

## MEEKINS AND WINDER ELECTED AS SECOND WARD SCHOOL TRUSTEES

### Action of Caucus Confirmed by Board in Open Meeting By a Vote of Five to Four, Other Matters Taken Up.

(By HERBERT PEELE)

I. M. Meekins and L. L. Winder were elected to the board of school trustees last night over E. M. Stevens and W. H. Jennings by a vote of five to four. Those voting for Messrs. Meekins and Winder were J. W. Ballance, W. L. Cohoon, Mathias Owens, S. W. Gregory and C. Pappendick. Those voting for Stevens and Jennings were T. P. ... C. H. Robinson, N. G. ... and Louis Anderson. The vote was close; but not especially exciting, as it was considered that the Meekins-Winder ... of last Tuesday's caucus would remain solid. But a big crowd was present in the court house; and there was evident interest in the result—with the sentiment of the crowd divided but leaning rather toward the minority vote.

The opposition to Meekins and Winder did not take the form of a fight, as the result was conceded. But it was the desire of those opposing the nomination to go on record in the matter and to give their reasons for their action. Matters had been running along in a cut and dried way until Meekins' nomination was made. Then the opposition showed its hand by nominating Edgar M. Stevens. Discussing the nominations Mr. Grandy said that he was a Democrat and represented the Democratic voters of the second ward; that he had no objection to I. M. Meekins but that the people of his ward did not want to be represented on the board by a Republican. He said on the other hand that he had no objection to voting for a Republican on the board if some of the other aldermen would choose a Republican from their own ward and put him in nomination; but that since none of the aldermen were willing to put off a Republican on his own constituents and since a number of them had combined to saddle one on a ward in which they themselves had not received a vote, he proposed to go on record as opposed to this thwarting of the will of the people.

W. L. Cohoon, dropping easily into rounded oratorical phrases, spoke in behalf of the nomination of Mr. Meekins. He said that he wanted to take school matters out of politics, that a non-partisan board of school trustees was desirable for this reason and that it is customary in many towns of the State to elect Republicans to positions on school boards.

He proceeded to give instances and read a telegram from State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner stating that Republicans were frequently placed on school boards in this State. He said that trustees here are elected by all the aldermen and not by aldermen for their respective wards.

Mr. Grandy replied to Mr. Cohoon and L. W. Anderson spoke on the matter. The vote was then taken and Mr. Meekins was elected trustee for four years. Later L. L. Winder was elected for two years. In explaining his vote Mr. Robinson said that the aldermen had gone into democratic caucus and nominated a Republican, that the representation had been made in the caucus that the Mayor had no right to vote on the question, which was untrue; that

he did not consider the action of the caucus binding and would vote for the nominees of the second ward aldermen. Mr. Nash said that he voted for the nominees of the second ward aldermen because he thought this courtesy due the representatives of that ward. The meeting was held in the court house and came to order about eight o'clock. The aldermen had been sworn in previously by Clerk of the Court, G. R. Little, so this formality was not necessary. Mathias Owens was elected chairman.

The following city officers were duly nominated and elected without opposition. City Attorney, W. L. Small; Police, Leon Holmes, Zenas Jennings and Gregory; Sanitary Inspector, O. F. Seymore; Chief of Fire Department, D. Guy Brock; Superintendent of Fire Alarm System and Engineer, C. G. Pritchard; Assistant Engineer R. H. Raper, Keeper of Engine House, Sam Sawyer; Cart Drivers, Miles Davis and George White.

The following committees were appointed:—Auditing Committee C. H. Robinson, N. G. Grandy, and Dr. Gregory. Ordinance Committee; W. L. Cohoon, Mathias Owens, N. G. Grandy and W. L. Small.

Dr. Williams called attention to the condition of the open canals in the city and urged action before the passing of summer.

The board took a recess until next Monday night, June 9th.

The Advance fights for results and not for glory. We find no special pleasure in offending our friends or in provoking our enemies to wrath. It is not the mere love of battle that leads us into the lists but the desire to see the forces of the wrong routed and the right triumphant. There is no need denying that we like to have our paper talked about and that we would rather be cussed at than ignored—but we have never published a news story or taken a position for the mere sake of making a sensation.

The Advance is frank, then, to confess that the editorial, "Disappointing" last week failed of its object in that it did not break up the line-up of the board of aldermen for I. M. Meekins. Perhaps we did not speak as wisely as we might have done. It is possible that our effort might have been equally as fruitless had we spoken with the tongue of men and not of angels. But we incline to the belief that some of the aldermen were not so certain of their ground as they may have appeared.

Had Charles H. Robinson considered the matter of sufficient importance and made an aggressive fight as did Walter L. Cohoon the vote might have stood five to four in favor of Stevens and Jennings.

But the matter is settled, for the present. The Advance wastes no time in repining. In this matter we have taken the stand that we thought right. Doubtless so have many who opposed us. All of us will now wait the issue of time.

Gallop & Toxey Shoe Co., has an ad in this issue, in which they mention a number of bargains in shoes. It will be of interest to shoe buyers to read this ad.—adv.

## TWO GAS BOATS SINK IN RIVER

The Sunol, a gas boat of about 12 net tonnage, with Captain Johnnie Parker in charge, left Newbegun Creek for Elizabeth City Saturday with a big load of potatoes on board and with her nose alongside of a barge of potatoes which she was bringing here. About a mile from her starting point the barge struck an obstruction and the vessel careened under the shock and sank. Captain Mann went to the aid of the Sunol with the gas boat Alma; but hardly had the Alma got the cargo on board when she turned turtle. Sunday two vessels left here for Newbegun and brought in the potatoes and the Alma also. No report as to the Sunol has been received here.

## CLOSING OUT BUSINESS

The announcement, carried on the advertising page of this issue this week, that the firm of Lavenstein Brothers is closing out its stock here preparatory to withdrawing from Elizabeth City, will doubtless come as a surprise to most of our readers.

It was at Elizabeth City that H. H. Lavenstein offered his first stock of goods to the trade and laid the foundation for the big business that he built up here and at Petersburg and at other points. But the growing business and the utter impossibility of giving the business here his close personal attention forced Mr. Lavenstein, he says, to close up his store in Elizabeth City, though at that he does so reluctantly.

The big stock of new goods, thrown on the market at a sacrifice, will doubtless tempt an unusual throng of buyers to Elizabeth City for the next few months.

## BUILDING GOING UP

The brick work on the Hinton building is now complete and the big structure stands four stories high on Main street, covering the entire block from the postoffice to the Kramer building. It is a handsome building, and will add greatly to the appearance of Main street when complete.

The brick work on this building was done under the supervision of C. D. Currie of Suffolk, foreman for Burnwell Riddick, contractor, of Suffolk.

## WILL MAKE RUN TO NAGS HEAD

Captain Perry is here again with the Sappho, the boat which for a few days plied between Elizabeth City and Columbia this spring, getting ready to make a regular run with the Sappho to Nags Head this season.

The Sappho, it is reported, is to make her first trip next Sunday.

## MARRIED AT MIDNIGHT

Two young people from Portsmouth, Mr. John M. Ballance and Miss Eunice Taylor, came here on the "night express" from Norfolk Sunday night and were married by Rev. I. N. Loftin at his home on Pennsylvania avenue.

Elizabeth Lodge of Odd Fellows has installed the following officers: Cliff Sawyer, N. G.; C. B. Toxey, V. G.; Herbert Morrisette, Secretary; Noah Burfoot, Treasurer; Claude Perry, F. S.

## CLOSING EXERCISES OF GRADED SCHOOL

### Tennyson's Princess Well Staged and Well Received. Features of Program

The graduating exercises of the Senior Class of 1913 took place in the High School Auditorium, Thursday night. The stage was tastefully decorated with the class colors, white and green. The decorations being the bracken fern and the ox eyed daisy.

A number of the school board were on the stage with the Senior Class.

The exercises were opened with a prayer. This was followed by a short and interesting talk by Hon. J. B. Leigh.

Rev. L. T. Reed presented the medal won by Miss Mabel White for the best essay on North Carolina history. This medal is given yearly by the State chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution to foster patriotism in the children of the "Old North State."

The C. F. Smith medal, won by Miss Mary Bright, for highest scholarship in the High school, and the Selig medal, won by Thelma Sykes, in the Grammar school were presented by Hon. R. W. Turner.

The diplomas were awarded by Hon. E. F. Ayldett. A short address was given by Superintendent S. L. Sheen, setting forth the work accomplished during the past year.

During the evening several songs were sung by the Seniors, assisted by some of the members of the high school. The class song written especially for this occasion was written by Mr. Ralph Pool, one of the graduates.

At the close of the graduating exercises the Senior Class were invited by Mr. Allen Kramer, to be his guests at the Alkrama on Friday night.

## SENIORS PRESENTED TENNYSON'S "PRINCESS"

The Senior Class of the High school presented Tennyson's "Princess" last Wednesday evening, in the high school auditorium. This was the most ambitious play ever undertaken by the high school, and the performance reflected credit upon the members of the faculty. Miss Catharine Albertson, Miss Vera Price, and Mr. Dennis Simmons, who managed the play, as well as upon the young actors.

This classic poem was perfectly memorized and the long and difficult parts render with considerable appreciation by those who took the various characters. Some of the young people, especially the young ladies—showed decided histrionic talent. The songs with which the play was interspersed were sung with great sweetness. The woodland decorations of the stage made an effective background for the beautiful tableaux with which each act ended. The grouping of the figures was most graceful, the costumes, mostly in soft pastel shades, made a beautiful color scheme.

The young ladies who took part in the drills, in their softly tinted Grecian robes, executed the difficult and intricate movements with easy grace.

## BARACA-PHILATHEA MEET

The Baraca-Philathea Union of Blackwell Memorial Sunday school will hold their regular monthly meeting in the annex to-night. All members are urged to be present.

## CLEAN UP WEEK BEGAN YESTERDAY

Many wondered last week what had become of clean-up week. True private premises in many neighborhoods were given a good cleaning; but there were no inspections and garbage cans on the streets waited for street carts in vain.

Clean-up week was deferred. It was found that it would be impossible to get the chain gang to Elizabeth City last week and that it could be brought here this week. So the real clean-up began yesterday. Officers are out inspecting premises and the cleaning up is going on on the streets and around public buildings. Owners of homes are urged to see that their yards, both front and back, are ready for a rigid inspection by the sanitary officer.

## MRS. E. Y. NASH DEAD

Mrs. E. Y. Nash, aged 62 years, died suddenly at her home in Camden county last Saturday.

Mrs. Nash had been for forty years a member of Sawyer's Creek Baptist church and was one of the best known and best loved women of her community. She was a graduate of Chowan College.

The funeral services were conducted from the home of Mr. E. Y. Nash and the interment followed in the old Bell burying ground. Mrs. Nash was, before her marriage, Miss Missouri Bell.

Mrs. Nash is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. F. T. Upton, and six grandchildren. She will be greatly missed in her community.

## DIED AT NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE

Miss Laura Jane Godfrey, aged nineteen years, died at Sanford, N. C., where she was going to school, on Tuesday, May 13th, 1913. The remains were brought to Elizabeth City and interment took place in the family burying ground on Body Farm, the services being conducted by the Rev. Royal.

Laura Jane Godfrey was born in Perquimans county and at the age of eleven years became a member of Epworth church, and she was a consistent Christian and Sunday school worker until her death. She leaves a mother, father, four sisters and five brothers to mourn her loss, besides a host of friends.

A Friend,

## AGED WOMAN DEAD

Mrs. A. M. G. Hendricks, aged 95 years, died Friday, afternoon at the home of D. B. Bradford on Main street. Mrs. Hendricks was the aunt of Mrs. Bradford, and had lived with the Bradford family for fifteen years. Her children and grandchildren are on Long Island.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. A. Ashby Sunday at three o'clock from the Episcopal church. The interment took place in the Episcopal cemetery.

## MRS. GARRISON DEAD

Mrs. John T. Garrison died at her home in Wanchese, Dare county, Friday. She was seventy-four years old and well known in the county.

Her husband, Captain John T. Garrison, died a very short time ago.

## POSITION WANTED

YOUNG MAN DESIRES POSITION as Book keeper. Competent to handle books, trial balance, Financial Statement. Satisfactory references. Address B O X 5 8 Elizabeth City, N. C.

## GAS BOAT EVA HAD CLOSE CALL

### Knocked Hole in Her Bottom But Rode Storm Safely and Reached Port.

The steamer Eva had a close call in the big storm Friday night which at Norfolk was so violent as to overturn houses and do considerable damage otherwise, flooding a part of the business district of the town.

Though the storm was much less severe here, many small boats out on the sound had narrow escapes and got into port with difficulty.

The steamer Eva had an especially close call, considering the fact that she made her run and got into port safely after having lain all night in the sound with a hole in her bottom.

The Eva left Elizabeth City for Columbia last Friday afternoon at four o'clock. When the storm came on she began to seek safety in the Perquimans River but the total darkness of the night made it impossible for the crew to get their bearings, and they could not get into the channel. While looking her nose about in the dark ness she struck a snag which drove a hole in her bottom and the vessel began to fill rapidly.

Fortunately the hole was discovered and found to be where it could be got at and stopped up. When the leak had been stopped it was decided to anchor the vessel and to ride out the storm.

This was done and all night the little boat tossed on the waves at the mouth of the Perquimans River. With the coming of morning and light she continued on her voyage, arriving safely at Columbia about twelve hours late.

The "Cooner Boys" who run this boat say that this was the closest call they have ever had and they think they are done with night navigation on the sound.

## LIGHTNING STRUCK BARN

Lightning struck the stables of the farm of Mr. W. H. Jennings about two miles from Elizabeth City last Friday night, setting the building on fire and burning barn and stables to the ground.

Mr. W. L. White, who lives on the farm sustained some losses also in the fire. He lost all his feed, some harness and a little machinery and a buggy. The loss though not heavy in dollars and cents will be severely felt by Mr. White. Mr. Jennings says that he had no insurance; but that the buildings were old and his loss is not heavy.

## The House Came Near Being Burned

The house came near being burned also. The fact that everything was wet and that the wind blew the fire away from the house is all that saved the building.

This occurred during the severe electrical storm Friday night.

## MEETING AT BLACKWELL CONTINUES

On account of the intense and growing interest in the series of meetings now being conducted at Blackwell Memorial church, it has been decided to continue these meetings this week. There will be services in the evening at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited. Special musical program for these services.