

ELIZABETH CITY AND PORTSMOUTH TO BE CONNECTED BY RAILWAY

Present Legislature will be Asked to Grant Charter for Such Road

It is altogether possible that at some time in the very near future work will begin upon the road bed of a railway connecting Elizabeth City and Portsmouth.

Whether this means that the new road will be a trolley line seems yet an open question. But there is no doubt that plans looking toward the railway are on foot.

In this issue of the Advance, on another page, signed by the attorney for the promoters of the scheme, will be found the following notice:

Pursuant to Section 4418 of the revised 1908, notice is hereby given that application will be made to the present session of the General Assembly of North Carolina, 1913 for a charter to build, maintain and operate a railroad to be operated by steam electricity or other motive power from Elizabeth City, N. C., by way of South Mills, N. C., to Portsmouth, Virginia, said charter to embrace the usual rights and privileges granted to railroads.

Lake Drummond Canal. This movement is the result of this agitation. The proposed opening of Albemarle and Chesapeake as a free water route has led to the movement, and it may have been given its recent short-sighted and arbitrary action of the Norfolk Southern in changing its schedule.

Further details in regard to the movement are not yet made public, but readers of the Advance may look for further announcements later.

CROPSEY A SUICIDE

News reached here yesterday, that William Cropsey, Jr., brother of Nellie Cropsey, for whose death Jim Wilcox is serving his sentence in the penitentiary, committed suicide Wednesday night at his home in Berkeley by drinking carbolic acid.

Adversities because of being thrown out of employment because of strong drink and being pressed by his creditors was the reason assigned by his wife for the rash act. Mrs. Cropsey is the daughter of Mr. A. C. Stokes of this city. Cropsey drank the acid in the presence of his wife who rushed screaming from the house to find a physician, but life was extinct when medical aid reached the unfortunate man.

A paper throwing some light on the nature of Cropsey's troubles was a note for fifty dollars filled out on the blank of one of the Norfolk banks, and his wife said that he had attempted to get it discounted.

Cropsey was employed with the Norfolk Southern Railroad as a calling clerk until two months ago when he lost out. A few days ago he got another job with the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

This refers, of course, to Leigh Sheep's ad on page eight of this issue. If you are a bachelor, don't read it.

MANY CASES IN COURT

Almost all last week was spent by the Superior Court in trying the case of C. P. Weston and others against the John L. Roper Lumber Company. There was a large number of lawyers representing both sides of the case and a large number of witnesses. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

Cases in court this week are as follows:

E. S. Gaskins vs. Foreman-Blades Lumber Company, verdict in favor of the defendants, plaintiff failed to recover.

Board of Elizabeth City Graded Schools vs. R. L. Hinton, et als, continued.

Liquid Carbonic Company vs. W. T. Dean & Co., verdict in favor of the defendant, Recovered \$200 on price of Soda fountain.

D. B. Woodley of Creswell, suing to recover \$500, Received judgment for \$200.

E. W. Hinton and W. E. Hinton vs. Mrs. J. H. Piles, Plaintiff was awarded rights to property.

Berner Abel Company vs. J. W. Ballance, verdict for defendant, by which he recovers.

L. Hoster Brewing Company vs. C. C. Snipes, verdict for defendant, plaintiffs failed to recover.

A PROSPEROUS BANK

Gatesville, N. C., Jan., 28th.—The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Bank of Gates was held recently in that institution's banking rooms when ninety-nine of the one hundred shares were represented.

The officers' reports showed that 1912 had been the best in the bank's history. The net profits for the year were 35 per cent. Six per cent was voted as a dividend to the stockholders while the balance was left to the Undivided Profits account. The bank, which has \$10,000.00 Capital, has now \$14,000.00 undivided profits and assets of about \$200,000.00.

All the old officers were re-elected and for the next twelve months the following gentlemen will be at the head of Gates County's oldest banking institution: L. L. Smith, president; W. T. Cross, vice-president; Robert R. Taylor, cashier; R. M. Riddick, Jr., and Lycurgus Hoffer, assistant cashiers. The directors are John J. Gatling, R. M. Riddick, L. W. Parker, Lycurgus Hoffer, H. C. Williams, W. T. Cross, L. L. Smith, T. A. Eure, Robert R. Taylor, A. P. Goodwin, and Nathan Riddick, Jr.

G. C. BOSWOOD, Sr., DEAD

Mr. G. C. Boswood Sr., of Gregory, N. C., died at his home last Saturday morning. He was 81 years old and is survived by two children, Mr. J. H. Boswood of Gregory, N. C., and Mrs. M. J. Seymour of Riddle, N. C. There are also a number of grand children. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

A physic is a mighty poor substitute for exercise and temperance.

TURNER JOLTS GUN TOTERS

Things have taken a turn in police court circles within the past thirty or sixty days.

Time has been when the ordinary penalty for carrying a pistol was a fine of five dollars and costs. Those disposed to be careless about the handling of weapons were handed a severe jolt last Monday morning when Henry McCleese, a negro was given 12 months on the roads for carrying concealed weapons. McCleese, it is said, was drunk and wanted to shoot the "spirits" that were tormenting him when he was arrested.

Judge Turner evidently intends to create a greater respect for law among habitual law breakers in Elizabeth City.

Will Rodgers, another negro, got six months on the road for resisting an officer and another offender was given a severe penalty for using vulgar and profane language to a woman on the street.

The police are working in harmony with Judge Turner for better enforcement of the law in Elizabeth City. They have picked up several old offenders lately who in some way, or other have heretofore been able to escape arrest.

Nelson Whitehurst was quietly nabbed by the police Sunday night. Somebody broke in the City Drug Store last Saturday night and robbed the cash drawer of a small amount of change. Several other places were entered also.

Mr. J. W. Whitehurst, the owner of the burglary with his brother Sunday morning and the animal took the trail straight to Whitehurst's house and dashed up to his bed room. He had "left home", however, at that time, so the police maintained a watch on the house and Whitehurst was arrested upon his return.

It is said that there are witnesses who will testify to having seen him prowling with two other negroes, around the City Drug Store at a late hour Saturday night.

Whitehurst has been bound over to the next term of Superior court and is in jail awaiting trial.

Will Irvin a notorious law-breaker, who seems never to have had to answer for various offenses is also in jail with several charges against him. Things are not expected to go easy with him before Judge Turner.

MISS YOUNG HERE

Miss Florence Young, well known in Elizabeth City through her work for the North Carolina Florence Crittenton Home at Charlotte, is in the city today. She bespeaks from the townspeople the liberal response that Elizabeth City has always given her efforts here.

Miss Ruth White, the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. White, has been sick this week at her home on Main street with appendicitis. It was thought at first that an operation might be necessary, but she is recovering rapidly. Her brother, Buxton White, was operated on for appendicitis at the Elizabeth Buxton Hospital in Newport News a few weeks ago. He is at home now, but expects soon to take up his work again at the A. & M. College, where he is a student.

Keir Hardie, the socialist, says that even in the time of Eden, men hid behind women's skirts. The can't do it now.

BOYS FIND GOOD LIQUOR

Report of a find on Roanoke Island that many would doubtless consider ample reward for all the excavations that have been made on that historic isle reached Elizabeth City last week.

Two Meekins brothers, boys about fourteen or fifteen years old, the sons of Mr. P. L. Meekins, who lives on the "North end" of Roanoke Island about two miles from Manteo, unearthed a case of old brandy that has been buried in the sands of the island's shore for fifty years or more.

Indeed there are, it is said, Roanoke Islanders who claim that this "find" was concealed by John White's Colonists when they abandoned fort Raleigh. More probably, however, it was hidden by the Yankee soldiers when the Federals held fort Huger. Mr. Meekins sets a high price upon this liquor, at any rate, valuing it at fifty dollars a bottle. As there were twelve bottles, this would make his find worth six hundred dollars.

The brandy was found by the two boys as they were strolling along the shore line in the neighborhood of old fort Raleigh and within fifty yards of fort Huger.

They saw some bottles sticking up out of the water, and having their curiosity aroused, they made an investigation. They discovered that there were three rows of bottles, four bottles in a row, securely embedded in the clay of the shore line. The bottles were removed and the boys sampled the contents of one to find what was in it and found it was palatable. They drank too much and it was to their heads. They summoned their father and Mr. Meekins Sr., immediately recognized the value of the "find".

The bottles were in perfect condition and were securely corked, the top of the stoppers having rotted away and the mouths of the bottles had been filled with sand which had cemented over.

PROGRAM MINISTERIAL UNION

Jan., 6th, How will our ministerial Union Strengthen the Churches represented.

Rev. I. N. Loftin

Jan., 20th, Do We Need an associated charities?

Rev. J. H. Buffalo

Feb., 3rd, What can the Church do towards the enforcement of the Prohibition Law?

Rev. E. F. Sawyer

Feb., 17th, Do we need a Revival?

J. L. Plyler

Mar., 3rd, Social Services

Rev. L. T. Reid

Mar., 17th, Book Review

Respectfully Submitted

JAMES B. BLACK

W. R. HAIGHT

MRS MEEKINS GIVES RECITAL

This evening, Jan., 31st, Mrs. I. M. Meekins will give a recital; with her music class, at her home on West Main street. Each pupil has the privilege of inviting three guests.

An evening of rare enjoyment is in store for the music lovers who attend the recital.

"FRECKLES" AT ALKRAMA

Theatre goers will welcome the announcement that a dramatization of the popular nature story "Freckles" by Gene Stratton Porter, will be presented at the Alkrama on February, 18th. More extended notice will be given next week.

F. M. GRICE NOMINATED TO TAKE PLACE OF W.H. KEATON

Big Surprise Sprung on Elizabeth City Citizens Last Wednesday

The following communication from Washington appeared in the daily papers of Wednesday:

Washington, D.C., Jan., 28.—President Taft today sent to the Senate the following nominations for postmasterships:

Channing M. Goode, College Park, Va., John C. Tucker, National Soldiers Home, Va., John S. Bateman, Crozet, Va., Florence Rambo, Damascus, Va., William F. Kennedy, Kenbridge, Va., James H. Hurt, Wytheville, Va., Frank M. Grice, Elizabeth City, N. C., John F. Dobson, Goldsboro, N. C.

Mr. Grice nominated for postmaster at Elizabeth City the day after the withdrawal of the nomination of William H. Keaton, is said to be a Democrat, though endorsed by influential Republicans, including National Committeeman, Alvah H. Martin of Virginia.

The Democrats in the Senate are still holding out against the confirmation of any of the Taft civil nominations, and it is not considered likely that the deadlock would be broken for an individual case like that in Elizabeth City.

Several candidates are in the field for appointment as postmaster there by President Wilson, among them E. F. Lamb and E. M. Baxter.

The news of the long record of the Senate in the past, today, was taken up largely by the telling of anecdotes and the discussion of abstract issues by the Democrats, among them Senator Swans of Virginia, who is said to have discussed at length the resolution to limit Presidents to one term.

This announcement created somewhat of a sensation in political circles and among the public generally last Wednesday. There was a rumor soon after the election that an attempt would be made, on the part of friends of Mr. Grice to have President Taft nominate him for the position. It seems that Republicans have been busy in his behalf and have secured the withdrawal of Mr. Keaton's nomination. Whether this was with Mr. Keaton's consent there is no definite information, Mr. Keaton emphatically declaring that he has nothing to say in regard to the matter.

Approached by an Advance reporter, Mr. Grice stated that he had hopes that his nomination would be confirmed. He laughingly referred to the tone of the Washington communication relative to his Democracy, and said that he supposed his record an effective answer there to.

The other candidates for the office, however, are not the less hopeful of success. It is pointed out that for the Democrats to confirm Mr. Grice's appointment would virtually compel the same action with reference to all Taft appointments—a remote possibility.

Other candidates for the postmastership are Col. E. F. Lamb, Dr. A. L. Pendleton, and Mr. B. B. Baxter. Mr. Lamb was especially optimistic yesterday, saying that he thought he had excellent grounds for believing that he would receive the appointment.

LONG PARTED BROTHERS MEET

Mr. George Smithson, a native of Pasquotank, but now of Rocky Mount, had the pleasure of greeting a few days ago a brother from whom he has been separated for fifty-three years and whom he had not seen since boyhood.

This fairy tale of fact runs on this wise. In 1859, Mr. Smithson, still no more than a boy left his early home in Pasquotank and cast his fortune with Carteret county. This was in 1859. When the war broke out two years later, Mr. Smithson answered the call for volunteers and for the four years of the conflict battled for the fortunes of the Confederacy.

At the home of Mr. Smithson's early childhood was left a younger brother, L. W. Smithson, who upon the close of the war sought fortune in the west. This brother, Mr. George Smithson had not seen since leaving Pasquotank county in 1859 until a few days ago. Long separated they had lost trace of each other.

But the two brothers have a sister in Edenton, to whose home Mr. L. W. Smithson recently came from the west on a visit. A letter to Mr. George Smithson advised him of his brother's whereabouts and led the way to the meeting at Rocky Mount where the meeting which was the first since either had had of the other's face in over half a century.

LADY MINSTRELS TUESDAY NIGHT

The Following Young Ladies will Take Part in the Lady Minstrels Next Tuesday Night.

Miss Emma Cobb, Interlocutor Miss Minnie Leary, Miss Mary Gilbert, Mrs. Zeal Fearing, Mrs. Frank Jacobs, Miss Carrie Pappendick, Mrs. Wilson Hollowell Mrs. Eugene Cook, Mrs. Herbert Parks, Mrs. L. Skinner, Mrs. Will Twiddy, Mrs. Will Duff, Miss Louise Markham, Mrs. W. H. Zoeller, Miss Gladis Kramer, Miss Goldie Kramer, Mrs. Wayland Hayes, Mrs. D. A. Morgan.

Those in the bridal chorus are as follows:— Miss Annie Lee Cohoon, Bride; Miss Bessie Cohoon, and Miss Julia Wood, Attendants; Miss Helen Aydlett, Miss Nellie Etheridge, Almeda Carr, Elizabeth Derickson, Margaret Griggs, Maude Palmer.

The gentlemen that are assisting are as follows:— Mr. Phil Sawyer, John Harney, L. E. Skinner, Herbert Parks, Jim Newbold, Hon. Burtus Herbert Peele, Bertran Culpepper, Eugene Cook, Jim Fearing, and Rev. Elbert Spence.

Miss Byrd Kramer, one of the finest musicians in the state has charge of all the music.

General Admission, 25 and 35 cents.

Reserved seats 50 cents now on sale at Selig's.

Don't forget the date, Tuesday night, Feb. 4th at the High School Auditorium.