

NARROW ESCAPE
FROM DEADLY GAS

UNCONSCIOUS OF DANGER MEN ON STEAMER HATTIE CREEF BECAME DROWSY AND LIE DOWN TO SLEEP—AROUSAL IN TIME BY CAPTAIN JOHNSON

A tragedy, in which four prominent citizens would have lost their lives, was narrowly averted on the steamer Hattie Creef last Saturday morning, while she was en route to this city from Manteo, N. C.

Messrs. F. M. Grice and D. A. Morgan of this city, Mr. Newby of Hertford and Mr. Johnson, a traveling salesman were passengers on the little steamer. They went into the saloon to have a social game of cards. The other passengers either remained on deck or in the pilot house with Captain Johnson. About two hours afterwards, some one entered the saloon and found these gentlemen lying down asleep. Their appearances indicated that there was something wrong with them and Capt. Johnson was notified. He rushed into the saloon after he had thrown the doors and windows open, and dragged the men on deck where they partly revived.

When they arrived here Dr. McMullan rendered necessary medical attention and they were soon out of danger, but it was some time before all of the bad effects of the gas, which came near killing them, disappeared. Mr. Johnson was the worst off of all and he was not able to walk when the Hattie Creef arrived here.

Dr. McMullan stated that these gentlemen were under the influence of carbon monoxide, one of the most deadly gases known; and in thirty minutes more they would have been dead.

Members of the party stated that they first began to feel drowsy which grew on them till they all lay down and went to sleep. This was the last thing they knew until they were revived on the deck of the steamer. They stated that they could not detect any gas anywhere and other passengers who went into the saloon to help rescue them stated that they could not detect any gas either.

The absence of the scent of the gas was easily accounted for by the kind that was escaping. Carbon monoxide has no smell.

Capt. Johnson, since the accident has located the leak and the machinery has been repaired. Every precaution is being taken by Capt. Johnson and his crew to see to it that such an accident never happens again.

MARVEL REEDER

Mr. W. C. Marvel left today to go to Philadelphia, where he will be married to Miss Emma A. Reeder, of that city. Mr. Marvel and his bride will return to this city next Tuesday.

Mr. Marvel is manager of the Five and Ten Cent Store. He has made his home in this city for more than a year. He is very popular with a large number of people.

MR. PRITCHARD HAS MOVED
ELECTRIC STORE

Mr. C. G. Pritchard, the electrician has moved his office and store rooms from Main street to Water street next to Main street.

Mr. Pritchard has installed an extensive line of up-to-date electrical fixtures, and is prepared to give the Mrs. Carolina Hayman, daughter turned and in the work of installing them.

Mr. Pritchard has been a resident of Elizabeth City all of his life. Everybody knows him, and knows his ability to handle any kind of an electrical job that may be placed in his hands.

TRY ONE OF HARRIS' REGULAR 25 CENT DINNERS. THERE ARE NONE BETTER. YOU GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH.

LAST STAND FOR
INLAND ROUTE.

FIGHT IS MADE SOLELY ON GROUND OF DAMAGE TO CANAL PROPERTY AND OF INJURY TO LOCAL INTERESTS

J. B. Flora, mayor of Elizabeth City, D. M. Jones, president of the Merchants' Association, J. P. Overman, postmaster, C. H. Robinson, Ex-Judge J. B. Leigh, W. T. Love, J. Q. A. Wood and Secretary Lamb of the Chamber of Commerce spent some time in Washington, D. C., this week in the interest of the Lake Drummond canal.

The delegation, composed of some of the leading business men of the city appeared before the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the United States Senate Wednesday and presented the interests of the people of this section in this canal as a water course for local commerce. The delegation did not go to Washington for the purpose of fighting the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, but on the other hand, to advocate the purchase of the Dismal Swamp Canal and its maintenance by the United States government as a free waterway. The delegation took a position should the A and C Canal be maintained as a free waterway, the owners of the Dismal Swamp Canal will soon have to abandon the canal for the want of patronage, as shipping and commerce will not pay toll when a free waterway is offered. If the Dismal Swamp canal is purchased by the Government and maintained as a free waterway, though on a smaller scale, the canal will be kept opened to the commerce of northeastern North Carolina.

The Elizabeth City delegation returned from Washington, D. C., yesterday. This delegation and big delegations from South Mills, and Waccamaw, Va., appeared before the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the United States Senate, Wednesday at eleven o'clock to present the claims of Eastern North Carolina to the Dismal Swamp canal, in an effort to induce the U. S. Government to purchase the Lake Drummond Canal and maintain it as a free waterway.

Secretary Lamb of the Chamber of Commerce and Ex-Judge J. B. Leigh spoke in behalf of the Elizabeth City delegation.

Judge Leigh took the position that the failure of the U. S. Government to own and maintain the Dismal Swamp Canal as a free waterway, will compel the owners of the property to finally abandon it, which will close up this important water course and thereby destroy all means of water transportation to the people of South Mills and the section traversed by the Dismal Swamp Canal. This will depreciate the value of property in this section; and, at the same time greatly injure the business interests of Elizabeth City. The members of the Committee took a great deal of interest in the discussion and asked a great many questions pertaining to the condition of affairs as connected with the canal.

Attorney W. I. Halstead and other spoke in behalf of the South Mills delegation and the Lake Drummond Canal Company had representatives present and they spoke in the interest of the owners.

Members of the delegation state that much attention was given to this hearing on the part of the Senate Committee, and that something may have been said that will finally result in saving the Dismal Swamp Canal. At any rate the final efforts have been made, as this hearing closes the matter as far as Elizabeth City people is concerned.

Mrs. Clay Foreman, Mrs. M. L. Sheep, Mrs. C. W. Hollowell and Mrs. Frank Derrickson returned yesterday from a trip to Washington, D. C., where they spent several days.

16 SIZE ELGIN WATCH \$5.50 AT SELIG'S.

PRETTY WEDDING
AT HERTFORD

Miss Nellie B. Newby, the Bride of Mr. Thomas J. Nixon—Revival at Baptist Church.

Special Correspondence of the Advance.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Methodist Episcopal church South, at one o'clock Wednesday when Miss Nellie B. Newby became the bride of Mr. Thomas J. Nixon.

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and bridal wreaths, from among which gleamed the soft light of many candles. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. M. Shamburger, pastor of the church.

The bridesmaids were beautifully gowned in white marquisette over pink. The maid of honor was Miss Katherine Newby, sister of the bride. She wore green massaline and carried pink sweet peas.

The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of tan with hat and gloves to match, and carried bride's roses.

At the conclusion of the marriage rite Mr. and Mrs. Nixon left for a northern tour.

Mrs. Quamy and daughter, Mrs. Nicenheims left for their home Tuesday after spending a few weeks with their daughter and sister Mrs. W. H. Jenkins.

Revival services are being held at the Baptist church this week. We hope they will have a very successful meeting.

Mrs. Daniels left a few days ago for her home in Arcadia, Fla., after spending some time here visiting sister, Mrs. R. B. T. Thach.

MR. W. P. KNOWLES OPENS
PLUMBERS STORE

On Fearing street, just a door or two from the Advance office, there was opened last week an establishment that will supply a long-felt need in Elizabeth City. This is a showroom in which is displayed an elaborate line of plumbing fixtures and accessories. Heretofore the prospective purchaser of such supplies has had to make his selections from a catalog or go outside of Elizabeth City to supply his wants. This is no longer the case. One has now only to visit the establishment of Mr. W. P. Knowles, who by the way, is one of the best plumbers in the State, having come to North Carolina from England, several years ago.

Mr. Knowles has an especially elaborate display of bath tubs, but a sample of almost anything in his line that the most fastidious could desire will be found in his shop, and keeping these things now on hand Mr. Knowles can give orders for installing them very prompt attention. The store occupied by Mr. Knowles is that in which the Electric Supply Co. was formerly established. It has been thoroughly renovated and is kept clean and neat, so that lady customers may visit it at any time to make selections of fixtures or plumbing accessories of any sort for the home.

The stock already on hand is a large one, but it is Mr. Knowles' plan to continually increase it, as he becomes more fully acquainted with the needs and demands of his customers.

Mr. Knowles has been a resident of Elizabeth City for nearly eight years. He is a successful plumber and a good citizen.

ZIMMERMAN—MORGAN

Mr. Alexander Zimmerman and Miss Mae Morgan, both residents of Norfolk secured a marriage license yesterday and were united in marriage by Justice of the Peace J. W. Menden.

The were accompanied by Miss Emma Rhodes and Mr. C. E. Powers of Norfolk.

FISHING GROUNDS
STILL PATROLLED

El Freida Has Not Left Carolina Inlets and is on the Alert to Enforce Law.

The expedition of the State Militia that has been in Pamlico Sound for several weeks enforcing the fish law, has been disbanded, and the members of the different naval reserves have been returned home.

The El Freida, with six men on board is still in that section of the sound where the violations have been going on, patrolling the waters and seeing that the law is obeyed.

It is reported now that all fishermen are complying with the requirements of the fish law and that there are no violations at all. The patrol will be kept up during the remainder of the fishing season.

It was freely prophesied, when Mr. Vann first attempted to compel obedience of the fish law, that he would fail, as the law is very unpopular in Dare county, and many of the fishermen feel that they are morally justified in breaking the law, which they consider infringed upon their rights.

It looks now that Mr. Vann has been very successful in enforcing the law, though he had to adopt drastic measures. It is predicted that there will not be any trouble another season, as the fishermen who have hitherto broken the law, will hereafter obey it rather than be put to the trouble they have been put to this season.

SUED FOR \$10,000; WAS AWARDED \$250.

There is a big difference between \$10,000 and \$250; but that is just the difference between what J. L. Blanchard of Hertford sued the Norfolk Southern railroad and what the jury awarded him damages last Friday.

The second of the two big law suits of last week's Federal Court was Blanchard vs. the Norfolk Southern railroad. The suit was for \$10,000 for alleged damages, sustained by the plaintiff by being assaulted by a conductor of the Norfolk Southern while he was in the act of leaving the train at Hertford.

The trouble which caused the suit, occurred in a dispute over the purchase of a seat in a chair car. Mr. Blanchard and the conductor became involved in a row, and the plaintiff, Blanchard, claimed that the conductor knocked him senseless as he stepped from the train in the night, and that he lay in an unconscious condition until found by friends.

The trial in Federal Court was a lengthy one, and took up much of the court's time in hearing it.

The case was given to the jury Thursday afternoon and it was about 10 o'clock when a verdict was reached awarding a judgement against the railroad for \$250.

MRS. J. D. WHITE DIED LAST
SUNDAY

Mrs. J. D. White died last Sunday at her home in Main streets, after a long illness of pellaagra. The funeral services were conducted from the home Monday morning at eleven o'clock; and the interment followed in Hollywood cemetery.

Mrs. White was about 40 years old and is survived by a husband and seven children.

She was a most estimable woman and was held in high esteem.

SCHOOL CLOSURES AT WEEKSVILLE

The closing exercises of Palmer's school, near Weeksville, N. C., will be held at the school house on Wednesday night, April 24th, 1912, at eight o'clock. An admission fee of fifteen cents will be charged.

BURGLAR ROBS
COUNTRY STORE

BLOODHOUND PUT ON TRAIL AND THE ANIMAL TREED, BUT THERE WAS NOBODY HOME.

A burglar broke in the store of Mr. Crowder Meads of the Dry Ridge section near Weeksville last Friday night and stole about twelve dollars in cash from the cash drawers and several dollars worth of merchandise.

As soon as the burglary was discovered next morning, Mr. Shares was sent for to take his blood hound on the scene. When the dog was put on the scent, she trailed the burglar to a tree and stopped. She repeated this act several times and the attempt to run down the miscreant had to be given up.

It is certain that the burglar rode to that tree on a bicycle, and leaving his wheel there went into the store and committed the robbery. He walked back to the tree; mounted the wheel and rode away. This prevented the dog from taking the scent any farther.

NEWS FROM COLUMBIA

Mr. D. O. Newberry of Elizabeth City, was in town this week on business.

Mr. M. H. Tillett of Elizabeth City spent several days here this week doing some legal work for the Richmond Cedar Works.

Mr. C. H. Balfour, traveling salesman of Elizabeth City, made his regular trip to Tyrrell this week.

Mr. G. L. Liverman of Gum Neck was in town Sunday.

Mr. T. H. Woodley made a business trip to Hertford this week.

Mr. J. E. Norman of Creswell was in Columbia last Sunday.

Mr. E. P. Coloon spent several days in Roper this week working on a telephone line.

Mr. W. H. Bennett, principal and Miss Ethel Bailey, one of the assistant teachers of Scuppernon high school, was in town last Saturday the guests of Miss Bessie Owens in Main street.

Miss Eva Bateman who has been teaching in Wake county, has returned home to spend the summer.

Miss Stella Pede of Norfolk, is the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Spruill.

We are glad to see that all the clock work has been completed on the new M. E. church. The work of putting the roof on will be begun in a few days.

The new bank building is now being completed by the contractor, Mr. J. H. Hayman. They expect to have it finished and by May 1st to occupy it.

Mr. G. N. Hurdle is having a store building erected on the corner of Church and Bridge streets.

Attorney I. M. Meekins of Elizabeth City was in town this week.

Mr. Clive Liverman and Miss Martha Alexander were united in marriage last Sunday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Alexander on Road street. Both parties are prominent in social circles here, and we wish for them a long and prosperous life.

Mr. J. L. Thurston of Hertford was here this week on business.

HOME OF MR. GUIRKIN TO BE
SOLD

The beautiful home of the late Charles Guirkin in Church street will be sold next Saturday at public auction by the executor of his estate.

This is one of the finest residences in this city, and the sale gives an opportunity for the purchase of an elegant home.

J. T. Wood, of the Woodville section, was in the city Monday.

DATE CHANGED
TO APRIL 25TH

"MISS TOSPY TURVY" TO BE PRESENTED IN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM NEXT THURSDAY—AN EXCELLENT PLAY BY LOCAL TALENT OF THE BEST.

The play entitled "Topsy Turvy" which will be given under the auspices of St. Catherine Guild of the Episcopal church, will be presented in the Auditorium of the High School on the evening of Thursday, April 25th instead of Friday, April 26th.

The change of date was made necessary on account of a meeting of Odd Fellows on Friday evening, April 26th.

This is an excellent play, and with the strong cast of characters that it has for its presentation here, the event should be the success of the season.

The characters are: Nellie Clarendon, or Topsy Turvy; Mrs. Clarendon, or Topsy's mother; May Golden Topsy's cousin; Frank Golden, May's brother; Miss Spriggs, Topsy's governess; Lord Clarence, a rich Englishman; Deacon Jones, a pillar of the church; and Ned, a negro servant.

Miss Alice Newcomb is "Topsy Turvy", Miss Grace White will play as Miss Spriggs, and Mr. Will G. Galtner as the deacon. Others taking part are Miss Rose Key, Mrs. L. E. Skifford, Guy Brockett, Albert Worth and Elbert Spence.

The play opens in the parlor of the Clarendon home, disclosing Deacon Jones on the eve of proposing to Miss Spriggs. The Deacon's attempts to say what is on his heart are extremely ludicrous, the brave beginnings of his declaration of affection trailing off into feeble remarks about the weather. Just as he has confessed, however, that he meant to say what he just said he didn't say, and things are beginning to come his way, the scene is interrupted as the leading lady makes a characteristic denouncement upon the stage. She is joined a moment later by her cousin Frank, and the two trouble-makers of the play are seen together and at their best. Before the curtain falls Ned, the negro servant in the Clarendon home, who plays no small part in the little drama of fun and love, makes his initial appearance on the stage.

With interest aroused from the start, the audience will find no tedious moment during the entire performance.

Tickets are on sale at Fowler's Jewelry Store. General admission 35 cents; reserved seats 50 cents.

DEBATE ON WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE
TO-NIGHT.

The debate on woman's suffrage will be held to-night in the auditorium of the High School under the auspices of the Woman's Betterment Association.

The debate will begin at 8:15 o'clock sharp, and the doors will be closed at that time and will not be opened again until after the first speech has been made. This will be done to prevent interruption.

Rev. C. F. Smith and Ex-Judge J. B. Leigh, and Rev. J. D. Bundy and attorney I. M. Meekins are the debaters. These gentlemen are well known speakers, who are capable of debating this question in every interesting manner.

The public is requested to patronize this debate. The proceeds derived from the sale of seats will be devoted to the work of the association.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend through the columns of the Advance, our sincere thanks to all who were so kind to us and helped us so faithfully, in our recent troubles and great affliction.

Respectfully,
JNO. D. WHITE and FAMILY.