

PLANNING FOR THE HOSPITAL

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETS TO-NIGHT AND WILL PLAN CAMPAIGN FOR RAISING MONEY - OTHER ITEMS COMING UP FOR CONSIDERATION.

Chairman E. F. Lamb of the hospital committee is getting things ready for actual work on soliciting funds for the institution. The committee, which is composed of the following gentlemen: First ward, Ex-Judge J. B. Leigh, George J. Spence; Second ward, J. C. Ward and J. C. Commander; Third Ward, C. C. Pappendick and L. E. Old; Fourth Ward, T. J. Markham and Rev. C. F. Smith, will meet tonight for the purpose of outlining plans upon which to begin operations. After this committee meets tonight, canvassers will be placed in the field to take up the actual work.

Interest in the movement during the week, has steadily grown, and every indication now is, that the success of a hospital is practically assured. Mr. Lamb has received promises of liberal subscriptions from many sources, and hearty encouragement from all sides. He has been busy this week investigating different plans for hospital buildings and equipments and the cost of the same. He will be pretty well posted to-night to give the committee such information along this line.

ALDERMEN HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

The Board of Aldermen held its regular monthly meeting last Monday night. The usual routine business was transacted. The monthly bills were audited and allowed.

To Doctor the Trees

Mr. J. T. McCabe appeared before the board in behalf of the Civic League with a petition asking that an appropriation be made to help the league pay for an expert to treat the shade trees of the city.

The matter was discussed at length and Aldermen Commander, Love, and Nash were appointed a committee to investigate the practicability of the plan. These gentlemen will inquire into the methods of treating shade trees, and will make the recommendation at the next meeting of the board.

Many of the stately old elms that shade the trees of the city, have become badly diseased and deformed from age and from abuse. The members of the Civic League believe that, with the proper treatment by a person who knows how these trees can be saved for many years.

Movement For Playground

A movement was started at the meeting, when the matter was brought up, for a public playground for the children located somewhere in a convenient spot in the city. This movement was discussed at length by several prominent citizens and by members of the board of aldermen. A citizen's committee composed of Rev. C. F. Smith, ex-Judge J. B. Leigh, Judge E. L. Sawyer, and C. J. Ward was appointed to take this matter in hand and confer with the Chamber of Commerce.

The need of a public playground is apparent. Every day the citizens of the town realize its necessity more and more. Last week the children took advantage of the omission of the ordinance prohibiting skating and used the sidewalks for skating. Every afternoon the paved sidewalks were crowded with skaters. The act of these children was an appeal to the city for a playground where they can play unmolested.

The physicians of the town heartily favor the movement. They claim that the children need more outdoor exercise to insure healthy boys and girls.

Rev. C. F. Smith and other patriotic citizens are behind this move-

STOLE PIGS FROM THE PEN

AND SELIM WAS JUST GETTING READY FOR THE FUN OF HOG KILLING-GOT HIS MEAT BACK, THOUGH WITHOUT LOSING A PIECE.

To have a favorite porker stolen out of one's pen, just before killing time is not a pleasant experience, as that is what happened to Selim Martin, colored, last Sunday, or rather Saturday night. But it was Sunday morning before he found out. Selim had two very fine fattening hogs. He has them now, but they are in a barrel; and, the other end of this story will tell how they got into the barrel.

Last Sunday morning Selim, who is an honest, upright darky, went out to the pen to feed his hogs. His pleasant anticipations at the thought of "hog killing time" can be easily imagined as he wended his way toward, but you can imagine his surprise, when he listened for the welcoming grunt and failed to hear it. When he looked into the pen and did not see his pigs, he had to pinch himself to see if he was not asleep and dreaming. He was wide awake. That was a fact and the pigs were gone. That was another fact and a disagreeable one, too. Somebody had stolen them while he slept.

Selim lost no particular time in getting to town to tell the sheriff of his woes as he was about as bankrupted a darky as you could find in a day's travel. Sheriff Reid heard his troubles, called up Chief Thomas and they conferred together. They went out investigating and it was not long before they found Selim's two hogs salted in a barrel in the possession of another negro, named Walter Harris. Harris could not explain how he came by these two hogs, so he was arrested and lodged in jail.

Last Monday morning he appeared before Judge Sawyer and confessed to stealing the hogs alive right out of the pen. The Judge gave him three months on the roads. Selim got his hogs, or rather pork back, without so much as losing a piece of the meat, but he missed the pleasures of hog killing.

ment and it will be pushed.

Fire Company to Use Apparatus

The Elizabeth City Fire Company No. 1 was given permission by the aldermen Monday night to use the fire apparatus in the practice and drills this spring preparatory to participating in the annual tournament at Fayetteville this summer. The local fire company engages in these contests each year, and it has been very successful in winning prizes. The members of the company will put in some pretty hard work practicing this spring and it expects to secure a number of prizes in the contest.

To Build Gun House

On motion, it was ordered by the aldermen that permission be given the Naval Reserves to build a gun house to house the big gun donated to the Reserves by the United States Government. Besides the aldermen made an appropriation not to exceed \$75 to help build the house.

The gun was shipped here last year and was deposited on the Hilton lot in the rear of the Five and Ten Cent Store where it has since remained.

City's Health Good.

City health officer, Dr. I. Fearluz, made his monthly report for the month of January. The report showed that there were 25 births, 13 white and 12 colored and 15 deaths; 6 white and 9 colored. The health condition of the city is good and the analysis shows that the city water is good.

R. H. Commander spent last Sunday in Norfolk.

GREAT YEAR'S WORK AHEAD

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REORGANIZED AND PLANNING FOR GREAT THINGS FOR ELIZABETH CITY IN 1912-BUSINESS MEN MUST GET TOGETHER.

"To accomplish great things this year," is the slogan of the Chamber of Commerce. It is the plan of President Gilbert and Secretary Lamb to get the business men together this year, as they have never been together before, and to make a united pull for greater progress in the city's upbuilding. It is the plan of the officers of the organization to make this the banner year.

The officers and the executive committee will hold a meeting at once for the purpose of outlining plans for this year's work in which the scope of the Chamber's activities will be greatly enlarged.

"Co-operation and interest is what we want," says the president, "and that is what we are going to have." "We are going after the business men and those interested in the welfare and progress of the town and bring them in."

Mr. Gilbert says that he wants every person in Elizabeth City, whether he is a member of the chamber or not, who has any plan or idea that will benefit Elizabeth City, to let it be known to him or to Secretary Lamb; and it will be brought before the organization and given due consideration.

The chamber will be reorganized at an early date for this year's work. The election of officers has already taken place and new men have been placed at the head of it, with the exception of Secretary Lamb, whose valuable services easily secured his re-election. The officers are: O. F. Gilbert, president; C. E. Kramer, first vice-president; ex-Judge J. B. Leigh, second vice-president; E. F. Lamb, secretary, and M. C. Crowson, assistant secretary. These gentlemen are sterling business men, and they are closely identified with the interest of the town.

An earnest appeal is made for the hearty cooperation of the business men; and, if that is secured, the Chamber of Commerce will do a great work this year.

HERTFORD DEPOT BURNED MONDAY

Last Monday morning, just after mid-night, the passenger station and warehouse of Hertford caught on fire and was burned. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The southbound express has passed and the employees of the station had left the building. It was not long after before the building was discovered to be in flames. Nothing could be done to save the house as Hertford has inadequate fire fighting appliances.

PHILATHEA CLASS HELD MEETING

The Philathea Class of the First Methodist church held a meeting Sunday at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. J. W. Foreman, president; Mrs. E. B. Cook, vice-president; Miss Vertie Brothers, secretary and treasurer, and Miss Flossie Mann, reporter.

The class will hold a business meeting Tuesday evening February 6th, at 7:30 P. M. at the home of Miss Marion Woolley. All members are urged to be present.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Cleveland Jackson has recovered from the injuries of a broken leg, so that he is able to be out again.

Mr. Jackson met with the misfortune several weeks ago to have his horse to slip and fall on him breaking one of his legs. Since then he has been confined to his home.

HOBSON SHOWS WHISKEY'S ILLS

IN SPEECH ON GREAT DESTROYER THE HERO OF THE MERRIMAC DISCUSSES THE EVILS OF INTEMPERANCE - A POSTSCRIPT.

Editor: Mr. Hobson's speech on prohibition at Raleigh had some frills and preliminaries which were not in the advertisement. One of the prohibition leaders carried a valise on the platform, and, before the address of the day commenced, opened it and took out some half dozen or more bottles containing, to all appearances, the prohibited article. He said liquor had been got at five several stands where it ought not to be sold. He mentioned some names of those whom he said were the sellers, and these names I give so that any prohibitionist from Elizabeth City or vicinity should at any time show up in these precincts he may know how to avoid the places:

- Hampton King Wilson Edwards Matthews

The last named of the above citizens has since confessed in open court and he also sought the opportunity of confessing by a note addressed to the proper official to secure his prosecution; he promptly submitted to a fine of two hundred dollars and entered into a bond of two hundred dollars more to keep his peace as far as the sale of liquor is concerned in the future, and he is to report every three months to the court that his conversion from the liquor traffic is sincere. In this connection I ought perhaps to add that some liquor sellers in Winston-Salem who failed to confess their sins, have been sentenced by Judge Daniels, a brother to the well known editor of the News and Observer of this city.

Hobson's speech was something over two hours long, and even without Matthews' omission that it converted him I must pronounce it a very strong speech. In fact he had not been speaking an hour before I decided to cut out my Christmas egg-nog which is almost the only habitual connection I have with the disciples of King Alcohol.

Hobson went down to business and showed that whiskey-alcoholic liquor in any form - didn't pay; among the other evils it entailed, it impaired digestion.

He said that alcohol not only made the man drunk but science showed that it made his blood drunk. The white corpuscles of the blood constitute the standing army in the system to fight germs in the blood. When a bad germ gets in the blood the white corpuscles immediately attack it, and if it is a very bad germ like the pneumonia germ or the typhoid fever germ, or the consumption germ, the white corpuscles will organize and attack in squadrons.

I was prepared to believe all this beforehand because my doctor had instructed me that the scientific people had discovered that a common boil which the doctors used to think came from within, was started by a germ from without which had crawled down, say to the roots of a hair, become encysted, and subjected himself to the attack of the white corpuscles; and that the matter which came from the boil was the tens of thousands of these little soldiers that had sacrificed themselves in their fight with the boil germ to exclude him from the blood and to isolate him so he could be excluded. Now Mr. Hobson showed me that alcohol taken into the system soon got into the blood and made these little soldiers drunk so that they missed their aim when they struck at one of the bad germs that had been introduced into the blood. No all this may sound a little curious to the unscientific and the

NEW INDUSTRY HAS COME HERE

NEW YORK MAN WILL ESTABLISH BARGE BUILDING PLANT EMPLOYING LARGE NUMBER LABORERS AND RUN SAW MILL IN CAMDEN.

Elizabeth City is to have a new enterprise, which will be quite an industry. It's shipbuilding on a large scale. The coming of the enterprise has not been heralded by any advance agent seeking to gain concessions. It has its arrival been attended by a particular horn blowing on the part of its promoter. Indeed so lately has it come here, that few people know that it's here at all.

Mr. J. R. Hunt, of Troy, N. Y., has secured a tract of five hundred acres of timber land at Gregorys and he proposes to erect a saw mill on this tract for the purpose of supplying the timber for his large building enterprise. The boat building plant will be located on Knobb's Creek, near Foreman-Blades' saw mill.

Mr. Hunt will build big barges for the northern rivers, says and makes. He will employ in his yards forty or fifty men. He has brought three expert boat builders with him and all of the employees will be secured in this section. This enterprise will furnish employment to about fifty local carpenters and boat builders. The plant will turn out each year from fifteen to twenty barges which will sell at four or five thousand dollars each.

All things taken into consideration will be an enterprise of considerable magnitude, and it will mean much for the laboring people of this section.

HASSEL-ADAMS

Robert M. Hassel and Miss Sudie Amelia Adams, both residents of New York News, secured a marriage license here Sunday, and were united in marriage by justice of the Peace Munden.

Unlearned but science shows that it is true, and if any body or any number of persons have any doubt about it they ought to send for the hero of the Merrimac and have him explain it as a scientifically educated man. Mr. Hobson will also send them his speech if they desire it but it is a great deal better to hear him deliver it. The speech is called "The Great Destroyer." He tells the number of bond slaves to King Alcohol—those who have existed for life in his service, (and for death too, as he explains) and the number who are simply moderate drinkers or lulling with him experimentally—at Christmas times, for example.

I have never investigated the effect of alcohol on the little white soldiers in our blood, but a good many years ago I saw a lot of ants trunk on "rock and rye," and if so industrious a little animal as an ant, for there were quite a number of them in all stages of intoxication, get drunk, I am prepared to believe that so valiant a soldier as a white corpuscle will get drunk if the alcohol is obtruded in upon him.

History teaches us in Scripture that the lost ten tribes erred and were lost through excess of wine. Hobson showed us that the track of time since their disappearance was shown thick with the wrecks of peoples and nations which were destroyed from the same cause.

W. J. PEELE.

P. S. I note that you lost one subscriber through his mistaking your identity with mine. Mistakes will occur even among a people the grey matter of whose brains is fed by the splendid fish of their waters; but as there is a little more than a quarter of a century's difference in our ages, I will enclose you a dollar subscription to compensate for wounded feelings.

W. J. P.

BLIND TIGERS ARE ROPED IN

MORE THAN A DOZEN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR DISPENSING BOOZE ILLEGALLY AND MUST FACE JUDGE SAWYER THIS MORNING.

The biggest blind tiger raid ever made in this city, was made yesterday and last night by Chief Thomas and his assistants. A dozen or more arrests have been made and enough of the whiskey seized to stock a world sized dispensary.

This raid was carefully planned by Chief Thomas more than two weeks ago without the knowledge of any one except the police officers and the chief has borne the expense of securing the evidence which has led to these wholesale arrests. About half dozen white men and as many negroes are now in the toils of the law and will face Judge Sawyer to-day. The evidence is of the proper kind to secure conviction and Judge Sawyer promises to show no favor regardless of color or position. Before night several will be punished for violating the law, and blindtiggering will be given the severest jolt that it has had in a long time.

It's pretty safe to bet that the lids on pretty tight now and whiskey will not hereafter be so easily secured in this town.

MR. WILLIAM NIXON HERE ON BUSINESS

Mr. William Nixon, a prominent citizen and extensive planter of Sunbury, Gates County, was in the city Wednesday on business. Mr. Nixon stated to an Advance reporter that his section of Gates County was very prosperous in spite of the low price of cotton. The citizens of the Sunbury section are preparing to make many improvements along industrial lines.

Mr. Nixon complained and justly so, of the poor passenger facilities between Elizabeth City and points in Gates county. It takes a citizen of Sunbury about three days to make a business trip to Elizabeth City. It is hoped that it will not be very long before the people of Gates county will have better traveling facilities.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS LOOKING OVER SITE

Mr. Lamb and other officials of the Norfolk Southern railroad were here last Saturday to investigate the property at the head of West Main street, for a site for the proposed new passenger depot.

Considerable time was spent in that section of the city looking over the property, but the officials gave out no information, further than they are going to build a depot in that part of the town, so that it will be located on the Main line.

A number of business men in the down town section express themselves as being very much opposed to the location of the depot in West Main street, and they say that are going to do everything in their power to prevent it.

JURY FOR MARCH COURT

The following list of jurymen were drawn by the county commissioners last Monday for the March term of Superior Court:

- J. T. Garret, M. W. Sanders, S. H. Johnson, Henry Whitehurst, L. D. Munden, W. S. Overman, T. Williams Joseph Banks, E. L. Sherlock, J. A. Evans, M. C. Crowson, J. T. Morris, G. R. Peering, T. H. Dowdy, W. C. Jennings, George Morris, W. H. Keats, A. L. Sanders, John H. Burgeon, Walter M. Jennings, Daniel Cartwright, C. M. West, W. D. Sharber, Edmond Kight, R. H. Meads, J. Q. A. Wood, J. W. Scarborough, R. L. Jackson, W. E. Dunstan, Z. D. White, W. B. Sawyer, J. W. Smithson, J. H. Snowden, J. J. White, W. A. Foster.