ever greater variety, some changes in the personnel of the company have been made this year.

From their Alpine homes these singers and instrumentalists have been carefully selected by their famous director, Otto Flecht, and trained and rehearsed in their world-famous folk and inimitable yodel and warbling songs. They appear in the picturesque national costume of their people, the most attractive in all Europe.

This company of Tyrolean Alpine Yodlers was organized originally in Innsbruck, one of the most picturesque places in the Swiss Tyrol. This is the summer haunt of the Austrian Royalty, and is the very heart and cradle of the music-loving, music-loving Tyroleans.

Director Flecht's family has for generations back been known as leading folk-singers and yodlers among their own people, holding unquestioned rank as master artists in their craft. Only a few years back Mr. Flecht in a six days' yodel and song contest in Innsbruck made good the claim of his family for his generation by winning first prize from representative yodlers of the entire Tyrol land.

The concert is made up of varied folk and yodel songs and their native Tyrolean and also English songs in the rendering of which the troupe has become unusually adept through their long stays and extensive tours in this country; Mr. Flecht making his first tour as far back as the World's Fair in Chicago in '93. Since their first tour in this country, they have added to their repertoire many of the favorite national and popular songs of America. Their program is replete with variety; members of the company presenting some instrumental music, as well as vocal, using the unique instruments of their native land.

In connection with the musical program a number of reading selections will be presented, by Cora Genevieve Ramsden, a reader of genuine ability with several years' experience in lyceum work.

DR. BLACKWELL PREACHES SUNDAY

Dr. C. S. Blackwell will preach the dedicatory sermon in Blackwell Memorial church next Sunday morning. He will occupy the pulpit at both morning and evening services.

Dr. Blackwell is well known here, having been a pastor for many years. He was very popular during his pastorate here and is now held in high esteem by the people of Elizabeth City.

The church going public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Blackwell next Sunday.

(Continued on page four)