

## RECORD BREAKING CROWDS ATTEND INAUGURATION OF LOCKE CRAIG

### In Gala Dress Raleigh Welcomes New Governor And Thousands Shout Their Glad Acclaim at His Inauguration

Raleigh, N. C., January, 15.—Locke Craig's inauguration as governor was the occasion today for the coming into Raleigh of the biggest crowd that has ever attended a governor's inauguration in The Old North State. This is the general verdict of men who have been present at the inauguration of every governor since Vance and this is the report that appeared in this afternoon's papers. It is estimated that fully 20,000 guests were in Raleigh to-day and judging from the throngs that lined the streets the writer believes the estimate not far wide of the mark.

Up to to-day, the biggest crowd that ever came to Raleigh to attend an inauguration was that which poured into the city in 1877, when Vance was governor or elect. Then it was the immense popularity of Vance and the fact that the people wished to celebrate the overthrow of Negro misrule that brought the record-breaking crowds. To-day it was the fine weather, the fact that Raleigh now has a big auditorium and that the people wished to do honor to the man whom with one consent the people named this year as their choice for chief executive. It is a singular coincidence that both Vance and Craig came to Raleigh from Asheville. Craig is the first mountain governor that the state has had in many years, and western people were in Raleigh in great number.

It was at 12:20 that the military companies formed on Salisbury street and swinging around Davie into Fayetteville came to a halt in front of the Yarborough house. There the inaugural party in carriages and automobiles fell in the parade and the whole procession marched up Fayetteville to Blount St. returning to the auditorium at 12:30. Among the officials and notable democrats in the inaugural party were E. F. Aydtlett of Elizabeth City and Senator Woodley of the first senatorial district.

Raleigh's big auditorium was crowded to its capacity, probably six thousand people witnessing the ceremonies. Governor Craig's inaugural address was listened to with close attention and made an excellent impression. After speaking of the dangers of special privilege, of the necessity of the protection of the weak and poor, of his determination to see that justice be done North Carolina in the matter of freight rates, of the need of encouraging industries and especially agriculture, and then discussing education, child labor and making a specially strong argument for good roads, Governor Craig concluded his address as follows: "I will strive to prefer upright-ness to the approval of the mighty or to the applause of the multitude. My ambition is to perform this, my task with fidelity and courage; I pray for that wisdom and strength vouchsafed to him who is steadfast in the resolve to do right."

On this day, I dedicate myself to the service of all the people; and for them I do promise to administer this office constant in the obligation to do exact justice to every man without regard to race or politics, to class or condition; sealed with the oath that I have taken, this with them is my covenant.

And may the Almighty Hand be upon this, His state, to order it and to uphold it with judgment and with righteousness henceforth even forever.

### COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS HOLD MEETING

The County Superintendents of Public Instructions of North Eastern North Carolina have a semi-annual session here this week, the association convening in the Court House Tuesday night and being in session all day Wednesday.

Ex-judge, J. B. Leigh delivered the address of welcome and Prof Ragsdale made the response.

The meeting was largely attended by the county superintendents who took a great deal of interest in the various topics discussed. A special feature of this session was the meeting of the teachers and school committeemen with the association for the purpose of hearing the discussions.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Manteo, N. C. in August. A still larger attendance of county superintendents and educators are expected for this meeting.

### A NEW WHOLESALE GROCERY

Messrs E. T. Burgess and Edwin Aydtlett Jr., have formed a partnership to conduct a wholesale grocery business in Elizabeth City.

Their store is located at the corner of Matthews and Water streets. They are now installing a full line of staple and fancy groceries, and are ready to handle the business of any retail merchants.

Mr. E. T. Burgess was formerly known with Aydtlett Bros and Company. He is prominent in the business circles of the town. Mr. Aydtlett is the son of Hon. E. F. Aydtlett of this city. Both Mr. Burgess and Mr. Aydtlett are progressive young business men and they will go after business in a way that will insure their getting a full patronage.

### STOLE CLOTHES WHILE OWNER SLEPT

Ellis Figgins, possessed of his namesake's proclivities, was arrested Tuesday night by the police upon the charge of stealing a suit of clothes from a white man named Tom Outlaw. Outlaw was asleep in a cabin of the tug, Branning, and Figgins stole his clothes while he slept.

The police have pretty strong evidence against him, as he had the suit of clothes on when he was arrested.

### DR. FEARING RE-ELECTED

At a meeting of the county board of health on Monday, of this week, Dr. Zenas Fearing was re-elected superintendent of the public board of health and quarantine officer for Pasquotank county. This re-election meets with general approval, Dr. Fearing having made an excellent health officer.

Company "B" of the Epworth League of City Road Methodist Church will have charge of the skating rink, on Tuesday night.

### AT THE ALKRAMA



The Newlyweds and their Baby, which will be seen here at the Alkrama Theatre one night only, Wednesday, January 22nd teems with catchy songs and dances, in fact, there is not another musical play on the road that can lay claim to as many brilliant song hits. Prominent among the many are, "Can't you see I Love You," "Switzer Bride," "Jig Along Mr. Jigger," "Every Bay is a Sweet Boquet," "Love Time," "Girls who Want to go Upon the Stage," "Mam'selle Fifi," "Boogie Boo," and in all there are sixteen of them all brightly interpolated, this show has been guaranteed by the managers of the Alkrama, and promises to be the society event of the season.

### MR. AND MRS. J. W. POOL ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pool entertained last night at their home on Main Street, in honor of Mr. Pool's birthday.

A very choice program of instrumental and vocal music was rendered and a delightful dinner consisting of several courses was served.

The guests were, Mr. George R. Bright and the entire clerical force of Fowler and company, Messrs. Z. Fearing, N. W. Daily, J. D. Fulmer, J. C. Bembury, L. E. Nance, R. H. Commander, C. W. Collins, M. L. Britt, G. R. Barrow, John Whaley, Frank Reichle and Irving Forbes, Misses Mattie Banks, Mae Wilson, Allie Williams, Minnie Pappendick, Ella Whalley, Kate Wood, Edna Sanders, Lucy Gregory, Mrs. Clyde Seymour, and Captain W. E. Perry of South Mills, a special friend of Mr. Pool was a visitor.

These birthday dinners are given annually by Mr. and Mrs. Pool and they are eagerly looked forward to each year by the clerical force of the establishment with which Mr. Pool has been connected so many years.

### OLD TIME SPELLING BEE AT CITY ROAD CHURCH

The Idies of City Road Methodist Church will have an old time spelling bee to-night in the annex. The old blue back speller will be used and the old time speller of school days long ago will participate.

All the old "Blue Backs" have been hunted up and the fathers and mothers have "rubbed up" a little on spelling, and to-night they are going to astonish the younger set by spelling correctly the longest words, in fact words of such length as the children have never heard of. This is going to be some spelling match and the public is cordially invited to come out and learn a thing or two.

### POWATAN OPERA

The Opera Powatan, was presented to a full house Tuesday evening. The play had been well advertised and the audience knew there was a treat in store for them, but the performance went far ahead of their expectations. Elizabeth City's cause to feel proud of her sons and daughters. The audience was transported to the forest primeval and saw the Indians on the native hunting grounds, the stealthy movements, the Sinoous dance, the war whoop, the peering behind bush and tree, the lovely Indian maidens, graceful as the fawns, the bright colors and sparkling beads formed a most brilliant panorama.

The children's part in the performance made a scene of fairy-like beauty. There was nothing lovelier in the play than the lullaby, the Indian mother bending over the two tiny paposes fast asleep on an Indian blanket, while the host of children stood around and joined with sweet voices, graceful waving motions in the lullaby.

Pocahontas and Laughing Water charmed the audience with their graceful and spirited acting and beautiful voices.

Powhatan was truly a majestic figure and looked and acted the part.

Mr. Baker gave a very original and entertaining rendering of Capt. John Smith, Capt. Ralf, the gallant and cavalier, wood Pocahontas in the good old fashioned style which is the same in every language.

Indeed every one took his or her part as well as it could be done.

Mr. Baker deserves much credit for the success of the play as he trained and directed it.

### PROGRAM

Gen. R. E. Lee Memorial Services

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Morning, January 19th.  
Organ Prelude  
Music  
Invocation  
Music  
Prayer  
Announcements  
Offertory  
Music  
Introductory Address... Col. I. M. Meekins  
Address—The Character of R. E. Lee. Rev. C.S. Blackwell D.D.  
Music  
Benediction

### REV. W. R. HAIGHT TO GO TO BELHAVEN

Rev. W. R. Haight has resigned the pastorate of Berea Salem, Riverside and Ramoth Gilead Baptist Churches and will move to Belhaven on the 1st of March to enter upon the pastorate of the Belhaven Baptist Church. He will also serve Pantego and Creswell Baptist Churches.

Mr. Haight is a splendid preacher and has been a very successful pastor. He has made himself very popular with the people during his five years residence in Elizabeth City, and the people regret to see him and his family leave the city.

Will Holmes of Middleton, Connecticut, is in the city the guest of J. F. Williams on Fearing street.

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Elizabeth City, N. C.  
MRS. CHARLOTTE MARTIN

## SHOULD GRADED SCHOOL TRUSTEES BE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE

### Alderman Forced This Issue Last Monday Night—Present Board Not Strictly Speaking Self Perpetuating

### IS TESTING METERS

Mr. Wm. F. Gallant of the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company is now with the Elizabeth City Electric Light and Power Company, testing and recalibrating all meters manufactured by his company, and putting his signed approval of absolute accuracy on each. These meters go out to the customers of the Lighting company with an established accuracy as complete and as true as the yard stick, pound weight or the quart measure.

It is the Lighting company's desire and intention at all times to see to it that its meters give as nearly an absolutely accurate registration of the current used through them as is possible, and is at all times willing to establish the accuracy of its meters by comparison with delicate calibrated test meter.

A satisfied customer is worth more to a lighting company or to any other company, than a dozen dissatisfied ones; hence it is the main object to satisfy the customer that he is getting a square deal and is paying for just what he receives and no more.

As soon as Mr. Gallant has completed his work, the G. E. Company will also send an expert meter man to test and recalibrate all meters of its manufacture.

The Westinghouse meter and the G. E. meter being the premier meters for the measuring of electric current are the only meters used by the Elizabeth City Electric Light and Power Company; hence their stamp of approval as to the accuracy of the measuring instrument of a lighting company, that lighting company can well look its customers full in the face when it presents its bills for current used.

R. E. LEWIS

### WANTED JUDGE TO HELP HIM GET HIS LIQUOR

Judge Turner is having all kinds of experiences in performing the duties of his office of judge of the county court.

Wednesday night, while he was wrapt in peaceful slumber, dreaming that the world was at peace and there was no legislation, an insistent visitor knocked at his door and widely awakened him from his sleep.

This complainant had a great grievance and he wanted a warrant at once. Judge Turner has tried dressed, replenished the fire and invited his visitor in.

The visitor began to tell of his grievance and the judge soon learned that the complainant had had given a negro fifty cents, with which to purchase liquor for him; the negro had gone off with the money and had failed to return. He wanted a warrant for the negro to compel him to furnish the liquor or to refund the money.

The judge's indignation can be easily imagined, and it is safe to bet that the visitor left next haste, while the judge unburdened his mind in pretty strong terms.

This is not the only instant of the judge's troubles. When the marital infidelities of the colored population, regret the climax of a conjugal battle, the combatant member seeks the judge at all hours of the night for warrants for offending spouses.

The board of aldermen last Monday night of this week for the purpose of taking under consideration, the recommendations of the charter committee appointed last month and which made its first report last week. The committee had gone carefully over the charter since the last meeting of the board and had their recommendations in definite form. Except for this the recommendations were practically the same as those offered last Monday night.

The board adopted the recommendation of the committee with the exception of the matter of itemizing the published report of the finance committee. It was decided that this report should be published in compliance with law but not in itemized form.

City Attorney, W. L. Cohoon was directed to draw up amendments proposed and also to frame a bill authorizing a \$200,000.00 bond issue for the purpose of acquiring an electric light, sewerage and water-works system. The amendments and the bill are to be brought up in this session of the legislature.

Not all the recommendations of the committee were unanimously adopted, aldermen Sawyer and Nash voting against the proposition to make the chief of police subject to election by the board of aldermen instead of by the people.

When all the recommendations of the committee had been passed upon, alderman Love made a motion that the Elizabeth City Graded School trustees should be elected by the people instead of by the trustees and board of aldermen as heretofore. The motion was passed without a dissenting vote, Mr. Sawyer giving as his reason for not voting the fact that he himself was on the present board.

Those opposing the change contend that this step would put the graded school in politics and would bring about the election of inefficient trustees. It is pointed out that the board is not self perpetuating as charged but that the aldermen representing the people, share with the trustees the right of making nominations for filling the places of members whose term has expired and of voting for or against all nominees. The matter will doubtless be the occasion for considerable discussion and will arouse great interest.

### HAVE FORMED PARTNER-SHIP

A new legal firm in Elizabeth City that will doubtless win a large practice in this section is that of Ehringhaus and Small just announced this week.

Those composing the new firm are Messrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus and W. L. Small. Mr. Ehringhaus has been solicitor of the first judicial district for the past two years and holds perhaps the first place among younger attorneys of the city. Genial and approachable in manner, he is also generally popular.

Mr. Small is a native of this county and comes to Elizabeth City from Columbia University, where he has just graduated from the school. He has many friends in this section.

Miss Serena Williams is spending some time in Portsmouth visiting friends.