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## JNO. P. OVERMAN REPLACED BY W. P. KEATON AS POSTMASTER

**New Official took charge of Elizabeth City post office Yesterday Says will make no change in Force.**

By Herbert Peele  
Elizabeth City has a new postmaster.

This is the news that flashed into this city Wednesday and shot through the town as if by wireless.

On yesterday morning Mr. W. H. Keaton was occupying the chair in which he had superseded John P. Overman by the appointment of W. H. Taft.

In this appointment President Taft has displayed the excellent wisdom, sound judgement and splendid executive ability that has marked his administration from the dismissal of Baflinger to this good day.

Doubtless, too, William Henry Keaton has as much business in the postoffice as William Howard Taft has in the White House.

Two or three months ago Keaton was carrying around a petition vouching for his moral character and integrity, which was signed by many leading citizens in this city and section. Nobody has questioned Keaton's character.

But his only other special qualification for the office lies in the fact that he has been a consistent postmaster, and an ardent supporter of President Taft's candidacy from the beginning of the present campaign.

In what respect, if any, John P. Overman had displeased the administration I do not know.

But failure to re-appoint him after four years of service that has been generally satisfactory to the people, I think, to be deplored; especially unless he had been superseded by a man with some experience and training that would have fitted him for the office.

Under the present system, however, and with a president that is not above personal spite, such an appointment is no better than might have been looked for.

And in the light of this appointment this paper shall more strongly than ever stand with Walter Clark for the election of postmasters by direct vote of the people.

### EAST LAKE LOCALS

East Lake, N. C., Sept. 10.—It is the driest here it has been for many years. The crops are suffering greatly from the drought.

Mr. and Mrs. Trim Twiford and daughter Lovey, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Outlaw at Kitty Hawk.

Mr. C. L. Mann is visiting relatives at Mann's Harbor, N. C. Mr. Sam Creef is visiting his father, Mr. J. W. Creef.

Mr. Joe Conery who has been visiting his brother, Mr. E. Conery, left last Tuesday for his home in Baltimore.

Mr. Worth Overman of Berkeley is visiting his uncle, Mr. Charles Bratten.

The Public school began last Monday with Miss Annie Jones principal and her sister, Miss Josie, as assistant.

Misses Annie Jones and Julia Pinner have gone to Sycamore today.

The Baptist Union began Friday and ended today, conducted by Rev. Lundy.

Misses Margie and Aloine Gatling of Norfolk are visiting Mrs. C. W. Hollowell at Bayside.

## BLOODY FIGHT NEAR RIDDLE

**NEGRO KILLED AND HIS OPPONENT BADLY WOUNDED IN BLOODY FIGHT WHICH OCCURRED WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN THE SANDY HOOK SECTION NEAR RIDDLE.**

As a result of a bloody fight between Charlie Walston, a big negro, and Alfred Doe, a smaller colored man on Wednesday night the former is dead with a hole through his heart and the latter is lodged in Camden jail badly cut up and suffering from loss of blood.

Word of the killing came to Elizabeth City Wednesday night, and Mr. A. C. Stokes had the sheriff's posse and Mr. Shore's bloodhound on the scene within forty minutes after leaving here. They found the body of the dead man lying in a pool of blood in the lane leading from his house to the road. Hogs had visited the scene before them and the body was badly mutilated as a result.

There seems to have been bad feeling between the men concerned for some time. Walston had ordered Doe to keep out of the lane leading to his house. Doe lived on the same lane but nearer the road. On Wednesday Walston had started to leave home in his buggy. According to Doe's story he encountered the latter between the two houses. Doe claiming that he was out after his hogs. The fight ensued. Doe claims that Walston got him on the ground and was slashing at his throat with a razor when he drove his knife into Walston's heart. Walston then got up and walked to his buggy, got in and started to drive off when he fell dead.

Doe was found at his home, his hands badly cut up and suffering from loss of blood. He offered no resistance to arrest and the bloodhound was not used. Note: Since writing the above we have been informed that the real name of the man called Doe was Williams. He was known by both names however.

### EXCITING RUNAWAY

The horse of Mr. C. W. Stevens, driven by Mr. Roland Garrett, became frightened yesterday by the breaking of the girth and dashing round the corner of Road street, ran into the delivery wagon of Mr. Mac Morrisette. So violent was the impact of the collision that Mr. Stevens' horse was thrown beneath the wagon and striking his head on the brick street fractured his skull. Mr. Garrett was thrown from the buggy, but not seriously hurt.

The Ladies Parsonage Society had an ice-cream supper at the residence of Mrs. Pat Williams, Pennsylvania Avenue Tuesday night for the benefit of City Road church.

Mrs. Sarah Dallas Newbern of Powells Point was in town Tuesday. Mr. C. D. Watson returned home from Norfolk Tuesday.

## VETERANS MEET NEXT WEEK

**CORNERSTONE OF CONFEDERATE MONUMENT TO BE LAID WITH APPROPRIATE EXERCISES—SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE OCCASION A BIG DINNER AND A SPEECH BY EDITOR PEELE**

Wednesday of next week will be Confederate Day at Currituck C. H. when Mr. H. M. Shaw camp of the Confederate Veterans hold their annual reunion and when the cornerstone of the monument to the Confederate soldiers of Currituck County will be laid.

The D. H. Hill Chapter U. D. C. has received a special invitation to be present and doubtless other chapters outside of Currituck County will be represented.

A big basket picnic will be held on the grounds during the day and this feature will bring great crowds from all parts of Currituck County.

The day is not to pass, however, in a tiresome wait for dinner and with an eventless afternoon. A special program for the occasion is being prepared, and Major J. B. Lee assures the public that no effort will be spared to make the occasion as enjoyable as historic. There will be music, there will be appropriate exercises, and there will be an address by Mr. Herbert Peele of this city.

Of course the event of the day is the laying of the monument cornerstone. Under the leadership of J. B. Lee, Currituck has been working long toward the erection of this monument and there is a general feeling of pride in that it is about to be erected. The contract for the work has been let, the monument is to cost \$1,650, and will stand on the court house grounds, the site having been donated by the county.

Major Lee urges especially, through the columns of the Advance, the D. H. Hill chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy to be present.

### REV. JOHN D. HUFHAM FOR JUDGE CLARK

At conclusion of Judge Clark's Speech, the Best Beloved Baptist Minister in North Carolina Endorses Him for the Senate

Creedmore, N. C., Saturday night, Judge Walter Clark spoke at Creedmore, Granville County in advocacy of his nomination for the United States Senate. He made many votes by his speech. At the conclusion of his speech, Rev. J. D. Hufman, the best beloved Baptist Minister in North Carolina, often called the Baptist Bishop, arose and told the audience that until then he had not decided as to his choice for the United States Senatorship, that he had loved Aycock that he had taught Kitchin in his Sunday School, that he was one of the first men twelve years ago to nominate Simmons but that after hearing Judge Clark's speech, he would give his vote and support in this senatorial contest to his courage and friend, Walter Clark.

At noon Saturday, Judge Clark spoke to a large crowd in Oxford and his friends feel confident of carrying a large vote in that county.

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## FIREMEN WILL HOLD CARNIVAL

**LOCAL FIREMEN HAVE SECURED THE JOHNNY J. JONES SHOWS WHICH PROMISE ATTRACTIVE OF MUCH HIGHER ORDER THAN THOSE OF THE ORDINARY CARNIVAL.**

Next week is firemen's carnival week and from all reports it will be an unusually merry one.

The carnival will be held for one week, beginning Monday, Sept. 16th, and will be probably the largest affair ever undertaken by the local firemen.

From press reports the Johnny J. Jones Shows are attractions of an unusual high order. The carnival people promise that there will be something doing every minute, and representatives of the firemen feel sure that these shows will be worthy the attention of all the amusement lovers of Elizabeth City.

The attraction offered will be unusually varied. The carnival management states that among these will be minstrel, vaudeville, acrobatic and animal shows, all of which will be of the very highest class. Trained fleas, lady divers, glass blowers, the "largest girl on earth, weighing six hundred and ninety-seven pounds," "The smallest horse in the world," and a free high dive,—all these the carnival management says, may be seen daily by the carnival goers.

The management states also that there will be daily balloon ascensions with from one to six separate parachute drops, that the "Italian Band" will furnish music and give besides a daily street concert, and that a monster Ferris wheel will be among the attractions.

With the firemen back and hoping to make money through these attractions, this carnival deserves the liberal support of all who feel the lure of band music and the fascination of the white topped tents.

## SHOT AT CAT AND HIT BABY

**M. JOSEPH WEST OF COLUMBIA SHOTS BALL WHICH GLANCING STRIKES INFANT CHILD IN HEAD — BABY HURRIED TO HOSPITAL AND EXPECTED TO RECOVER.**

Columbia, N. C., Sept. 12. — While trying to kill a run mad cat here last Friday at about half past ten o'clock Mr. Joseph West accidentally seriously wounded the one year old baby of Mr. T. H. Woodley of this city, the ball striking the child in the back of the head.

The cat was under the house of Mr. West. Mr. Woodley had been trying to kill it, and seeing Mr. West on the street, called him in to shoot it. The bullet which Mr. West aimed at that cat glanced from the timbers of the house and struck the infant to the horror of both men.

Dr. Spruill was immediately summoned, and after making a speedy examination took the child with its mother and father, who were accompanied by Miss Mayo Spruill, a sister of Mrs. Woodley to Norfolk where the baby was placed in a hospital.

Mr. Woodley returned home Sunday, and states that the physicians think that the child will recover.

## CIRCUS DAY COMES AGAIN IN THE OLD BETSEY TOWN

**The Sun Brothers Shows to appear on Sept 26th, Advance will give free Tickets**

**EVERY ARRANGEMENT MADE TO HAVE THE SUN BROTHERS SHOW VISIT ELIZABETH CITY THIS YEAR AND BIG CROWDS MAY BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FIRST CIRCUS OF THE SEASON**

## WILL SPEAK FOR CLARK

**"HOT STUFF" WARD TO SPEAK FOR JUDGE CLARK IN THE COURT HOUSE ON NEXT MONDAY, SEPT. 16th. CHIEF JUSTICE'S STRENGTH GROWING EVERY DAY.**

Hon. Hallett S. Ward will speak at the court house in this city on next Monday in support of the candidacy of Chief Justice Walter Clark for the United States Senate.

There is no more popular orator in eastern North Carolina than Mr. Ward and many will go out to hear him on this occasion for the pleasure of seeing this redoubtable debater in action.

The fact that this is the first speech of the campaign delivered here for Judge Clark will also doubtless cause many to take an unusual interest in this speaking, especially in view of the recent and rapid growth of sentiment for North Carolina's great Chief Justice in this section.

The increasing bitterness of the battle between Kitchin and Simmons is causing more than one former supporter of the governor and of Senator Simmons to turn to Judge Clark as a worthy leader in this crisis. The speeches of Governor Kitchin's supporters are probably winning more votes for Clark than they are for Kitchin, while those in favor of Senator Simmons seem but to show the public more plainly more plainly than ever that he is not able to defend his record in the senate and that his sole appeal to the voters to-day is made on the ground of his present grip on the pork barrel, and of what he said to have done for the State more than a dozen years ago.

Taking all these things into consideration, a good crowd may be expected in the court house on next Friday night.

### STRUCK SULPHUR VEIN

In driving a pump on his farm in the Tadmore section this week, Mr. Fel. Granger struck water about twenty feet below the surface in which, when it was pumped to the surface, was found a considerable quantity of free sulphur. To be sure that he was not mistaken as to the nature of the substance, Mr. Granger burned some of it, getting the unmistakable odor of burning sulphur. Whether the sulphur supply would have proved permanent is not known as Mr. Granger drove his pump deeper and got pure water.

### MRS. JENNIE PRITCHARD DEAD

Mrs. Jennie Pritchard, wife of the late Simeon Pritchard, died at the home of her Brother-in-law, Daniel Jennings, Sunday night. The remains were interred at Fork's School House burying ground Monday. Mrs. Pritchard was a most estimable woman and will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

Horse For Sale—One good all-round Farm Horse, will work in any harness and is perfectly gentle, weight 950 pounds. Apply to W. O. Winslow, 13 Fleetwood street. sep 13 1 t.