

## ALDERMANIC CAUCUS SPLITS ON SCHOOL TRUSTEE QUESTION

### Aldermen Put One Over on Second Ward Representatives by Electing Meekins and Winder. Concerted Action Result of a Previous Caucus

First ward, J. B. Jenkins, J. W. Martin; second ward, I. M. Meekins, L. L. Winder; third ward, W. M. Hinton, Dr. J. Fearing; fourth ward, Dr. J. B. Griggs, and R. C. Abbott. At large Charles T. Scott.

These according to fairly authentic reports, have been determined upon by the aldermen in "secret" caucus as the trustees of the Elizabeth City graded schools for the next two years.

Those to be displaced by the gentlemen above named are as follows:—E. F. Aydtlett, W. J. Woodley, J. C. Brooks, W. H. Weatherly, C. W. Melick, L. S. Blades, J. B. Leigh, Roscoe W. Turner, Spencer Chaplin, J. H. White, J. A. Kramer, C. E. Kramer, Wesley Williams, Dr. O. McMullan, P. H. Williams, W. H. Jennings, Frank Benton, M. N. Sawyer.

The question naturally arises, Why are the results of a "secret" caucus being published broadcast and discussed on every street corner?

The answer is, Because in its very first caucus, the incoming board of aldermen has split wide open, and unless there is some compromise in the meantime a hotting faction will make a fight in open meeting next Monday night on the election of I. M. Meekins and L. L. Winder as school trustees from the second ward.

Mr. Meekins and Mr. Winder are opposed not only because Mr. Meekins is a Republican, but also because these men were not the choice of the aldermen who represented this ward, but were put in nomination and elected by aldermen from other wards.

The fact that the caucus was a "secret" one of course makes the aldermen diffident about talking to a newspaper man, and an authoritative report of the proceedings of the caucus is not to be had. But it is pretty thoroughly understood that the situation is about as follows:

Before the caucus Tuesday night, it was generally supposed that each alderman would have the privilege of naming a school trustee and the various aldermen had practically decided as to whom they would choose. The second ward aldermen had agreed upon W. H. Jennings and E. M. Stevens. When these names were proposed in the caucus objection was offered on the ground that Mr. Jennings was a member of the old board; whereupon Burfoot was substituted. No open objection was offered; but when ballots were cast and counted it was found that Mathias Owens, J. W. Ballance, W. L. Cohoon, C. C. Pappendick, and S. W. Gregory had voted for Meekins and Winder instead of those nominated by the second ward aldermen. It is reported that the Cohoon faction had held a previous caucus and agreed to support these two against the nominees of the second ward aldermen. This explanation is offered for their prompt and united action in the matter.

The name of Mr. Cale Stevens was not mentioned in the meeting. The minority, consisting of Charles Robinson, N. G. Grandy and Louis W. Anderson, refused to abide by the result of the caucus and, it is expected, will make

open fight against the election of Meekins and Winder in the meeting Monday night, as has already been stated, unless some compromise can be agreed upon in the meantime. The minority hope to win at least one more vote for their side by that time, and it is believed that in case of a tie Mr. Nash will vote for the nominees named by Messrs Grandy and Anderson.

There was not unanimity, but there was no bolt in the caucus, it seems, in regard to the matter of those to be made policemen; and therefore information on this matter is still more indefinite. It is being said that Jennings will be retained, that Seymore is to be made "sanitary inspector" and that Sawyer is to be displaced.

The action of the caucus and the stand taken by members of the new board was being freely discussed on the streets Wednesday. There will doubtless be a big crowd at the first open meeting of this board, which will probably have to be held in the court house.

## COLUMBIA NEWS

Columbia, N. C., May, 28th—Mr. Milton Davenport and Miss Ethel Bodwell left town last night for Creswell, N. C., to attend the Commencement exercises of the Creswell high school.

Mrs. Fannie Wilkinson and family left this morning for their home in Belhaven, N. C. She moved to this town four years ago, with her son, and since that time they have made this their home. Their friends, all, wish them a success in their new home.

Mrs. Ossie West of Elizabeth City is visiting her mother in law, Mrs. Emma Ambrose of this city.

Dr. J. L. Spruill left town in his automobile last night in order to catch the north bound train for Norfolk. Dr. Spruill will take Mrs. J. S. Rodgers on to St. Vincent's Hospital for an operation. His condition is said to be serious.

Mr. F. S. Pinner has now taken charge of the Kohloss Furniture business, and has also purchased the building, which will cause the post office to be removed.

Mr. A. S. Mann, of Elizabeth City is in town this week.

Mrs. J. L. Thurston of Columbia, S. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. B. Snell.

Master Joseph Combs, son of Mr. S. M. Combs, is very ill with measles. He has an important part in the commencement exercises of the Columbia High School, which will take place in a few days. It is hoped that his recovery will be rapid and that he may resume his practice.

Mr. John Pinner has returned to his home at Travis, N. C. He has been a student of the A. & M. College of Raleigh for the past year.

It was stated last week that Mr. C. W. Tatum of this place had been summoned as a witness for Kramer Brothers & to Elizabeth City. Mr. Tatum was witness for the Richmond Cedar Works instead of Kramer Brothers and Armstrong.

## POTATO PROSPECTS

### Prices Still Good And Will Probably Hold if Crop Improves

Irish potatoes sold on the New York and Philadelphia market yesterday, at \$3.75 to \$4.00 per barrel.

The local commission merchants were interviewed yesterday in regard to the outlook for prices for next week, but no one was able to forecast the market conditions or would hazard a guess as to what they will sell for in the next few days.

Large quantities of potatoes are being shipped into the northern markets from all parts in the country engaged in trucking. The stock that is being shipped from eastern North Carolina is "green" and does not come up to the standard. It can be forecasted with reasonable certainty that the maturing of the potatoes will sustain present prices for several days at least.

Tyrrell, the banner county, is rushing potatoes into the northern markets. Possibly one-half of the crops will have been shipped by Saturday.

Currituck is moving its crop at the rate of 2,500 to 3,000 barrels per day.

Pasquotank has hardly begun digging yet, only a very few shipments having been made from this point. Next week Pasquotank and adjoining counties will begin to try the market in earnest.

## MANTEO NEWS

Mr. S. L. Dasher and Master Hugh Dasher went to Elizabeth City this week.

Mr. K. M. Jennette made a business trip to Elizabeth City this week.

Miss Hattie Creef left Monday, for Hertford to spend some time visiting this week.

The steamer Guide made the trip to Manteo last Friday in the place of the Hattie Creef, which was on the railways.

Mr. W. J. Griffin, manager of the Eastern Carolina Transportation Company has been to Elizabeth City this week.

Mr. E. P. Howell, the owner of the yacht, Cinderella, and Mr. C. V. Liverman, two lightning rod men who have been in Dare county recently, left Tuesday on the Hattie Creef for a trip to Goldsboro. Mr. Howell is manager of the company with eight headquarters at Manteo and with eight agents canvassing the county.

Captain M. L. Johnson attended the Odd Fellows Convention at Greensboro last week, returning Friday very much pleased with what he had seen of Middle North Carolina.

Mr. Otic Dough while at work last week cut his hand with an ax inflicting an ugly wound that had to be sewed up, the doctor taking four stitches.

Percy Meekins, the son of Mr. Theo. S. Meekins, while skating the other night caught his arm on a hook in a board and was right badly hurt, the cut requiring a number of stitches to close it up.

Rev. O. N. Marshall was called home this week by news of the very serious sickness of his father. He left on the Hattie Creef Tuesday.

**WANTED**  
COLORED HELP WANTED—to clear timber and cut cord wood ahead of Dredge Boat. Good wages, good board. Call at: CAMDEN RUN DREDGE Gregory, N. C.

## MR. TURKEY GOBBLER HATCHED HIS CHICKS

### Will Fight for Them Too, as His Owner Will Attest, First Outing Yesterday

A hen will of course fight for her chickens, but did you ever hear of a gobbler fighting for a brood of chicks that he had hatched after "sitting" for five weeks?

Mr. J. C. Perry, the popular mail carrier on Rural route number three from Elizabeth City, is authority for the statement that such a thing happened in Pasquotank county this week.

Some weeks ago Mr. Perry heard from a colored woman on his route the story of a "sitting" gobbler. The woman lives about eight miles from here and is the wife of Weldon Mosely. She was very much disgusted with the gobbler and had tried continually and in vain to "break him up" from his nest; but he stuck to business like a veteran and refused to be shaken in his purpose, though he had no eggs to sit on. Mr. Perry became interested in the freak gobbler and after his gobblership had been sitting about two weeks provided him twenty hen eggs. The gobbler settled down on the eggs contentedly and still stuck to the job.

Did the eggs hatch? Well rather. At least, sixteen of them did and on last Wednesday the colored woman whom Mr. Perry had hired to look after the strange "mother" decided that it was time for the gobbler to come off. He was sitting in a box nest up off the ground and she went to the nest and started to take the chicks out. The old gobbler was big and heavy and had already mashed one or two of the chicks, and this his owner felt ought not to be tolerated. But the gobbler did not propose to tolerate being robbed of his young ones. He flew into the woman's face and put her to flight. In running she tripped over a log and fell sprawling. In the fall she so bruised her knee that she is still able to walk only with greatest difficulty.

Later in the day Mr. Perry came along and succeeded in getting the gobbler and his brood from the nest into a coop. Yesterday as the weather had cleared off Mr. Gobbler and his family took their first airing.

The gobbler makes a rather absentminded and awkward parent; but he seems to be honest and anxious to provide the best he can for those in his charge. Among the other fowls, though he occasionally forgets his new responsibilities and struts and gobbles—frightening the chicks out of their wits. When he has done this, though, he calls his charges back and shelters them for a while under his wings.

## PENDLETON NOMINATED

Dr. A. L. Pendleton was nominated this week to the senate by President Wilson. His confirmation by the senate may now be expected at any time.

Dr. Pendleton's nomination has practically been assured ever since his recommendation to President Wilson by Congressman Small.

Although there were other aspirants for the position, of course; nobody believes that Dr. Pendleton will make a good postmaster.

## HOOKWORMS SCARCE IN PERQUIMANS

### Large Number Examined in This County but Percentage of Infection Low

Hertford, N. C., May 28th—The hookworm campaign in Perquimans county, conducted by Dr. G. F. Leonard and Mr. W. C. Jenkins, has just been completed, and these gentlemen have now opened up dispensaries in Craven county with headquarters at New Bern.

At Belvidere 512 people were examined and 143 were infected with hookworm disease. At Chapanoke 327 were examined and 23 infected. At New Hope 321 examinations, with 14 infections. At Bethel 77 examinations with no infections. Burgess 59 examinations, with one infection. Hertford 628 examinations, with 43 infections.

Total number examined in the county 1924. Number infected with some intestinal parasite 400 as follows:—Hookworms 224, round worms 156 whipworms 12, dwarf tapeworms 5, pinworms 3.

Number examined of school age 902, of these 163 or 18 per cent were infected with hookworm.

## BASEBALL TODAY

Elizabeth City will cross bats with Columbia on the local diamond this afternoon at half past three o'clock.

This is the first of a series of games to be played here with other towns of the section this season. The grounds have been put into first class condition and the fence fixed up. A good game is promised.

Lovers of baseball are urged to attend and encourage the effort to keep interest in baseball alive in Elizabeth City.

## AT BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Martin-Scholdfield meetings being held in Blackwell Memorial Baptist church are attracting great congregations. Mr. Martin is preaching some wonderfully strong sermons. There is a deep interest. The singing led by Mr. and Mrs. Scholdfield is a splendid feature of the services. Mr. Martin is one of the South's greatest Bible preachers and teachers. He will speak three times next Sunday, 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 8 p. m. His subject at 3 p. m., will be "Glimpses into Heaven and Hell." The public is cordially invited to hear this great man. There has been from the very first of these meetings a deep interest and it has grown intensely. Such work in the city must be productive of great good.

## A CORRECTION

Columbia, N. C., May 25th—On May 16th, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kemp gave a party to their daughter, Miss Bessie Kemp, in honor of her birthday. Refreshments were served and the party was enjoyed by all present. Those present were:—Misses Fannie Holway, Ruth Hassell, Ida Sykes, Bertie Cahoon, Myra Holloway, Eva Cahoon, Madge Liverman, Bertha Cahoon, Mrs. Lola Cooper; Messrs. Tom Armstrong, Howard Combs, Julian McClees, Lloyd Weatherly, Alton Spencer, Bruce Hassell, and J. C. Chadwick of Pollockville.

## MARY ELIZA SMALL GOES TO BOTTOM

### Sinks in Eight Feet of Water and is Lost with Cargo. Crew Rescued

The Mary Eliza Small, Herbert Barnes, captain, a schooner loaded with lumber and on her way from Yeopim to Elizabeth City, sunk at Little Flatty Creek Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock in eight feet of water.

The cause of the vessel's sinking is not certainly known, but it is supposed that she struck some hidden obstruction, such as a sunken log. At any rate she went down so rapidly that the crew had no time to save even their clothes and none to spare in saving themselves. Practically all personal property on board as well as the cargo went down with the vessel.

Captain L. H. Hooper, of the two mast schooner, W. M. Hill noticed that the Mary Eliza Small was anchored and lying exceedingly low in the water and hastened to the vessel's assistance. Before he could reach her, however, the sinking ship went down and the crew took to the yawl boat, from which they were taken by Captain Hooper's crew.

The Mary Eliza Small carried thirty thousand feet of lumber valued at five or six hundred dollars. It is possible that she may be raised and the cargo saved.

Captain Hooper brought his vessel on to Elizabeth City, reaching here with the rescued crew of the Mary Eliza Small Tuesday evening.

## GOES TO WED BRIDE WHOM HE NEVER SAW

Columbia, N. C., May 27th—Mr. David Jones of this city left here this morning for Norfolk where he expects to meet his bride to be. He has never seen the lady in question, but the affair is said to be arranged, notwithstanding.

Mr. Jones was married a few years ago, but got a divorce at the fall term of court and advertised for a wife. He got an answer from Missouri and it is she whom he now goes to meet.

Mr. Jones is to know his bride by a band of green ribbon on her left finger, while he himself is to wear a band of blue ribbon on his right arm.

## HORSE BREAKS NECK

A valuable black mare, belonging to Dr. Taylor of Buffalo City broke her neck yesterday at Armstrong's stables.

Somebody had just brought the mare out to the stable door when an automobile passed by. The animal was frightened by the machine, reared upwards and falling backwards broke her neck.

She was a handsome mare and worth a good deal of money.

## SURFMEN MEET

The Surfmens' mutual benefit Association meets in Washington D. C., June 10, 11, 12, 1913.

Special rates are offered by the Norfolk-Washington S. S. Co., and a large number of surfmen from Eastern Carolina will doubtless attend.

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One Studebaker '20' two passenger. Practically as good as new. Will sacrifice to a quick buyer.

S. H. JOHNSON,  
Elizabeth City, N. C.