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U. S. STEAMER ELFREIDA HAD HARD STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

Caught in a Storm Last Saturday Vessel was Driven Aground and Floated Only by Heroic Efforts of Crew of The Pamlico

The revenue cutter "Pamlico" arrived in Elizabeth City last Friday morning with the United States steamer, "Elfreida" in tow, the latter vessel being brought into port after a hard struggle for her life.

The Elfreida left Washington N. C., Saturday March 1st with North Carolina Naval Reserves on board to take part in the inauguration parade at Washington D. C. March 4th.

During the thick weather that prevailed in a hard blow the Elfreida was driven ashore in an exposed position in Albemarle sound, near North River Light. The following morning the Pamlico discovered the Elfreida flying the signal of distress and went at once to her assistance.

The Elfreida draws about eight feet of water and she had been driven into this precarious position during the high gale. She was stranded on a long shoal in five feet of water with hard sand bottom. It became evident to Captain Harry B. West commanding the cutter, that if the Elfreida was to be saved the most heroic methods must be resorted to.

No time was lost in sending a crew aboard the distressed vessel. Her coal was shifted outward in her bunkers, listing her as far outboard as possible; then tackles were rigged from the two masts of the wreck and the crew of the cutter finally succeeded in heaving the vessel down on her beams end, by this means lighten ing her depth.

In the meantime heavy hawsers were sent aboard the Elfreida and as rapidly as possible these were secured. In this position the utmost efforts of the cutter were used to drag the Elfreida over the shoals. Two days were expended in this strenuous, though unsuccessful endeavor.

On the morning of the third day work was resumed, the wind changing to westward, blowing fresh, and giving indications of storm. Every effort was put forward as it was realized that the distressed vessel must be relieved at once, or else go to pieces on the shoals. The seas were already washing high over her decks, the vessel pounding on the hard sand and the reserves were worn out with the exertions and hardships of the two days previous. The wind increased in violence during the day; but finally the Elfreida was twisted in a position headed to the seas; and with much danger to the cutter in its close proximity to the breakers, was gradually foot by foot dragged into deep water and safety.

The Elfreida is somewhat damaged about her rails and masts, but the hull seems to have sustained no serious damage—which speaks well for the staunchness of the craft. The vessel remained in port here awaiting orders from the Navy Department, until Saturday when she was ordered to Norfolk for repairs.

The entire crew of the Elfreida were high in their praise of the heroism and the untiring efforts displayed in the rescue by the crew of the Pamlico, commanded by Captain Harry B. West and Lieutenant Cecil M. Gabbett.

HOOKWORM DISPENSARY ATTRACTS GREAT INTEREST

Two hundred examinations for hookworm disease have been made at Pasquotank county's court-house since the dispensary opened there last Saturday. Taking the county as a whole probably five hundred examinations have been made during the week. Saturday was by far the busiest day more containers being returned to the dispensary than could be examined; and the microscopist was busy with them for a part of yesterday.

The schedule of the hookworm dispensaries is published again to-day, and may be seen on page four of this issue. Any who have failed to be examined up to this time should note the schedule carefully to-day and be sure to avail themselves of the next opportunity of ascertaining whether they are infected.

In Elizabeth City containers are still to be had at any drug store and the dispensary will be open here every Saturday through out the month. All who were at the court house for examination last Monday and did not get a report can learn the result of the examination at the court house next Saturday.

NEXT STAR COURSE NUMBER.

The next number on the Star Course is Fellows Grand Opera Quartet, which appears here on Friday night, March 28th. This is believed to be the best quartet that has yet appeared in Elizabeth City, and all are urged to be present at their entertainment.

Of Mr. Harry J. Fellows the Radcliffe Bureau speaks as follows: "Harry J. Fellows is one of the most popular artists in America, and has won laurels from the Atlantic to the Pacific. His voice is a lyric tenor of large compass and telling brilliancy, and his refined, genial personality and songs that touch the heart have made him a favorite wherever he has appeared."

FORM PARTNERSHIP

Mr. James B. Ferebee, well known in this city and section, has gone into the furniture business with Mr. Markham of the firm of Markham and Jones. The name of the firm will probably be changed and the present stock will be enlarged. The firm of Markham and Jones has done a good business and grown rapidly, and with the addition of Mr. Ferebee to the firm, will doubtless make further progress.

CHILD BURNED

Julian Aydlett, the three year old son of Mr. J. H. Aydlett was painfully burned recently, his face and hands being badly scalded by the overturning of a vessel of hot grease which was on the stove.

Mr. J. B. Jenkins has gone to Asheville to attend the state meeting of the Woodmen of the World.

U. D. C. TO PRESENT SLUMBERLAND SOON

"Slumberland," a mammoth musical extravaganza, known all over the country as the "Hippodrome" of musical shows, with its hundreds of participants, pretty girls and funny comedians, gorgeous costumes and wonderful electrical effects, will be presented at the High School Auditorium two nights, March 25th, and 26th, to secure money to pay off the indebtedness on the Confederate Monument. The local chapter Daughters of the Confederacy under whose auspices the opera will be given, will leave nothing undone to make this affair the most pretentious ever attempted in this city.

Already there are at least four hundred young people rehearsing the many different choruses and dances included in the list of some thirty big musical numbers which are being coached by Harry Foote a New York producer. "Slumberland" has been given with great success in nearly every large city in the country including such cities as Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, St. Louis, Denver, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Etc., and has always proven a great success. In the larger cities the price of admission ranges from 50 cents to \$2.00 and \$2.50, but have arranged with Mr. Foote to present the play here at popular prices which will be 50c., 75c., and \$1.00.

There is more music and dancing in Slumberland than any professional show traveling and it is expected that the production will be the largest and best attraction ever seen in Elizabeth City. There are thirty-six speaking and singing parts, that is, thirty-six who have special parts in the show, and there seventeen groups in the play, some groups containing over a hundred people. Mr. Foote claims there will be over four hundred included in the entire cast and that he will present the show with the same costumes and electrical effects, music and stage paraphernalia that he used in the big cities.

WILL DISCUSS MALARIA

The School Betterment Association is fortunate in securing Dr. H. D. Walker to present the subject of "Malaria" and its eradication at the next meeting—Friday of this week—at three o'clock, in the High School building.

Every member of the Association is most earnestly urged to be present promptly at the appointed hour.

Dr. Walker will have many things to say to those present which will tend towards the betterment of the whole community if his suggestions are put into practice.

Each member of the Association owes it to the community to do her part in the work. By attending, every member can learn what her part is.

WIRELESS THE INVENTION OF A SCHOOLBOY

Guglielmo Marconi was only fifteen years old when he began his electrical researches. In the course of the next few years he began the study of the so-called Hertzian waves, or electrical impulses which travel through the air without the use of a wire. In 1895, when he was only twenty years old, his advanced knowledge on this obscure subject inspired him with the theory that these waves could be sent out and received at will, and in that year he had constructed the first wireless apparatus, the efficiency of which astonished the world.

ALKRAMA THEATRE TO-NIGHT, MARCH 11



JESSE WILLINGHAM
With "ALMA"

ALDERMEN TO ELECT GRADED SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Measure Has Passed Senate And
Perhaps the House; Beef
Markets Will Pay no
License.

The fight which has been on since the assembling of the present session of the board of school trustees in Elizabeth City has been long drawn out and uncertain of result.

The first bill introduced into the legislature provided for the election of the trustees by the people. This was the bill engineered into the house by attorneys Markham and Coboon acting for the Junior Order here. This bill passed the house some time ago.

In the senate a substitute bill was offered providing that the trustees should be reduced in number to nine and that the entire board should be re-elected; but that the trustees should be chosen by the board of aldermen instead of the people. This bill passed the senate, it was reported in Sunday's papers, Saturday. The report that it had passed the legislature at an earlier date, which was heard here Friday, was erroneous. There is no authoritative report that it has passed the house; though it is possible that it may have done so yesterday.

The proposition to increase the number of county commissioners has been put through; and Elizabeth City is authorized to vote on the question of bonds for electric light, water works and sewer system.

It is also reported that the license tax of one hundred dollars on beef markets has been revoked, and various other changes in license and revenue taxes have been made.

Capt. W. G. Tarkenton and Karl Tarkenton of Norfolk were here last week visiting their sister, Mrs. Walter Hughes, No. 5 Purse street.

Mr. J. C. B. Ehrughaus, solicitor for this district, was receiving congratulations on every hand Saturday. He is the father of a fine boy.

Mr. W. T. Loy returned yesterday from Washington where he attended the inauguration.

TYRRELL COUNTY NOW HAS CONVENIENT SCHEDULE TO E. CITY

Steamer Sappho, Operated by Capt. Buck Perry of South Mills to Maintain Daily Schedule. Boat to Make Run in Four Hours

Beginning to-day Elizabeth City has a daily schedule by boat to Columbia and points in Perquimans county.

The new line is Perry's Steam Packet Line, and the boat which will make the run is the Sappho, recently purchased and rebuilt by Mr. Perry and one of the trimmest and fastest passenger boats in these waters.

The "Sappho" will leave Columbia daily at seven o'clock in the morning and will reach Elizabeth City at eleven. Returning the boat will leave Elizabeth City at three o'clock in the afternoon and will arrive at Columbia at seven, making the run in four hours.

The "Sappho" has every facility for the handling of passengers, and will be of great advantage to the people of Tyrrell county, who can now make a trip to Elizabeth City and return the same day. Moreover, the Tyrrell county shopper will have, in which to attend to business, one more hour than the shopper from Camden or Currituck—under the present schedule of the Norfolk Southern railroad.

A great convenience to the people of Columbia and Tyrrell county, the new boat line will be also a great convenience to the city merchants and business generally. Independent and established by the private enterprise of a citizen of our section, it deserves the support of both counties.

WANTED PLACE FOR REUNION

J. B. Lee, Commander of the Henry M. Shaw Camp of Confederate veterans wants to know where that camp can hold its next reunion. Advancing age prevents Mr. Lee from being so active as heretofore in making arrangements for this reunion, and he suggests that the Camden and Currituck veterans might meet at the same place.

LILLIPUTIAN WEDDING

On next Saturday night March 15th at Belcross academy, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of Sawyer's Creek Church, a pleasing program will be rendered, the main feature of which will be a Lilliputian wedding.—After the ceremony refreshments will be served. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged. The Public generally is invited to attend.

TILLET—WILLIS

Mr. Kelly Tillett and Miss Suddie Willis both of this city were married Saturday night by register of deeds, J. W. Munden at his home on Road street.

MRS. NANNIE LONG DEAD

Mrs. Nannie E. Long, aged about sixty years, died Saturday night at her home on Church street.

The remains were taken to Norfolk yesterday afternoon for interment. Mrs. Long is survived by three daughters, Misses Mary Lee, Nellie and Nannie Mae Long.

BUYING A CAR IS A FINE ART

But Public Is Learning Steadily To Fit Purchase to Personal Need.

DUCHESE AN EXAMPLE

Former Anna Gould Buys a Light Studebaker For Her Own Use.

Even in New York, where, according to popular belief, life comes near being a money-spending marathon, automobile buyers are learning that size and class are not interchangeable terms. Light cars of popular price and moderate appetite can be just as graceful in outline, just as carefully built, and just as comfortable, as the infinitely larger and heavier annihilators of space, gasoline and tires.

In cases where smartness of handling and limited turning space are at a premium, the light car enjoys a great advantage. In the hands of a skilled pilot it starts in and out of traffic as a cat's paw maneuvers through a maze of obstacles.

Its compact motor and with fewer necessary adjustments, the light car is less prone to become crippled and easier to repair when accident happens. Women find it easier to drive light cars. A woman at the wheel of a road locomotive is an unusual sight; driving a light car the woman pilot is so often met as to arouse no especial comment.

Sufling the car to the buyer's personal need is an art which permits a high degree of discrimination.

The Duchesse de Talleyrand, better known to the American public as the one-time Anna Gould, now in America in attendance on the wedding of her sister, Helen Gould, to Finley J. Shepard, went shopping for an automobile for her personal use. The duchesse is an accomplished motorist and had a definite idea of the qualities she wanted in a car. She spent nearly an hour in the salesroom of the New York Studebaker branch and thoroughly inspected the mechanism of a Studebaker "20" enclosed roadster, which she finally purchased, and is now driving.

The Duchesse was especially struck with the cozy protection afforded by the side curtains, which in this type of car, swing with doors, giving the weather proof advantages of a coupe, with the option of changing the car, at any time, into an open roadster of conventional lines. That such a combination should be exclusively the property of an American builder of light, popular priced cars appealed to the Duchesse as novel and entertaining.

She has taken the car back to her home in France, with the idea of using it in her personal trips about her great estate.

Mrs. C. T. Bronson, nee Miss Kate Brothers, who has been in Watt's hospital Durham for treatment recently is now well enough to return to her home in that city, where she is recuperating rapidly.