

## ALL CITY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED BY A DIRECT VOTE OF THE PEOPLE

This Measure Agreed Upon Last Monday Night and Harmony Prevailed after a Stormy Session

Elizabeth City seems in a fair way to stand at its next primary as a city with the most purely democratic government of any town of its size in the state.

All signs at present indicate that when the next primary is held every city officer will be elected by the people, including even the city's three policemen and their chief; under which regime of course, any board of aldermen must stand for election with no patronage to dispense.

This outlook comes as a result of a motion, introduced by M. N. Sawyer at the board's regular meeting last Monday night and passed, after a hot debate, with no voice raised in audible dissent.

Mr. Sawyer has been advocating this measure for some time and put it squarely up to the board at its last meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nash, who stated that he wanted to get it before the board for discussion.

Mr. Sawyer's motion, as passed and recorded by the clerk, reads as follows: All officers of the city, including three policemen other than the chief of police, shall be elected by a vote of the people.

The motion was the occasion of considerable discussion. The "Citizens Committee", reporting to the board a few weeks ago had recommended that the chief of police be elected by the board of aldermen, and the report had been adopted. Mr. Sawyer dissenting. It was apparent that the board was willing to meet Mr. Sawyer, to the extent of allowing the method of electing the chief of police to remain as it now is; but there was considerable hesitation about going to the full length of his motion.

Mayor Flora and one or two other members wavered. Mr. Robinson offered strenuous objection. Indications were that the motion would be defeated.

City attorney, W. L. Cohoon urged a compromise. He said that Elizabeth City was always before the legislature with a fight on its hands, and that the matter had come to be a joke at Raleigh. Mr. Sawyer declared himself fully persuaded that the plan would fail unless his motion was carried. He intimated, however, that if his motion were allowed to pass he would offer no opposition to the incorporation in the city charter of the other recommendations of the charter committee. This meant, of course, that Mr. Sawyer would not fight the bond issue for the acquiring of an electric light, water and sewerage system by the city. Upon this statement, Mr. Robinson said that he would vote for Mr. Sawyer's motion on those terms. The motion was passed without further discussion.

After the transaction of routine business the board adjourned. The matter is now ready for action by the legislature. It seems that Elizabeth City will have in the not distant future its own water, sewerage and lighting systems.

### MASQUERADE TO-NIGHT

The Philathea class of Blackwell Memorial church will give a masquerade party at the home of Miss Lucy Burgess on Cypress street, to-night. An interesting program has been prepared.

## KEATON STILL HOLDS JOB

Little Likelihood that F. M. Grice's appointment will be Confirmed

Elizabeth City may not be one of the biggest towns in the United States, but it's on the map just the same.

We are continually pulling off something down here which, if it has nothing else in its favor, certainly attracts general attention.

The attempt on the part of Mr. Frank Grice and his friends to secure through the recommendation of a Republican President a Democrat's appointment to the postmastership of Elizabeth City presents a combination of such unusual circumstances that the whole nation is sitting up to take notice and, incidentally, to find out where Elizabeth City is at.

But in spite of the attention attracted and the merriment provoked by this high handed attempt to wrest events out of their usual course, the probability of Mr. Grice's appointment being confirmed seem to grow less all the time. The Republican members of the Senate have been trying for more than a month to get the senate to confirm about 1300 of Taff's nominees. Democrats have refused to allow such confirmations to be made and one of the most spirited filibusters of years has been raging over this very point.

It is in the midst of this controversy that North Carolina comes forward with a man endorsed by many democrats of his town. He is recommended for appointment by the outgoing president. Immediately upon the recommendation, North Carolina Senators are flooded with wires and letters urging them to act favorably upon the appointment.

But the appointment of Mr. Grice, even if desired by the North Carolina Senators could hardly be confirmed. Should this action be taken it would open a flood gate that could not be shut until the North Carolina slate before the Senate could be cleaned up. Besides, Mr. Grice is at this disadvantage: Senator Simmons is under no obligations to him, and it is known that Congressman Small is not in favor of Grice, but will recommend another man when Wilson becomes President.

In order to land this job and to have a full term as postmaster, Mr. Grice must get the endorsement of Representative Small and Senator Simmons and the appointment from Wilson as well. His chances of landing the job, then, to express it mildly might be brighter.

Somehow the impression has got about that an intensely bitter fight for the nomination for the office to which Mr. Grice aspires is waging in Elizabeth City. As a matter of fact this is altogether untrue. Each candidate is working for the office quietly, and there has been no evidence of open hostility among them, and personal animosity in the fight seems entirely lacking.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Teachers' Association of Pasquotank county will meet in the Superintendent's office on the 8th of February at 10 o'clock A. M.

### AT BOSTON ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City will speak before the Middlesex Club in Boston, on Lincoln's birthday.

This Club is a famous political organization and has among its members many distinguished men of Massachusetts.

### CHARLES FOREST DEAD

Charles, the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forest of Norfolk died in Norfolk last Tuesday night at the home of his parents. He was buried Thursday, the funeral service being conducted by Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell and Rev. Mr. Swope.

Charles was the grandson of Mrs. Vertie Moran of this city and was a manly and splendid boy.

### A CORRECTION

In making up page 3 of this issue the compositor lost two lines from the editorial, "Answering a Fool." This omission will be noted in the last paragraph in the first column on this page. This paragraph should read as follows:

"The ADVANCE knows, too, that the proposition to elect a chief of police by the people and the proposition to so elect a board of school trustees, are somewhat dissimilar. We had considered this dissimilarity and are disposed to believe that we had given the matter rather more thought etc."

### QUILTING PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Mann gave an old time quilting party and dinner at their home on Second street Wednesday in honor of their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mann.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Midgett, Mrs. Mary Hooper, Mrs. Lillian Daniels, Mrs. B. S. Armstrong, Mrs. A. O. Mann, Mrs. Cora Cox, Mrs. T. M. Walker, Mrs. E. D. Midgett, Mrs. Kate Mann, Mrs. S. Rogers, and Mrs. J. D. Midgett of Mann's Harbor.

### SCHOOL BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION MEETS

The regular monthly meeting of the local School Betterment Association meets at the school building this afternoon at three o'clock sharp. A special plan is on foot to make the meeting one of unusual interest. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

### PROMINENT ROPER CITIZEN DEAD

Mr. John Kessinger of Roper died at his home in that place yesterday morning. Mr. Kessinger held an important position with the Roper Lumber Company for many years; but was in the real estate business at the time of his death.

### AN INVITATION

A pressing invitation is extended to men (no age limit) to meet with the Brothers Convention Bible Class at Blackwell Memorial Sunday School. We are now studying the history of primitive man. Next Sunday, (February, 9th) the first topic will be, "The Flood ended" or a "New Start for the human race." Second topic, "The Rainbow Covenant or a pledge of Divine Sympathy." As Moses said to Hobab, "Come thou and go with us, and we will do thee good, or thou mayest be to us instead of eyes. A cordial welcome will be accorded to you, either as member of the class or as a visitor.

### THE BIBLE CLASS

### WANTS OFFICE IN ALASKA

Mr. Will Wood, a former resident of Elizabeth and the son of the late Dr. J. E. Wood, is a candidate for the office of U. S. Marshall, 3rd District, Alaska. His many friends wish him success. Mr. Wood has been in Alaska for several years.

After having spent several days here on business connected with the firm of Rucker & Sheeley Company, Messrs. W. E. Sheeley and J. E. Leland left Monday afternoon for their homes in Baltimore.

### FOR SALE

CORN FOR SALE—\$3.50 per bbl., at the barn. Apply to H. E. Ouley, Cherry Glade Farm, Okisko, N. C.

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See Sheen's ad on page five of this issue.

## PROMINENT E. CITY BUSINESS MAN STRUCK DOWN IN THE PRIME OF LIFE

Mr. Dennis M. Jones Succumbs to Attack of Acute Indigestion---Great Crowds at Funeral

Elizabeth City was shocked on Monday afternoon of this week by the news of the death of Mr. D. M. Jones, one of the most prominent business men of the city.

Mr. Jones was taken sick Monday morning and died before news of his illness became general. Even his family did not have time to realize his condition and his death was a terrible shock to them. It was an attack of acute indigestion to which he succumbed.

Getting up to give a sick child some medicine Monday morning, Mr. Jones found himself quite unwell and went immediately back to bed. News was sent down to his place of business that he was sick, but nobody regarded his illness as serious. Five minutes before the news of his death reached the street an ADVANCE man calling at the store for him was casually informed that he was at home sick.

About fifty years old, Mr. Jones appeared to be in perfect health and in the prime of life. He was one of Elizabeth City's most prominent business men and was held in highest regard as a citizen. As manager of the D. M. Jones Company, he had built up one of the largest whole sale and retail hardware establishments in Eastern Carolina. He was also identified with the various trade organizations of the town, was a member of a number of fraternal orders and a leading member and active worker in the First Methodist Church. He is said to have attended 103 services of his church last year. He is survived by a wife and a number of small children.

The funeral services were held from the First Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, the pastor, Rev. J. C. Wooten officiating. The Odd Fellows and members of the Junior Order attended the services, there being over one hundred in the line of the latter order.

The church was packed during the services, and many were turned away from the doors besides. People of all classes were present to honor the memory of a man held in highest esteem among all.

The honorary pall bearers were the stewards of the First Methodist Church; the active pall bearers, the clerks in the D. M. Jones Company store. The latter were as follows: L. R. Chappelle, H. W. Chappelle, L. S. Hooper, A. B. Stowe and Jay Scott.

Mr. Jones was a native of Tyrrell county and came to Elizabeth City twenty years ago. He had been an alderman, was a member of the board of school trustees, and has always measured up to the full stature of a man in every walk of life.

### WANTED

WANTED—Salesman to sell our guaranteed Oils and Paints. Experience unnecessary. Extremely profitable offer to right party. The GLEN REFINING COMPANY, Cleveland, Ohio.

Charles Williams of Ivor, Va. was here Sunday the guest of his brother, Captain Williams on Front street.

## THE COMMONWEALTH MALE QUARTETTE

Since its organization in 1901 the Commonwealth Quartette has steadily advanced both in popularity and in the "quality" of its musical selections and ensemble work, until to-day it has gained the reputation of being one of the best singing companies before the public, and because of its talented personnel and ability to present a most varied program, has earned throughout the country the title of "The Quartette That Entertains" and has been acknowledged by press-Lyceum Committees generally as "the most versatile male quartette now engaged in Lyceum work."

During the season just passed the Quartette appeared on the Lyceum courses of such prominent cities as:

Rochester, N. Y.; Richmond, Va.; Nashville, Tenn.; Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Charlotte, N. C.; Oklahoma City; Galveston, Texas; Milwaukee, Wis.; Hamilton, Ont.; Houston, Texas; Racine, Wis.; Harrisburg, Pa.; and many others.

The management is pleased to announce that the Quartette will appear in Elizabeth City on February 10th at the High School Auditorium.

### SPECIAL

"FRECKLES," Gene Stratton-Porter's most popular and best selling novel apparently possesses that magic quality that brings fortune to everyone connected with it; the sale of the book has reached half a million copies and it is still one of the six best sellers, which means that it has earned a fortune for Mrs. Porter and Doubleday, Page & Co., and Cresset & Dunlap, the publishers.

Manager A. G. Delamater was so well pleased with Nell Twomey's dramatization of the story that he has commissioned Mr. Twomey to dramatize two other popular novels of which he controls the dramatic rights. This will undoubtedly bring fame and fortune to Mr. Twomey, judging by the liberal patronage and the extravagant praise given it by the dramatic critics. It is sure to coin another good sized fortune for its producer, Mr. Delamater.

### ELKS MINSTRELS NEXT MONTH

The Elks minstrels, it is announced, will give their annual performance on the evening of March 25th. The Elks have achieved an enviable reputation in their Minstrels and their shows always bring out big crowds. When it is announced that Elbert Snence, Phil Sawyer and John Culpepper will have leading parts in the show this year, those who have witnessed past performances of the Elks in Elizabeth City are assured that this performance will be fully up to the past record.

WANTED—4 or 5 gallon milk cow, between now and March 31. Cow must be fresh.

GEORGE T. WESCOTT Manteo, N. C. F7-14-21 nps