

## CITY GRADED SCHOOLS PRESENT CLOSING EXERCISES THIS WEEK

### Tennyson's Princess To Be Presented Tomorrow Night With Strong Cast of High School Pupils Graduating Exercises Thursday.

The closing exercises of the Elizabeth City Graded school are to take place on Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week. The public generally and the patrons of the school especially are invited to attend. The exercises promise to be of an unusually interesting nature.

On Wednesday night will be presented by a cast of high school pupils Tennyson's "Princess"—one of the most elaborate and difficult productions ever attempted here on a similar occasion. The pupils in the cast have had careful training and the production promises to be quite a success.

On Thursday night are to occur the graduating exercises. The program will consist of music, short addresses by different members of the board of trustees, the presentation of medals and the reading of the honor roll.

Admission on Thursday night is free, and it is hoped that a large number of patrons will show their interest in the work of the school by attending. On Wednesday night a general admission fee of fifteen cents will be charged, but school children will be admitted for ten cents. Reserved seats will be sold at twenty-five cents.

The cast of characters in the "Princess" are as follow:—  
Princess Ida Pattie Walker  
Lady Psyche Nettie White  
Lady Blanche Margaret Sheep  
Melissa Marie Whitehurst  
Violet Marie LeRoy  
Pupils Elizabeth Dexter.

Ruth Reid  
Court Ladies High school pupils  
The Prince Ralph Pool  
King Gama Vance Hooper  
Florian Victor Overman  
Cyril Ray Toxey  
Inse Edward Griffin  
Attendants of King Edward  
Haleht and Edward Griffon  
Haight and William Weatherly

#### MRS. CORA DEAN DEAD

Mrs. Cora Dean of Franklin county and mother of Mrs. Spencer Chaplin of this city, died at her home at Cedar Rock, N. C., last Tuesday at noon.  
She is survived by her husband, W. T. Dean, and six children. She was about 54 years old and succumbed to a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Spencer Chaplin received word last Monday that her mother was sick and could not recover, and left immediately for her bedside. A telegram later to another daughter at Mackey's Ferry brought the news that Mrs. Dean was dead. Mrs. Chaplin was planning to visit her mother in June.

Besides Mrs. Chaplin, the children surviving Mrs. Dean are: Dr. T. J. Dean of Nashville, N. C., Mrs. W. W. Hayman, of Columbia, Mrs. Lindsay Harrison, of Franklin county and Misses Berthat and Lena Dean.

#### A PROGRESSIVE JEWELER

Mr. Louis Selig has contracted for 1000 inches of space in the Advance to be used between now and Christmas. Mr. Selig expects to carry an ad in practically every issue of the paper and readers of this paper will do well to follow these ads closely, as they will contain valuable suggestions about reasonable gifts in jewelry.

## AS FOES OR AS FRIENDS?

Elizabeth City and the Norfolk Southern Railroad are at odds. The road and the town have been at daggers points ever since the change of schedule which deprived Elizabeth City of its regular local train and made what had been a most convenient through train to Norfolk a slow local. Even before that time the relation was none too friendly.

We are told, however, that it was not always thus. We understand that when Mr. King was president of the Norfolk Southern there was the friendliest feeling between the town and the railroad. Why this estrangement?

The Advance speaks only from hearsay and we trust that we are not guilty of unfairness in this matter. But we do not believe that this hostility is the railroad's fault. Mr. King took the ground that Elizabeth City and the Norfolk Southern towns deserved first consideration at the railroad's hands. Much interest was taken in the development of these towns and every new industry was fostered. Now it seems that so far as Elizabeth City is concerned the Norfolk Southern has reversed its policy. Norfolk gets first consideration every time and Elizabeth City gets it in the neck. Whether this is absolutely true or not, such is the impression prevailing here.

Now this state of affairs ought not to exist. The Advance would be delighted to see better feeling between the railroad and the town restored. We believe that it will pay the Norfolk Southern to adopt a more conciliatory attitude toward Elizabeth City and show some disposition to manifest a more friendly spirit toward us. We have no doubt that such a spirit would be reciprocated.

This paper has stated more than once that the future of the Norfolk Southern is dependent upon the development of this section of North Carolina. In the long run the interests of the town and of the railroad are identical—though perhaps it would be expecting too much to hope that a corporation should be farsighted enough to realize this fact. But look, for instance, into the matter of freight discrimination. It is admitted that the railroad gives Norfolk the advantage of us in freight rates, even when a town is so near us as Hertford. Why should it do so?

We do not know what answer the railroad will give in this matter; but we can give a reason

why it is to the interest of the Norfolk Southern not to so discriminate against us. Here it is: When the retailer at Shawboro or Hertford orders goods from Elizabeth City, the Norfolk Southern will haul such goods and collect freight on them twice—once in bringing them here to the jobber and once in delivering them to the retailer. On the other hand, when the retailer orders direct from Norfolk the railroad will haul the goods only once. Surely, then, it is to the interest of the railroad as well as of Elizabeth City that the present freight discrimination should cease.

In the matter of the present passenger train schedule, also, we believe that the interests of Elizabeth City and the Norfolk Southern are identical. The present slow schedule that has to be maintained between Edenton and Norfolk on account of the numerous stops with a very heavy train is causing the traveling public that do not live in this section to choose some other route to Norfolk wherever practicable. There can be no doubt, either, that the changed schedule is retarding the development of this town—a retardation which can but react upon the railroad.

This editorial is written in a spirit of tolerance and conciliation. We do not claim all wisdom in the matter and we doubt not, the railroad has its troubles and its problems. But let the officials of the road meet us on friendly ground. Let them meet our suggestions and patiently explain their side of the question. Let them show their spirit friendly and we do not believe that the town will be unreasonable in its demands.

But if the Norfolk Southern does not and will not show itself tractable in this matter, let Elizabeth City take action promptly. Let us send representatives before the corporation commission and state our case. Let us use our best efforts to get prompt action and definite results in this appeal to the corporation commission. And if we can, with our best effort and after we have taken up the matter with the commission thoroughly and through our best men, accomplish nothing and gain no advantage, let's let the matter rest. We are prone to have too much protesting and bickering that wastes itself in ineffectual complaining and that does nothing except keep the railroad and the town both in a bad humor.

## A PUBLIC HEARING

Norfolk, Va., May 22nd—By authority of the Secretary of War, a public hearing will be held at the Custom House in Norfolk, Va., at 10 A. M., Thursday June 5th, 1913, for the consideration of the question of adopting rules and regulations to govern the method of assembling and handling rafts in the Inland Waterway from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort Inlet, N. C.

A tentative draft on such rules and regulations has been drawn up for discussion at the public hearing, and may be inspected at the U. S. Engineer Office, Room 22, Custom House, Norfolk, Va., or may be furnished to interested parties upon application.

All parties interested in this matter are invited to attend the hearing at the time any place mentioned to the secretary of War for consideration and decision. It is requested that remarks and arguments be reduced to writing and be presented in duplicate.

## HERTFORD HAPPENINGS

Hertford, N. C., May 26th—The Closing exercises of the graded school, occurring last week were well attended and much enjoyed. Beginning Thursday evening and closing Friday evening the pupils presented each part of the varied program with an aptness and excellence that attested their careful training and their interest in the work. Deserving special mention are the cantata of Thursday evening, the class day exercises of Friday afternoon and the class play Friday night.

The speaker of the occasion, Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, was introduced by Attorney, J. S. McRider of this city.

Mr. Fay Hussey of Elizabeth City was in town Friday.

Mr. Jarvis Sugg of this town returned Saturday from a business trip to Washington, N. C.

Mr. Jerry Newbold returned Thursday morning from Wake Forest College where he attended school this year.

## FOURTH CLASS POSTMASTERS

### Rules Governing Their Appointment And When These Are to be Made

Washington, May, 24th—The mail of nearly every member of Congress is being clogged with requests for information relative to the filling of fourth-class postoffices. Here is the information most sought:

Q. What was the Taft order pertaining to 4th class postmasters? A. It was an executive order made on October 15, 1912, placing all fourth-class postmasters under Civil Service without an examination.

Q. What was the effect of this order? A. It meant each fourth-class Postmaster in the United States then in office would hold the office indefinitely regardless of his fitness or qualifications, vacancies of course, to be filled based on a competitive examination.

Q. Wherein was this order unfair? A. It put postmasters under Civil Service who had received their appointment by virtue of political considerations and took no account of merit whatsoever.

Q. What is the "Wilson Way"? A. President Wilson, on May, 7th 1913, issued an executive order, amending the Taft order, which provides that in all fourth class post offices where the compensation is \$180 per year or over there shall be held an open competitive examination by the Civil Service Commission, the result of which shall be certified by the Commission to the Postmaster General. The Postmaster General shall appoint one of the three receiving the highest rating.

Q. How are they appointed when the compensation is under \$180? A. By the Postmaster General based upon a report by a post office inspector.

Q. Who holds these examinations? A. Local examining boards are appointed by the Civil Service Commission to conduct the examination.

Q. When will these examinations be held? A. It is impossible to tell at this time; but they will be held as soon as the department can take care of the work, and as the needs of the service require.

Q. Where are examinations held? A. At the most convenient point.

Q. How does one make application for examination? A. After an examination is announced the applicant secures, upon request, at the local post office, form 1753, which is the proper blank to be filled out and which contains full information pertaining to the examination.

Q. What is the nature of the examination? A. It covers elementary arithmetic, penmanship, letterwriting, copying tests, together with statement as to facilities for transacting the business of the office.

Q. How can one get more complete information pertaining to this matter? A. By writing to the "Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.," asking for copies of form 1752 and 1759, which contain instructions to applicants and rules and regulations governing appointments, or by writing your Member of Congress.

Miss Ruth Windsor of Millfordville, Del., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Oliver Gilbert.

## MR. W. M. DAVIS DIES SUDDENLY

### Second Death Among Market Men Within Past Few Weeks

Mr. W. N. Davis, a well known meat market man of this city died yesterday morning. The news of this sudden and deplorable death flashed over the streets of Elizabeth City yesterday morning and cast gloom everywhere. Mr. Davis was highly regarded here and his friends are broken up over his untimely end. He was only thirty-seven years old, and leaves a wife widowed and four little children fatherless to mourn their loss.

Mr. Davis appeared in fairly good health until last Wednesday when he was seized with a violent attack of acute indigestion, from which he never rallied. Against the advice of his physician he was on the street last Saturday, when his altered and emaciated condition was remarked on by his friends. He died Monday morning between ten and eleven o'clock.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Junior order and of the Red Men, in good standing in both orders. Straightforward dealing, kindness and a disposition always to oblige his friends had made him well liked and he will be greatly missed. He had been in the employ of Mr. C. G. Pappendiek of this city for twenty years.

Besides his wife and children, Mr. Davis is survived by one brother, Mr. P. S. Davis, who is in the employ of the firm of Nelson Morris, a large meat packer of New York. Mr. Pappendiek telegraphed to New York the news of Mr. Davis' death, but it is not certain that the telegram will find the brother there, as he travels all over the United States in the interest of his firm.

Mr. Davis' wife was a Miss Davis, daughter of Emerson and Etta Davis, formerly of this city, but now of Norfolk.

Interment will probably take place tomorrow.

## SENT TO THE ROADS FOR RESISTING OFFICER

Richard Riddick got twelve months on the roads in police court yesterday for resisting an officer.

Thomas and his force raided the room over Mary Taylor's shop on Brown street Saturday night, where a crap game was in progress. As Chief Thomas swung open the door Riddick seized a glass tumbler and flung it at Thomas' head, barely missing the officer. The negro was arrested and lodged in jail 'til this morning.

## MRS. CHLOE MATHIAS WEST

Mrs. Chloe Mathias West, widow of the late Joseph Quinton West, died at the home of Mrs. L. C. Ballance, 209 Pearl street, Thursday night after an illness of several days.

The body was taken to the old home near Moyock, Currituck county, Friday, and the interment took place the same day. Mrs. West was sixty-eight years old. She is survived by three children, G. B. West of Norfolk, Mrs. L. C. Ballance of Elizabeth City and Rev. W. E. West of Spray, N. C., and also a step-daughter, Mrs. Emma Gregory of Elizabeth City.

She was an excellent woman, was well known and was held in high esteem here.