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ELABORATE PLANS FOR ELIZABETH CITY'S BIG FAIR

Not the Ordinary Fair that has Here-to-fore Been Held Here by any Means, but One That Will Reflect Credit and be of Real Benefit to this Section--All Elizabeth City Boosters Should Support the Enterprise.

There's going to be a fair in Elizabeth City this fall, and it's to be one that will make the whole Albemarle section sit up and take notice, too.

It is true, as the knockers say, that there have been fairs in Elizabeth City before; and that for the most part they have been a disappointment to the public.

But Secretary Lamb enthusiastically assures the representative of the Advance that this year things are going to be different. Under Mr. Lamb's direction the management are extending their efforts beyond all former records, and the coming fair will cover the field for all requirements for a grand success.

Former haphazard methods are to be done away, the exhibits will be of vital interest to every progressive citizen of Eastern Carolina.

Poultry, live stock and farm product exhibits all will receive their due share of attention. And besides the local exhibits Secretary Lamb hopes to secure certain exhibits from the state fair at Raleigh, which occurs just previous to ours.

Contracts are to be made with reliable aviator to give a flight each day during each day of the fair. There will be the first aerobline flight made over Elizabeth City; and this alone should prove of sufficient interest to bring a big crowd to Elizabeth City. But this is only one of the attractions that will be offered the public each day of the fair.

Trotting races will be another attraction of the fair and the management assures the public that the very best stock of the fair circuit will be entered in these races.

A boat race will be arranged for all-our in which the fastest boats on the Albemarle will be entered, and a silver cup trophy will be awarded in the contest. The course will be laid off in such a way as to have the finish to occur just in front of the fair grounds. So ample opportunity will be given to witness the event to best advantage.

The management makes a special appeal to the counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell and Dare to prepare exhibits from their counties--exhibits in live stock poultry and farm products. Premiums will be announced later.

All patriotic citizens are urged to take a pride in making the fair a success--not only a success but a marked achievement. It is planned to bring an excursion of the Ohio farmers to our city during this fair, and the opportunity to show them just what we have got will be exceptional.

The management assures the people that it will do its full share toward making the event a success. How big a success depends upon the measure of cooperation that the management receives from the public at large. Secretary Lamb wants the boosters to join hands with him and to co-operate with the management for the success of this undertaking. Special seats out of the way of everybody are reserved for the knockers. Nothing is asked of them but to occupy them.

STILL A MYSTERY
From last Thursday evening's paper, we noted last week that B. F. Vann was reported to have confessed to the murder of Oliver Layden; and the report was given to the readers of this paper for what it was worth.

However, the report was an error. Vann's motive for the murder of the boy with whom he had been on most intimate terms is still shrouded in mystery.

The circumstances pointing to Vann's guilt, however, as they are brought to light, become more convincing all the time. Evidence brought out in the preliminary hearing at Hertford, showed that Oliver Layden had developed a strong distaste for the society of Vann shortly before the crime was committed. Riding in a cart past Vann's shop, the boy asked the driver to trot the horse that Vann might be avoided, and when Vann sprang into the cart Oliver whispered a request that he should not be allowed to ride with them.

Vann continually seemed to seek opportunity to be with the boy aside, and the youth appeared by no means anxious to be with the man alone.

BARGE PARTY

Miss Bessie Weatherly charmingly entertained her friends Tuesday night on a Barge Party in honor of Mrs. W. E. Lipscomb of Durham, N. C., and Mrs. Laura Bartlett of Carthage, N. C.

The guests were: Mrs. W. E. Lipscomb, Durham, Miss Laura Bartlett, Carthage, Miss Mae Lovelace, Wilson, N. C.; Misses Evelyn Aydtlett, Margaret Smith, Mary Lee Long, Mary Bell from Baltimore, Bessie White, Marion Woodley, Isabelle Gibbs, Pearl Stevens, Annie Weatherly, Elizabeth Sawyer, Margaret Cullenpepper, Lizzie Winslow, Virgella Banks, Mrs. May Guirkin, Mrs. Gene Cook, Mrs. Walter Harris, Mrs. Wesley Foreman, Mrs. Carl Blades, Mrs. R. T. Whitehurst and Miss Jennie Simpson.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS RUN BIG EXCURSION

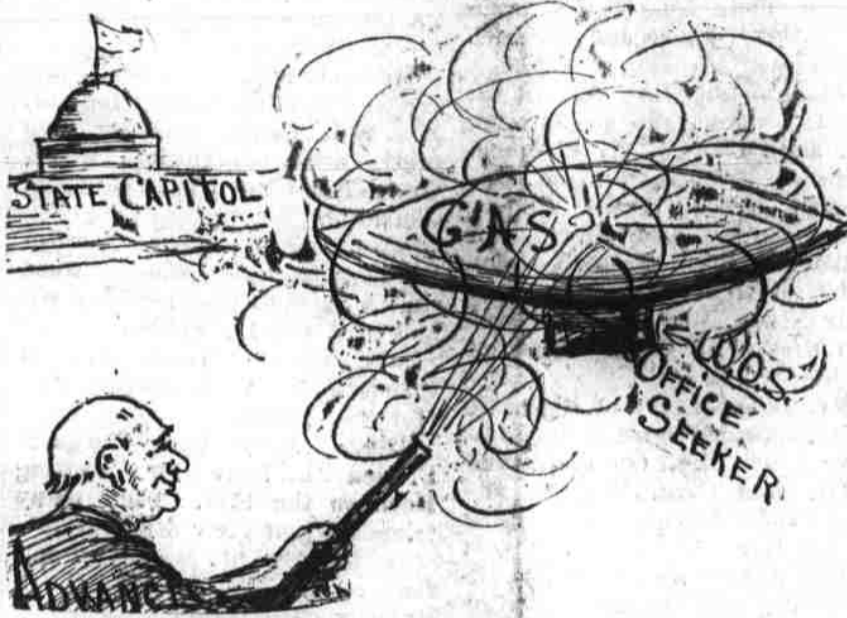
One of the largest excursions ever to leave Elizabeth City was that of the two Baptist Sunday School of this town to Virginia Beach Wednesday of this week.

Seventeen well filled coaches were carried, numbers of passengers finding only standing room on the coaches. Mr. Abbott reports that about eleven hundred tickets were taken up. Almost the entire force of the Advance went to the Beach on this excursion and they report at least 50 persons compelled to ride without finding seats. Owing to the unusual number of coaches, however the crowding was not so great as usual.

Some miscreant fired a bullet into one of the coaches near Clapham Junction, which glancing down from the ceiling grazed one of the passengers in its ways to the floor. This was Mrs. E. Hancock of this city. Only a slight bruise, however, marked the path of the bullet.

Master Vaughan Griffin spent Sunday in Hertford the guest of friends.

An Interrupted Flight!



So Endeth the First Lesson

J P THOMPSON DEFEATS PRITCHARD FOR TREAS.

Carries County and Town by Majority of Nearly Two Hundred and Retains Office he has held for Ten Years.

The last race of the democratic primary was decided yesterday, when J. P. Thompson defeated W. F. Pritchard in the race for county treasurer.

Thompson made his fight on his record for treasurer, on his need of the office, and on the ground that opposition to him was due to the influence of "the ring."

Pritchard argued that he needed the office as badly as Thompson, and that the latter, having already had it for ten years, ought now to be able to get along without it. He had nothing to say in public print as to his attitude toward "the ring." Early returns from the county showed Thompson in the lead outside of the town by a small majority, probably upwards of seventy-five votes.

Pritchard, however, carried his own township by an overwhelming majority and no doubt Newland township also.

The vote in full was as follows:

	Thompson	Pritchard
Newland	12	8
Providence	9	66
Mt. Hermon	31	8
Cartwright's S. H.	21	19
Pools S. H.	53	10
Nixonton	20	6
Salem	51	22
1st Ward	102	46
2nd Ward	133	111
3rd Ward	81	39
4th Ward	71	27
Total	572	345

SECURED VALUABLE AGENCY

Mr. W. S. White, for many years identified as one of Elizabeth City's leading and progressive merchants, has just secured the Agency for Elizabeth City on the People's Stock and Poultry remedies. This is one of the best known lines on the market and carries the endorsement of many of the leading stock and poultry raisers of the country. These goods are sold on a positive personal guarantee backed by Mr. Hunt and Mr. White does not hesitate to commend them to the farmers, stockmen and poultry raisers of this county and section.

Mrs. George Little (nee Miss Aileen Sutton of New York was the guest last week of Mrs. Max Sanderlin.

GRAND EDUCATIONAL RALLY IN NEWLAND NEXT FRIDAY

Governor Kitchen and Superintendent Joyner Will Speak at the Methodist Church and a Big Basket Picnic Will add to the Enjoyment of the Occasion--Ice Cream Served Free and Music furnished by Elizabeth City's Brass Band

Governor W. W. Kitchen will speak at the Methodist church in Newland township on next Wednesday, Aug. 23rd.

State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner will also be present to deliver an address.

The occasion of these addresses from two of the state's foremost orators is a big educational rally which will be held on the grounds of the Newland Methodist church on the date just mentioned.

The purpose of this rally is to arouse sentiment of sufficient strength in Newland township to enable the people of that progressive section to consolidate three school districts in the township and establish one central high school in their place.

The rally has been arranged by the public school committee of Newland township, and has been sanctioned by the members of the county board of education. County superintendent Hinton, Mr. J. M. LeRoy of this city are thoroughly interested in the plan; and all the members of the board are giving the plan their most hearty support.

It is planned to combine the rally with a big basket picnic and to make this occasion one of the biggest and most enjoyable events of the kind that has ever taken place in this county.

Sixty or one hundred gallons of Norfolk cream will be served free on the grounds during the course of the day's exercises.

In case any are present who could not conveniently bring baskets they are assured of being able to get dinner, as this will be supplied to any such on the ground at moderate prices.

Big posters gotten out by the Board of Education announce that there will be thrilling music by Elizabeth City's brass band. With that there ought to be enough said, and the assurance of a big crowd be made certain. Everything has been provided that could contribute to the pleasure of such an occasion--a big crowd, a big dinner, delicious ice-cream without money and without price, stirring music and thrilling oratory.

The monotony that to any but young people makes the picnic day seem rather long will be altogether lacking. Every taxpayer in Newland township is especially urged to be present.

Governor Kitchen will return to Elizabeth City after the picnic and will speak here Wednesday night in support of his candidacy for the United States Senate.

REAL GAS NEXT WEEK

The North Carolina Gas Corporation has been pushing its work here for the past week. The plant is now complete and ready to furnish its product, and after the laying of a few more pipes, gas will be turned on in time to be of benefit to the housekeepers during the last and most trying portion of the summer.

NEW CITY DIRECTORY

Mr. George W. Reid representing the Piedmont Directory Co. of Asheville, is in the city and ready to make delivery of the new directory recently gotten out by this company.

ANOTHER BIG BLAZE

Somewhere about eleven o'clock last night the city was startled by the long drawn shriek of the whistle of the Southern Roller Stave and Heading Company.

The distress signal of the whistle was quickly followed by the rapid clang of the fire-bell, which pealed out the affrighted summons of the general fire alarm.

People began running about the streets, but it was some time before the blaze was generally located. When, however, within a few minutes the lighted heavens had shown where the fire was, every one realized that the department would be helpless, as the plant of the roller mill is beyond the outskirts of the town on the railroad near the head of "Brick" street.

Meanwhile the deepening glow to the west of the town showed that the blaze was a big one.

The Advance reporter arrived on the scene when the flames were at their height. At this time the forked tongues of heat were licking down the walls of the heading mill, consuming rapidly a couple of lumber sheds, kindling about the doors of the dry kiln and beginning to burst out on the roof of the office of the plant.

The office was saved by heroic and desperate work of men with buckets. A locomotive arrived on the scene in time to save a number of log laden flat cars from the blaze. Two or three loaded flat cars, however, were burned, the heading mill was completely destroyed, the lumber sheds were demolished, and the dry kiln was damaged. Owing to the fact that fortunately the wind swept the flames toward the railroad, the rest of the plant was not reached by the blaze.

The heat of the burning timber was terrific, and it is a marvel how men were able to work in it. The big logs that had not been unloaded from the cars, burned all night and were still smoking this morning.

The loss from this fire will be heavy. Whether the insurance was at all adequate was not learned.

One of the first men to arrive on the scene, interviewed by the Advance reporter, said that the fire first appeared on the roof of the heading mill; and could, when he saw it, have been easily extinguished by a few men with buckets of water.

GOOD WORK BY BLOOD HOUNDS

Two negroes broke into the store of Mr. W. L. Jessup of Winfall, N. C. last Saturday night about twelve o'clock.

Mr. J. W. Shores of this city was sent for, and he reached the scene of the robbery on Sunday afternoon, with his bloodhound. The dog took up the trail at about five o'clock and within less than two hours the thieves were caught and the stolen goods recovered.

The two negroes caught were Squires Towe and Tom Towe, and they were taken about a mile and from the Perquimans county county poor house.

R. C. JONES, Clerk of Board.