

TIGER RAID SUCCESSFUL

POLICE FORCE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE AND JUDGE SAWYER HAS IMPOSED SEVERE PENALTIES—FOUR MONTHS ON THE ROAD THE USUAL SENTENCE.

"Have they got you yet?" "No, but they are tracking after you."

This is the salutation that kidding friends exchange these days. Arresting blind tigers has become so frequent that a lot of people rush down town the first thing in the morning to find out who is the last "feller" that they have got.

The blind tiger raid which Chief Thomas began last Friday morning has been the most successful ever undertaken in this city. Nearly all who have been suspected as tigers have been arrested, and some who were supposed to have been in better business.

It has been considered impossible to secure the conviction of a blind tiger in this town, this has been very nearly correct too. The police have worked after them, have made arrests, only to see their labors wasted in an acquittal of their prisoners. But the tide has turned for blind tigers and its as easy to convict one now, as falling off a slippery log. The police have been criticised for not doing their duty in breaking up the blind tiger business and generally the one who "yawped" the loudest in condemning the police, was in sympathy with the tigers.

Chief Thomas, sometime ago conceived a plan by which he would "take the blind tigers in" and break up the business. He secured a couple of young detectives, about as sick, articles as ever came to this town. They had not been in town long before they had started something. They were on to their jobs, and had the scent of a blood hound for blind tiger whiskey. It was not long before they had located at least two dozen dispensaries and were patronizing them pretty freely. They made friends of the booze artist kind by the score, and were soon about the most popular fellows in town among that class.

Last Thursday morning Chief Thomas had secured all the evidence necessary and the drop was sprung. There was consternation among evil doers. Several took to the tall timber, and many others would have done so but could not because they were under arrest. Friday morning a bunch of fourteen were hauled up before Judge Sawyer upon the charge of selling whiskey. Two of the cases were continued, and eleven of the remaining twelve cases were convictions. The young detectives were on hand and testified against the prisoners, while a motley crowd of spectators composed of sympathizers of the tigers, for the most part, muttered curses and empty threats upon the witnesses in particular and upon all law-abiding citizens in general. Judge Sawyer had already promised the prisoners that if he could secure their conviction, he would give them a sentence that would cause them to sit up and take notice; and he did, too, for the sentence was four months on the roads, not a very enviable job, to say the least.

When this court was over everybody said that was the end of the tiger raid, and that it would be a long time before another one would be caught in Elizabeth City; but this has not been true, for the raid has kept on this week with continued success. It seems that the blind tigers are so blind to good sense and judgment they do not know when to stop, for yesterday evening the police picked up George Brown, an old experienced whiskey seller, who has recently moved here.

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J G WOOLLEY STIRS HEARERS

IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH THE HON. J. G. WOOLLEY DELIVERS THE BEST SPEECH ON TEMPERANCE EVER HEARD IN ELIZABETH CITY.

For some cause or other the public generally are afraid of temperance lectures.

Provided no admission fee is charged they will gladly go to hear almost anybody—except a temperance lecturer.

There was an example of this in Elizabeth City on Tuesday night of this week, when, although R. L. Davis, of the State Anti-Saloon League, and J. G. Woolley of Chicago were announced to appear in the auditorium of the First Baptist church, the building was hardly more than half full.

This too, in spite of the fact that Mr. Davis has made a most sensational tour of the state, and Mr. Woolley at one time headed the prohibition forces of the nation as candidate for the presidency.

Ineed in many places in the rest of the state, these two men have altogether overcome the usual indifference of the masses to temperance lectures, and have been greeted, especially in the larger cities by packed houses.

But Elizabeth City is slow to recognize a good thing, generally waiting until its goodness after it is gone to miss it. As a cotton oil mill, and we don't know what's become of the cannery that was coming our way.

But to return to the subject. Those who through indifference failed to go out last Tuesday night to hear Mr. Woolley missed what all seem to concede to be the best speech on temperance ever heard here, and one of the best speeches of any sort recently delivered from an Elizabeth City platform.

Full of humor, not without a subtle vein of irony, it was packed, too, with sound sense. At one moment the urchins at the back of the church would be doubled up with laughter, and in the next the dignified brethren on the front seats would be shouting vociferous amens.

Beginning quietly, Mr. Woolley went over to the ground of the skeptical, the practical, and by the force and logic of his argument took these not hopelessly wedded to their idols to the ground of the thorough-going prohibitionist.

Mr. Davis did not exhibit any samples of the prohibited article in Elizabeth City. Perhaps his recent experience at Charlotte had lessened his appetite for the dramatic. Perhaps Chief Thomas, whose raid on the blind tigers was extraordinarily well timed, had been too keen for him.

TO EXTEND WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The membership of Christ's church of this city contemplate extensive improvements in the church property.

Sometime ago a plan was outlined by the vestry of the church to dispose of certain real estate owned by the church, and erect a parish house. This plan has been submitted to the membership and upon a vote, has been endorsed. The vestry will now begin to plan to dispose of the property, so that the work on the addition may begin at once.

This step is the beginning of a progressive movement to increase the activities of this church. The plans have been outlined under the wise leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. F. Smith.

INSTITUTE ALMOST HERE

SPECIAL PRIZES WILL BE OFFERED ONE FOR BEST EARS OF CORN AND ONE FOR BEST LOAF BREAD—THE PROGRAM FOR THE DAY.

A farmers institute will be held in the court house on Wednesday, February 21st. There will be two sessions. The morning session will begin at ten o'clock and the afternoon session at 1:30 p. m.

This institute will be held under the directions of Mr. French, a practical farmer, and the work of the institute will be made very practical and helpful to farmers.

A special invitation is extended to the farmers' sons to attend this institute and learn of its work. A prize of one dollar will be given to the boy who brings the best exhibit of five ears of corn.

A woman's institute will be held in connection with the farmers' institute on the same date. This institute will be conducted by Mrs. Charles McKinnon and Miss Webb. The exercises will consist of practical lectures and demonstrations in preparing various articles of food, in preserving and making pickles, dairying and caring for poultry supplies.

A prize of one dollar will be given for the best loaf of home made bread exhibited.

These institutes are very helpful to the wives of farmers who do not have many opportunities to compare ideas with experts in affairs pertaining to the household of a farmer. Special invitation is extended to the wives of the farmers and their daughters to attend this institute. The occasion will afford an opportunity for a day's outing away from home and a visit to the city; besides much valuable information can be obtained and a new interest created in the affairs of a farm home. The farmers are urged to provide a way for their wives and daughters to attend this institute.

POSTPONED ACTIVITIES ON ACCOUNT OF WEATHER

On account of the very inclement weather this week, the hospital committee has not yet taken up the work of soliciting stock subscriptions for the hospital.

When the committee met last Friday, the work was divided between the members of the committee and plans outlined for the campaign. A great deal of enthusiasm was shown by the members of the committee; and it is believed that as soon as the committee can get to work good headway will be made in securing the stock with which to erect the hospital.

The people are greatly interested in the movement, and the committee has been promised considerable support already.

The needs of a hospital located here have never been more thoroughly impressed upon the minds of the people than they are now. Elizabeth City for several years past has been a feeder to the Norfolk hospital, and Elizabeth City's patronage contribute considerably to their support. A hospital here will prove a great convenience to the people of this section of the state. Those best informed as to the success of the movement says that it will succeed this time.

OYSTER SUPPER

The ladies of the City Road Methodist church will give an oyster supper this evening and tomorrow in the building formerly occupied by the Broughton Buggy Company in Poindecker street. The public is cordially invited to attend the supper.

HERO OF THE SPANISH WAR

CAPTAIN RICHMOND PEARSON HOBSON WILL SPEAK IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM ON NEXT FRIDAY—BIG REPUTATION AS A PLATFORM SPEAKER—LARGE CROWD EXPECTED.

A splendid specimen of physical, mental and moral manhood; a man of rare eloquence, keen logic, exalted patriotism; a man combining thorough manhood with perfect gentleness; a man of splendid mental gifts who has put them to the very best use; and a man, moreover, who does not find bravery and brilliance incompatible with the highest moral standards.

This is the way the Buffalo N. Y. Courier describes Richmond Pearson Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, who will speak in the auditorium of the graded school building next Friday night before, it is hoped, a packed house.

One of the brilliant lights of the American Navy, no American history will be written in the future that does not mention the name of Richmond Pearson Hobson. First to respond to the call for volunteers to make the attempt to bottle up Cerberus' fleet in Santiago bay, his name will go down to posterity along with that of Sergeant Jasper. To look upon this hero in his prime, and so talk that we ourselves have heard the immortal Hobson will well be worth the price of admission.

But it is not alone as a daring and intrepid hero that Hobson has come to be known to the American people. He will also rank among the great statesmen and orators of our time. Those who have heard him speak describe him as an orator, a thinker, and as a mature student of international affairs.

His lecture is expected not only to entertain, but to instruct and inspire. The occasion deserves a great crowd in the high school auditorium next Friday night.

CUSTOM HOUSE TO REMAIN HERE

Secretary Lamb of the Chamber of Commerce has received communications from Senator Simmons and Congressman Small in regard to the removal of the custom house here.

These gentlemen inform Mr. Lamb that there is no imminent danger of a removal of the Custom House of this port to some other port. While it is talked every once in a while that the government proposes to abolish this office yet congress has never considered the proposition seriously and it is not at all likely that any steps will be taken any time soon to consolidate the custom houses in this district. The communications received from these gentlemen state that there is no necessity for Elizabeth City people to alarm themselves at present, as the custom office here is likely to remain for many a day yet.

WILLARD MEMORIAL SERVICES

The W. C. T. U. will hold their Willard Memorial services in City Road Methodist church Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18th, at 3:30 o'clock. Mr. Herbert Peele will deliver the address of the afternoon.

On Thursday night, February 22, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Almema Parker McDonald, a graduate of oratory of Chicago will deliver an address under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. at the First Methodist Church. Mrs. McDonald has had much experience as a public speaker, and is very highly recommended by all who have heard her. The public is cordially invited to both these services.

NEWS FROM COLUMBIA

SCUPPERNON RIVER FROZEN OVER AND SNOW TEN INCHES DEEP, ONE OF THE BIGGEST SNOWS IN THE RECOLLECTION OF INHABITANTS.

After spending several days with relatives and friends in Tyrrell, Mr. B. L. Brickhouse returned to his home in Norfolk last Saturday.

Mr. I. C. Morris has moved to the residence of R. E. Cochon on the corner of Church and Hickory streets.

Miss Katie Chesson has accepted the position as teacher of the sixth grade in the Columbia graded schools on account of the resignation of Miss Lela Flowers.

Messrs Ralph Mason and Samuel Brickhouse of Edenton, N. C., are spending the week with Mrs. R. S. Knight, in Water street, sister of Mr. Mason.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mrs. R. S. Knight Monday evening in honor of Messrs Mason and Brickhouse. Those in attendance were: Misses Olena McCleese, Bertie McCleese, Mildred Johnston, Mildred Thompson, Lida Thompson, Eya Cochon, Bertie Cochon, Lula Jones, Messrs J. L. McCleese, William McCleese, Woody Miller, Phil Sprull, Mr. C. H. Jarvis of Gum Neck was in town Tuesday on business.

Mr. Jesse Armstrong of Gum Neck, was badly scalded in the face last Saturday. Mr. Armstrong's eyes are in a bad condition. We hope he will soon be able to return home.

Little George, the son of Mr. W. B. Jones, of Gum Neck, had a bad accident this week. He caught fire in some way from the fireplace and was badly burned.

Last Saturday night was a good night for scrapping in our little city when Mr. S. M. Combs and John Hudson took a hand at hand battle, about eight o'clock. Some time later during the night while in Pledger's barber shop, Mr. O. R. Sprull was struck several blows over the head by Wilber Pledger, inflicting three bad wounds. A physician was called, Mr. Sprull and several stitches had to be made in dressing the wounds.

Messrs Combs and Hutson was given a hearing before Mayor Brickhouse Monday morning. Each pleaded guilty and were fined ten dollars.

Messrs Sprull and Pledger was also given a hearing before the mayor. Sprull was acquitted and Pledger was put under a \$100 justified bond for his appearance at the Supreme Court.

We had one of the deepest snows Saturday night that has been seen here in many winters, it being on an average ten to twelve inches deep. The Scuppernon river has been frozen over ever since Monday.

Mr. S. M. McMullen, superintendent of Branning Manufacturing Co., of this city, made a business trip to Edenton, Tuesday.

Mrs. Benjamin Sprull, returned to her home in this city Tuesday, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Duncans, at Wood Lawn Farm near Creswell.

Mrs. S. M. Sprull is spending the week in Hertford visiting friends.

The Methodist held their regular Quarterly Meeting in the Courthouse Saturday at 11 o'clock. Rev. M. T. Plyler presided. The attendance was not very large on account of the severe cold weather.

ENTERTAINMENT AT WEEKS VILLE

There will be an entertainment and box supper Friday night, February 23rd, at Palmer's school-house near Weeksville, N. C. The public is invited to attend.

MR. GURKIN FALLS DEAD

PROMINENT CITIZENS DROPS DEAD IN HIS HOME AFTER APPARENTLY ENJOYING HEARTY BREAKFAST—FUNERAL PROBABLY THIS AFTERNOON.

The entire city was greatly shocked yesterday morning at nine o'clock when the news spread on the streets that Mr. Charles Gurkins had just died at his home in West Main St.

Mr. Gurkins was in apparently the best of health and his friends on Wednesday noted nothing unusual. He remained at his place of business all day, closing at six o'clock.

He ate a hearty breakfast yesterday morning. While sitting at the table, his wife noticed his heart was beating so strongly that it shook the chair. After breakfast he went into another room and was seized with a spell of dizziness. He called Mrs. Gurkins and she assisted him into the hall, where he fell and expired instantly.

He was about forty-four years old and is survived by a wife, mother and one sister, Mrs. J. T. McCabe. The funeral services will very likely take place this afternoon from the home in Main street. Rev. Mr. Bundy, pastor of the First Methodist church will conduct the services. The interment will take place in Hollywood cemetery.

Mr. Gurkins was one of the most prominent citizens of the city. For a number of years he held a position with the City Electric Supply Co. he was manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city. At his death, he was manager of the City Electric Supply Company.

EXHIBIT OF PICTURES AT HIGH SCHOOL

From February 28th to March 4th inclusive there will be exhibited at the high school building over two hundred pictures which are copies of some of the world's greatest paintings.

These pictures are not miniature productions but of the size of the originals.

This is a rare opportunity for our people to see this famous art collection and, as this is the first time that an opportunity has been offered, undoubtedly the attendance will be large especially since the price of admission is to be very small and all the proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of pictures for the school building.

The school has no expense connected with this exhibit except to pay the expressage on the pictures, so when one buys a ticket he will know that the money will be expended in pictures for the school.

At a later date, tickets will be offered for sale by the students and whether they go to see the pictures or not all should buy tickets to help the students out in the effort to beautify the school building; and further, this display will be a valuable lesson in the cultivation of the love of the beautiful and the artistic side of life—a much neglected subject in both schools and homes. You cannot estimate the value of a good picture on the life of a child; its influence is oftentimes more potent than sermons or parental admonitions.

BARGAINS AT FOWLER'S

Mr. George Bright of Fowler and Co has just returned from New York and other northern cities, where he has spent some time in the interest of his business.

Mr. Bright picked up, while on this trip a lot of bargains. He has an ad in this issue of the Advance telling about these bargains. Our readers would do well to look the ad up and learn about them.