

TOWN SORROWS WITH PARENTS

LARGE CROWD AT FUNERAL OF AYDLETT TURNER—PLAYMATES WERE PALL BEARERS.

The funeral of Aydlett Turner was conducted at the First Methodist Church yesterday afternoon at half past two o'clock by the pastor, Rev. C. F. Smith, assisted by Rev. G. T. Adams and Rev. B. Q. Henning.

Aydlett Turner was twelve years old; the eldest son of Roscoe W. Turner of this city. On Saturday morning he was a vigorous, wholesome, healthy boy. That evening his young form lay still in death.

The accident, unspeakably sad and the first of its kind to occur here, took place Saturday afternoon a little after five o'clock. Aydlett, with his playmate, Leslie Spence, had been in the bath room for fifteen or twenty minutes when a negro boy coming to his house to see his mother, the cook, passing near that part of the house, heard labored breathing inside. He told his mother of what he had heard and she went at once to the room where she found both boys unconscious and she thought both dead. She rushed to the street and within a short time Dr. Griggs, Dr. I. Fearing, Dr. Z. Fearing and Dr. C. B. Williams had arrived. Through their efforts Leslie Spence was revived but it was seen at once that for Aydlett there was no hope.

The negro woman who discovered their plight is said to have found one boy in either end of the bath tub. Aydlett had fallen forward and his face was submerged in water. Leslie's feet rested against Aydlett's back and it is thought that this may have prevented his slipping down into the water. The cook says that when she entered the room the gas was burning both at the heater and at the hot water tank. It is supposed that asphyxiation was due to the fact that the oxygen in the small room was depleted and became subcharged with carbon dioxide.

Leslie Spence claims never to have lost entire consciousness. He says that he heard the colored boy come to the house but was unable to speak or move. He was in the midst of his bath he says when lethargy overcame him.

The tragedy has cast a gloom over the entire community and the sympathy of the town has gone out to the grief-stricken parents. Judge Turner was in Norfolk at the time and the first news to reach him was the telegram of his boy's death.

The funeral was attended by a large crowd and the body was laid to rest in the Episcopal cemetery. A number of the dead boy's playmates acted as pall bearers.

Fishermen, ship nice large eels to R. F. Hall Company, 37 Fulton Fish Market, New York, in any quantity next week.—December 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th. (adv.)

SACRED CONCERT AT ALKRAMA

SILVER OFFERING BENEFIT RED CROSS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER INTERESTING PROGRAM.

The Red Cross Committee will give a sacred concert in the Alkrama theatre, Sunday, December 20th, beginning at 3 o'clock p. m., for the benefit of the sufferers of the European war.

A silver offering will be taken which may be handed to W. G. Gaither, Jr., the treasurer of the committee.

The following program will be rendered:

Invocation by Rev. C. A. Ashby. 'My Country 'Tis of Thee,' by the congregation standing.

'Thine is the Kingdom' rendered by the Choral Society.

Quartet—'Rock of Ages,' by Messrs. L. E. Skinner, S. S. Burgess, Arthur Burgess and W. I. Peal.

Solo (vocal)—'God Shall Wipe Away All Tears,' by Mrs. M. R. Griffin.

Address by Prof. Spraggins.

'No Shadows Yonder,' rendered by quartet and choral society.

Trio—'I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills,' by Mrs. Wesley Foreman.

Solo (vocal)—'Star of the Orient' by Miss Rose Goodwin.

'Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works' rendered by the Choral Society.

Benediction by Dr. Hennings.

The concert is in charge of Mrs. I. M. Meekins and Mr. L. E. Skinner.

The choruses used in the sacred concert were taken from the oratorio, 'Holy City,' by Gounod. The entire oratorio will be rendered after the Christmas holidays.

COLUMBIA NEWS

Columbia, N. C., Dec. 11th—Messrs. Ross Syain, Will Swain, and Arthur Swain of Aurora, Beaufort County, are in town this week visiting their mother and other relatives.

Howard Taft, while wrestling at the school building yesterday with Francis McMillan, fell and broke his right leg just above the knee, the bone sticking through the flesh. Druggist C. B. McKeel pronounced it a very serious break. Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Taft.

Mr. J. M. Alexander, who has been taking Register of Deeds H. S. Swain's place during his illness, will be out of office after tomorrow, December 12th.

Mr. Horton Corwin of Edenton, president of the Branning Manufacturing Co., is in town this week on business.

Last Tuesday night was initiation night with the Jr. O. U. A. M. This order is growing rapidly at this place.

Dr. C. A. Flowers returned yesterday from Norfolk.

Sit now for Christmas pictures before the rush. Zoeller can give you his best service. Make an appointment today. (adv.)

DURHAM ADOPTS MANAGER PLAN

AND COLONEL FAIRBROTHER CALLS IT A BIG STEP FORWARD FOR THAT CITY.

The North Carolina city which has most recently adopted the city manager plan is Durham. In view of the action of the board of aldermen on Monday night of last week looking toward the adoption of such a plan here the following article from Col. Al Fairbrother's Everything is unusually interesting.

"The people of Durham have made a great step forward. They are going to employ a city manager. He will be a man chosen by a mayor and four aldermen, and it will be his business to run the town—to employ policemen; to employ all officials; to contract for street work; to do everything in fact that a manager of big business would do. He is to be found. He needn't live in Durham. He can be picked up in Kalamazoo or Timbuctoo—all he need do is to make good, and if he fails to make good he is to be discharged, just like the cotton mill men would discharge the superintendent—just like the railroad company would dispense with the services of a man who didn't fill the bill.

"There will be no politics in it. It will be business from the first base to the home plate. Of course the mayor and board of aldermen will be consulted—but if a little street needs something here or the street crossing needs something there—a street light is demanded, the manager looks at it just as he would look at the demands of his big plant were it individually owned.

"The manager is to be employed for four years—provided he makes good. This is an ideal proposition, if you want a Commission Form of Government. The way we have it in Greensboro we have politics entering into it—that is to say, the three commissioners who do things are elected by the people, and of course where politics plays its part it always interferes. If the Commissioners get away from politics there are those shrewd enough to force politics in the game. With a manager and a board of aldermen representing the different sections of a city, the board isn't consulted. See the manager—and the manager 'from a business standpoint acts intelligently'. Of course there is one remaining if, and it enters into any and every plan, and that 'if' is, if they select the right kind of a manager. The right kind of a man may not be found in North Carolina, but he is somewhere in the world waiting to be called. We expect to see Durham lead all other cities in its form of Government. Greensboro progressed when she adopted the Managerial system. That is the one that seems best, wherever tried, and we are glad so progressive a town as Durham, now in the height of a great prosperity, has concluded to adopt the newest wrinkle in city government. She is to be congratulated."

ELIZABETH CITY IN MOTION PICTURES

The motion picture show scheduled for next Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening at the Alkrama will attract a greater measure of popular interest perhaps than any regulation "thriller" that could be secured.

This show will not be remarkable for spectacular feats or hair-breadth escapades, but the children and the grown-ups will want to see it because it will show Elizabeth City,—which spells "home" and is dearer to the hearts of Betseyites than any foreign scene no matter how costly or famed.

The School children of Elizabeth City will be seen on the screen, life size, and moving. Everyone will watch eagerly for their familiar faces. Elizabeth City street scenes will be recognized, both from the business and residence sections. And the thrill will be supplied when the Elizabeth City Fire Department in action rushes forth, showing the many phases of its work when called upon to save life and property.

Elizabeth City will see itself in real life at these performances at popular prices.

FOR BENEFIT OF HOSPITAL

Attractive fancy work articles are now on sale at the store of the L. P. Gilbert Company and contributions of fancy work, money, groceries, cakes, etc., will be received for the hospital equipment fund by Mrs. J. W. Modlin at her residence on Church street.

LADIES CITY ROAD TO GIVE BAZAAR

The ladies of City Road Methodist Church will serve dinner and supper in the Hinton Building on next Saturday December 19th.

Good music will be furnished and an appetizing menu will be served, consisting of oysters, fried potatoes, pickles, bread and butter, and good coffee.—all for twenty-five cents.

HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATED

The Y. M. A. Basket Ball team defeated the High School team Saturday night by a score of 29 to 26 in the first game of the series at the Y. M. C. A. Building.

The playing of Cropsey, Weatherly and Spivey featured. The following is the line-up of the two teams.

Y. M. A. HIGH SCHOOL
Cropsey—F. Spivey—F.
Beveridge—F. Evans—F.
Weatherly—C. Williams—C.
Bundy—G. Woodley—G.
Brothers—G. Hooper—G.

The second game of the series will be played next Friday night in the Y. M. C. A. Building.

RELIABLE FISH FIRM WANTS EELS

The R. F. Hall Company, 37 Fulton Fish Market, New York, wants nice large eels on December 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th, in any quantity. (adv.)

FARMERS FAVOR GOOD ROADS

AND WANT TO ABOLISH OFFICE OF TREASURER AND SUBSTITUTE SALARY FOR FEE SYSTEM.

The rural census of Pasquotank county taken during Community Service Week showed eighty per cent of the farmers in favor of improved highways for this county.

An even larger percentage of the members of the Farmers Union, judging from the action of that body here last Saturday, are willing to vote the money for better roads.

And better roads are not all that that body on last Saturday, are willing to vote the money for better roads.

And roads are not all that the farmers of this county want. They are anxious to abolish the present fee system in this county and to put all county officials on a salary. They want, too, to do away with the office of county treasurer and let the city banks handle the public money.

The sentiment of the Farmers Union is set forth in the following resolutions which were adopted by a practically unanimous vote:

I.—Whereas, the Pasquotank Farmers Union, in general county assembly, has been made familiar with the provisions of a bill, looking to the establishment of good and permanent roads in Pasquotank county and which bill is intended to be introduced into our next General Assembly of North Carolina by Messrs. W. L. Cohoon and W. L. Small, Senator-elect and Representative-elect of the next General Assembly of North Carolina; and whereas this union realizes and appreciates the great importance and alarming necessity of good roads in this county; that whereas the bill proposed for enactment and this day submitted to this Union, proposes a bond issue and in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars and whereas it is next to impossible to secure good and permanent roads without such an issue of bonds and whereas the annual interest on such a bond issue to this amount is less than the yearly expenditure in maintaining the chain gang of Pasquotank county

Therefore, be it resolved by the said Pasquotank Farmers Union, in general county union assembled, on this 12th day of December, 1914, that we most cordially and enthusiastically endorse this movement looking to the establishment of good and permanent roads and that we endorse most cordially the proposed bill for a bond issue and for the establishment of a highway commission and our representatives in the next General Assembly, as above named, are most earnestly requested to secure the passage of the bill this day submitted.

II.—Whereas, the Pasquotank Farmers Union, in general county union assembled, this the 12th day of December, 1914, has been

THE BEST PLAY OF THE SEASON

"PRICE SHE PAID" GREATLY PLEASED AUDIENCE AND DESERVED BETTER HOUSE

Theatre goes attending the play at the Alkrama Friday night pronounced the production, 'The Price She Paid,' the best offering staged here since the appearance of 'Within the Law' last winter.

The plot held the interest tense and unwearied until the climax, and the acting throughout was quite above the average. The star, Miss Helen Leigh, who played the part of the young sculptress Jane, had none of the overdone makeup or stage mannerism of the ordinary actress, but impressed the audience with her simplicity and sweetness as well as by her ability and beauty. Cyril Blake, the millionaire and tempter, and in the end unexpectedly a real hero, portrayed his type with its sagacity, its cruelty and its strength most admirably, and closed the drama with a brief sermon of considerable force.

Altogether the play was one that ought not to have been missed by those who believe in the power of the stage for uplift and instruction or who appreciate a company that is capable of psychological interpretation.

TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

To Christmas shoppers who are in quest of useful gifts, which are likewise attractive, Mitchell's Department Store is offering valuable suggestions in a well-displayed ad on page two of this issue.

Ladies gold and silver handled umbrellas, \$5. to \$15. at H. O. Bright's. (adv.)

made familiar with the provisions of the bill which has for its purpose the abolishing of the fee system of Pasquotank county and placing all officers of said county upon a salary and whereas this step is in accord with progressive communities elsewhere and where as the salary system is more economical and business like, therefore, be it resolved by the Union that we endorse the provisions of the bill this day submitted to us by our representatives in the next General Assembly, to wit: W. L. Cohoon, Senator-elect and W. L. Small, Representative-elect, respectively, in the next General Assembly of North Carolina; and whereas the said representative in the General Assembly express an unwillingness to assume the responsibility of working out the details of the said bill, therefore be it resolved further that the matter of fixing salaries of the said officers and other details of said bill be left to the Legislative Committee of the said Pasquotank Farmers Union, who are instructed to make diligent inquiry and fix such salaries upon fair and equitable basis commensurate with the responsibility of the various offices and keeping in mind the high character of men always required to fill these offices.