

## STOKLEY TRIAL REACHED WED. WILL BE CONCLUDED THIS WEEK

### PRISONER, AND HIS SISTER BOTH ON WITNESS STAND. DEFENSE PLEAS TEMPORARY INSANITY.

## IMPOSSIBLE TO FORECAST VERDICT

### Defence and Prosecution Putting up Terrific Fight Before a Jury Consisting Mainly of Farmers

"Now, Doctor, give me your attention. If the Jury shall find that Towe had been going with Anna Belle two years to the knowledge of the Defendant; that on the Sunday night before the homicide his father told him that the day before she had given birth to a child in Elizabeth City; that Fenton Towe was his father; and the Jury shall further find that he had never heard such news before that time and that he was attached to his sister; and that being so told by his father; and that the Defendant began to cry, became excited, was nervous and was upset, walked up the railroad and back, and was drunk that after the trial...

stances bear a reasonable tendency to upset the equilibrium of any normal man so that he would be unable to weigh the moral quality of conduct and the consequences from it." With this testimony, given between three and four o'clock yesterday afternoon the defense rested its case. Argument for the prosecution was immediately opened by Hallet S. Ward who spoke for the rest of the session. With five other speeches to be made the end of the argument is not expected till night. The jury, then, if an agreement can be reached, should bring in its verdict by Saturday.

## INTEREST GROWING IN SLUMBERLAND

### Patronage of People Urged to Insure-Production a Success

The spirit of Slumberland has enveloped the city. Not only are the children interested, but the young people as well, and there are many married couples included in the big cast of participants in the coming production of the Hippodrome show, "Slumberland." Probably never before has such an aggregation of people gotten together in one entertainment as are rehearsing for this mammoth play. The director states there are at least four hundred in the cast and if one should attend the rehearsal every afternoon and night, his word would not be disputed for it seems, as if there were fully six hundred who are going through the difficult steps of dancing and learning many many songs that are being sung with the vim of professionals.

Coming first on the program are the college girls and collegemen. The girls will be costumed in white and red; and with their happy faces their pretty dancing steps, their sweet singing and winsome smiles, they are sure to win the hearts of the audience from the rise of the curtain.

Next to enter are the collegemen, who come running in to assist the girls in some intricate work of song and dance. The boys will wear the regulation...

The senior girls and boys are next to enter. The girls come in with neat little camp stools on which they sit when Helen, the leader, sings "Oh, I Can't Reason This Old Thing Out." This is a big ensemble number participated in by the college people as well.

After the principals appear in their different roles, the sailor girls come tripping on the stage to the rollicking music of the sailor's hornpipe. A dance is gone through with when all assist Captain Parks in the big sailor song.

Little old men and women from Midget City, school girls, Imps, witches, banjo serenading girls, Military boys, Spanish dancers, football boys, Automobile girls, and chauffeurs, Indian maidens chiefs, Goblin girls, Japanese maidens, in fact group after group of singing and dancing novelties follow one another in quick succession all during the two acts of Slumberland's duration.

## SPECIAL MEETING FOR LADIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

During the Bible Conference at the First Baptist Church arrangements have been made for a special and separate meeting for the ladies in the church annex under the direction of Miss Margaret Twiddy of Norfolk. A special young peoples' service has also been arranged for, under the direction of Rev. Theo. B. Davis State Secretary of the B. & P. U. of North Carolina.

We are very anxious to have the best music the city affords during the Bible Conference and also during the revival services which will immediately follow. We want to show our distinguished visitors that our city affords as good talent as can be found elsewhere. In order to do this, we cordially invite all those who sing to come and assist us in our music. A large platform will be erected and our desire is to fill it up with those who will voluntarily do their part in making the musical part of our services a success.

T. I. Reed,

## SPEND DAY AND NIGHT ADRIFT ON SOUND

### Sailing Vessel Caught in Storm and Disabled. Crew Rescued.

Manteo, N. C.—Mr. Tom Creef of this place was caught in a storm on the sound in a small sailboat last Saturday which disabled his boat and left him adrift. It was late Sunday evening before Mr. Creef got into port again.

Mr. Creef left Manteo, taking one negro along with him, on his sailboat, the "Onward" last Friday. He came to Elizabeth City and purchased a cargo of goods for the S. A. Griffin Company, setting out on the return trip Saturday.

During the return voyage a heavy storm set in, stripping the boat of part of her rigging, carrying away one sail and leaving her helpless. The boat drifted to Croatan where Mr. Creef and the negro spent the night. They were sighted Sunday afternoon and brought home.

## COLD STORAGE ASSURED

Manteo, N. C., March 19th—It seems that the cold storage and fishery talked about here for some time is now practically assured. Mr. J. D. Lloyd, of New York, who is general manager of the proposed enterprise is here looking over the ground with much interest and says that...

In a year this company will have a cold storage, fishery and cannery plant in Dare county, though it has not yet been definitely determined whether it is to be located here or at Rodanthe.

## MANTEO BRIEFS

Fishermen are catching fish by the thousand. Captain Pat Etheridge, keeper of New Inlet Station, is very sick.

Mr. Frederick S. and Miss Mary Probst of New York are here on a visit to their father, one of the season's guests of the Train-Quail house.

Rev. J. T. Draper, pastor of the Methodist Church, who was called home last week by the illness of his mother, has returned to Manteo. His mother, he says, is much improved.

Messrs. R. M. Jennette and C. W. Davis expect to go to Baltimore the first of next week for their spring goods.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church are getting up an entertainment "The Tom Thumb Wedding," for the benefit of the Baptist church. After the ceremony refreshments will be served. The public generally will be invited to attend.

Miss Josie Jones, who has been teaching school at East Lake, returned to her home here a few days ago and has now accepted a position as book keeper for Mr. R. M. Jennette.

The many friends of Miss Jordan, one of the Manteo teachers, were very sorry to see her leave last Monday morning for her home.

Miss Nora Meekins is still quite sick, we are sorry to report and hope to see her out again soon.

Rev. J. N. Loftin spoke at Hertford last night at the missionary rally at the Baptist church. He will speak to-night at Edenton.

These missionary rallies are being held in this section as recommended by the Chowan association in its last session.

## DEVELOPMENT OF FARM LANDS KEY TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN E. CITY

### Mr. Heermans, Once Connected With a Newspaper Writes Interestingly of Elizabeth City's Possibilities for the Future

Editor ADVANCE:—While on a return visit to Elizabeth City, where Mrs. Heermans and I have resided for two very delightful years, I was asked the question repeatedly: "Do you think our town has improved any?"

This question carries with it the keynote of the splendid success and advancement of Elizabeth City, to wit: Home pride, and public spirit. When men are so ready to ask this question, it indicates that they are therefore willing to help along improvements and advancement, and finally that they must have contributed to improvements.

So, I am taking the liberty of asking you to publish in your interesting newspaper, my answer to these questions, so eagerly put by those gentlemen who gave me such cordial reception and hearty welcome "back home," as it were. It will be necessary to indulge in a somewhat personal reminiscent mood, for which I trust that I may be pardoned.

It has been almost ten years since I went to Elizabeth City, at the invitation of Hon. W. L. Colston, to take the editorship of the *Free Press*, then published by...

over your capital arrangements. The people and the country were new and strange to me, one born and raised in a hill-country. I proceeded cautiously, but soon found the way to the hearts of a hospitable and enterprising people who gave me the right hand of fellowship and our newspaper their hearty support.

I ate of the proverbial herring, and gathered the famous lotus bloom on some of the rivers, both which tradition says will bring the wanderers back, as it brought us back to visit in February of this year. Elizabeth City won us, as it wins everybody. Upon my return, arriving at the station late at night, I found the cab rolling over the smoothly paved streets. Electric lights pointed out the few familiar landmarks, but here and there I caught glimpses of new things besides the paved streets, and when morning came I was eager to see all that was new, and to greet and be greeted by friends that were old and true.

Your street paving has performed the greatest miracle, that of removing the untidy unkempt appearances of irregular curb lines and uneven dirt thoroughfares. We were entertained in the hospitable home of the Misses Albertson, on Church street, and found another surprise in running water provided by water-works. Your splendid business blocks, the government building, the tidy and attractive theatre, and the great addition of new and well kept shops to the already goodly number that existed when I lived there, give Elizabeth City a real metropolitan air, that was good to see.

One would not forget the new business enterprises and the magnificent school building, and as I learned about it, the graded and high schools which are keeping up with the march of the procession of other good things. I viewed with astonishment and, of course pride, the new Hinton block in course of erection.

Now what is going to keep up business in proportion to the enterprises and institutions provided by a thoughtful people?

When I had the pleasure of using the editorial "we" in the splendid town of Elizabeth City, I preached development in season and out of season. I confess with candor that I had learned to love the place and all of the people in it. Upon returning, I found that the affection had not abated one whit, although circumstances had cast my lot in my native state again. Really, the town had progressed so splendidly, that I believe it appeals to me more than ever. So, in answering the question as to whether I thought the town had improved, I have also asked the question: "What of the Future?"

A town or city either goes forward or backward—there can be no standing still. The men of your community have about done everything that enterprise, money and public spirit can do, in the way of equipment for business and local comforts and even luxuries. Let us review them:

- Transportation.
- Modern Conveniences.
- Banking facilities.
- Churches.
- Schools.
- Newspapers.

To expand and to afford buyers for the merchandise in the shops, depositors and borrowers for the banks, guests for the hotels, and work for the rising generation to keep them employed at home, there must be what?

Production! The timber will eventually be utilized, and the larger mills will close down. Elizabeth City is not favored with fuel, so that she can not ever hope to be a great manufacturing town. Yet one feels safe in saying that the community could well stand a few more factories for working up local raw materials, rather than ship the raw material away and buy it back in the finished product. Perhaps wiser men have threshed out that question and have decided against any further extension or investment in such industries.

But there are great areas of uncultivated farming lands, which to a man in the hill-country are tempting to behold. Therein lies the future of Elizabeth City. They can become as perpetual gold-mines to your community, and will if put in proper hands and if properly developed, make that region bloom as the rose and give better industrial and commercial backbone to Elizabeth City than a hundred factories, dependent upon a whimsical state of market.

Since returning to West Virginia some four years ago, the writer took up farming and can speak of the broad acres and soil of your counties with a reasonable degree of authority. Some of the ADVANCE readers may recall that the writer always advocated colonization for Pasquotank and other counties. While residing with you, I became acquainted with the government soil expert who was making a survey of that region, with Elizabeth City as headquarters. He told me as one who knew, that there existed one of the richest and most promising agricultural regions of this whole southern (Continued on Page Eight)