

## TAX ASSESSOR WILL NOT MAKE GENERAL REDUCTION IN ASSESSMENT

**But Committees Will Go Before Board of Equalization and Representative of Corporation Commission Has Been Invited to be Present.**

No definite agreement was reached as a result of the meeting of the Citizens Committee appointed by the mass meeting last Saturday with the Pasquotank County Tax Assessor.

The meeting was held in the courthouse and came to order at half past ten o'clock yesterday morning. Every man appointed on the committee with but one exception was present. Representing the first ward were T. B. Wilson and P. H. Williams; second, M. N. Sawyer; third, N. R. Parker, W. T. Love; fourth, E. F. Aydtlett, W. L. Small. Representing Newland Township were E. B. Granger, C. W. Harris; Providence, R. E. Buffkin, W. F. Pritchard; Mt. Hermon, D. W. Morgan, J. W. Perry; Nixonton, A. J. Jennings, G. D. Sherock; Salem, George Cartwright, J. M. Wilson.

The committees are determined to take up the matter with the board of equalization next Monday unless a satisfactory settlement can be reached before that time.

Interviewed by an Advance reporter after the meeting Mr. W. L. Small stated that the assessor had made no satisfactory concessions to the committees. "These committees," Mr. Small continued, "will, therefore, go before the board of equalization next Monday and attempt to get satisfactory adjustment there."

Judge Leigh was also seen by a reporter of this newspaper yesterday afternoon. He explained that the committees had called him before them and asked for a reduction of the assessments on the basis of a twelve per cent increase on the assessment of last year. "I told the committeemen," he said, "that I could not consider such a proposition at all." He then went on to explain that an adjustment on this basis would appear to regard the 1914 assessment as infallible and final, whereas in his opinion it embodied serious errors.

Asked whether he was making a reduction on his first assessments Mr. Leigh admitted that in some cases he was. "Here in town," he said, "I am reducing the assessment 16 2/3 per cent. In Salem the reduction amounts to about ten per cent and in Nixonton also that reduction will be made. In other townships the values except in cases of unequal assessment, will be left about as they are." It is Mr. Leigh's idea that the town property has always been assessed higher in proportion to its value than the country property, but that in Salem and Nixonton the assessment has been higher than in the other country townships. He is working with the idea of equalizing the assessments and making them uniform all over the county.

"Have you had correspondence with the Corporation Commission which led you to make the reductions you are undertaking?" Mr. Leigh was

## SMALL MAKES AN EXPLANATION

**Chairman of Citizens Committee Emphasizes Point Made By This Paper In Last Issue**

Mr. W. L. Small, chairman of the committees appointed to try to effect a reduction in the tax assessments for this county has given this paper the following signed statement for publication.

"Fearing that in spite of the editorial, 'A Misapprehension' appearing in the last issue of The Advance, there may still be some misunderstanding as to the function of the citizen's committee appointed by the mass meeting last Saturday, the committee wishes to advise through the columns of this news paper that each person who thinks the valuation placed on his property is unequal with that of other property of similar values will have to attend to his particular case by appearing before the board of Equalization at the courthouse, Monday July 12th, and make complaint to said board. The only power and duty of the committee is to endeavor to get values reduced generally throughout Pasquotank County.

This committee makes this announcement because of numerous letters received in regard to unequal values."

Walter L. Small, Chairman Committee.

## BETSEY CLEANS UP

Thinking, perhaps, that example might be worth quite as much as precept, the town within the last few days has cleaned up its own back yard.

The property in question is back of the city hall and, for as long probably as the town has possessed it, has been the dumping ground for various odds and ends belonging to the city which were not immediately needed. This condition came under the eye of the City Manager before he had been long in office and he was prompt to have the lot cleaned up. Terra cotta pipe, wood and so on have been neatly piled up and the clear ground on the lot looks as if it had been gone over with an old fashioned brushbroom.

Manager Commander says that with the co-operation of the people of the town he wants to make Elizabeth City as clean a town as can be found in the State.

## MAY BUILD PUBLIC WHARF

The city manager has plans on foot for building a public wharf at the foot of Main Street an improvement the need of which has made itself felt here for a long time. It is pointed out that considerable work in the way of new piling must be undertaken on the water front soon to check the sinking of the Main Street Water front. City Manager says that while this is being done the wharf could be built at no great expense.

Mr. George Rogers has returned from Manteo where he went with Mr. O. F. Gilbert on the Genevieve to witness the Fourth of July boat races.

In reply the assessor handed the reporter two letters from E. L. Travis, chairman of the commission. These letters were not written for publication and Mr. Leigh did not feel at liberty to offer them for that purpose. There will probably be nothing amiss, however, in saying that in the last letter Mr. Travis made such admissions as to lead Mr. Leigh to believe that some of the property in the county had been assessed too high.

"Are you making a twenty five per cent reduction of the assessment in the town or in any township?" was the reporter's next question. "I am not", was the reply, "but I am as anxious as any one to see Pasquotank county given a square deal in this matter and I have written the Corporation Commission to have a representative here at the meeting of the board of equalization next Monday. I am expecting a reply by wire to-morrow."

## IN POLICE COURT

Edward Martin, colored was found guilty of larceny before Judge Sawyer Wednesday morning and sent to the roads for six months.

He is an old offender and in this case was found to have stolen two tubs of lard from Twiddy's grocery.

John Williams, also colored, who lives here but works in Camden, was sent to the roads for three months for beating a negro woman here about three weeks ago.

## NEW BUSINESS OPENS AT OLD FISH MARKET

The Elizabeth City Hide and Metal Company is a new business now being established in the city. It will be conducted in the old Central Fish Market Building which is being remodelled for the new business.

"I want," says Mr. J. Lamb, proprietor of the new enterprise, "to impress upon the people of this section the fact that I have opened this business in Elizabeth City with the full expectation and purpose of paying them the highest market prices for their hides and for red and white metals such as copper, brass, zinc, rubber and so on, also beeswax, wool, and so on. I know that the market is very quiet now but I wish to advertise and get my claims before the public, and if they are from Missouri, I can show them." Phone 867 P. O. Box 132 adv

PONIES FOR SALE—Weight 6,800 pounds. Apply J. C. Baum, Poplar Branch, N. C. Jul 9 3t

## STRONG MEN PUT ON SCHOOL BOARD

**New Aldermen Make good Selections in Naming Four to Serve on This Body Four Years**

The following graded school trustees were elected Tuesday afternoon to serve for the next four years: First Ward, P. H. Williams; Second Ward, W. H. Jennings; Third Ward, Geo. Markham; Fourth Ward, Dr. J. S. Blades.

The city manager recommended that underground pipes for steam heat in the new market house which is now in course of construction be changed in order to withstand the salt water deterioration in this low piece of ground. The manager thought that the pipes should be encased in glazed terra cotta. As it is, they are simply covered with asbestos. As the market house will have a concrete floor, the matter of getting to defective pipes would present great difficulty. The question of a change was left to the discretion of the city manager.

The cases of Messrs Duff and Sexton against the town were ordered taken before the Supreme court for final decision. City attorney, Thos. J. Markham has prepared to appeal the cases and to obtain a hearing at the August term of Supreme court.

Aldermen J. C. Cohoon, L. K. Foreman, and L. W. Anderson, were named as a committee to act with the city attorney in drafting the town ordinances for the ensuing year.

The weatherbureau was given permission to move its instruments to the city lot back of the city hall. These instruments have been on the Bradford property back of McCabe and Grice's store and permission could not be obtained for them to remain there.

The city health officer, Dr. C. B. Williams, reported the city water free from pollution but highly colored. He recommended that the city manager thought the sanitary officer make every effort to see that all private premises are kept clean through the summer months. He also advised that property owners be strictly required to keep down weeds on vacant lots and keep swamp property free of vegetation.

The license tax on Chautauqua was remitted.

Mary J. Gordon was ordered paid \$175 for property condemned for the widening of Riverside Avenue, this being the amount of judgement obtained by her at the last term of Superior Court here. The jury appointed first to award damage for the condemned property gave her \$75.

A similar judgement for \$650 in favor of J. B. Fearing was ordered paid. Mr. Fearing was awarded \$250 when the property was condemned and sued the town for \$3,000. The verdict was set aside by the president judge who changed the amount to \$650. Property belonging to Mr. Fearing on Elliott Street and condemned at \$50 was valued by a superior court jury at \$150 and this judgement was also ordered paid.

WANTED—To close out our \$1.00 Sterling Silver Bracelets at 48 cents. adv H. C. BRIGHT

## PASQUOTANK FARMERS WILL BE SHOWN HOW TO PREVENT HOG CHOLERA

**United States Department of Agriculture Making Arrangements for Demonstration Here**

Last year Congress made an appropriation of \$500,000 to help the farmers in various states fight the disease in swine known as hog cholera, a disease which annually kills over \$75,000,000 worth of swine, and which in 1913 costs farmers of the United States over ten per cent of their hogs, 6,738,283 hogs out of the total of 61,178,000 in the country. The weapon that is being used to fight this costly disease is the Anti Hog Cholera serum, by which the hogs are made immune against the disease, and a further understanding of the sanitary precautions necessary to be taken.

The serum, blood taken from another hog which has been immunized to such a degree that he has power enough to protect not only himself but many other hogs as well, is a product of the research laboratories of the Federal Department of Agriculture, and where used has been the means of saving millions of dollars in pork, and the method of its use is so simple that one has only to see it injected, or read the instructions regarding its use when the farmer or swine raiser himself can do the work.

The half million dollars appropriated for this purpose is being made use of, very largely, in conducting a general educational and demonstrative campaign throughout the country, and the work in North Carolina was placed in charge of Dr. F. D. Owen, who has been in the employ of the Department of Agriculture for over fifteen years.

Dr. Owen was in Elizabeth City on Saturday, July 3rd, looking into the possibilities of conducting a county wide campaign in Pasquotank County, and other sections nearby.

He states that the work consists of a series of meetings at different points yet to be selected, and at which he will treat one or more herds of swine with the serum to illustrate how easy and simple the demonstration is, and at these demonstrations he wishes all the farmers and others interested to come out, observe and learn the method of using the serum.

Then at night he will give stenographic addresses, illustrated by about sixty views showing how this serum is made how it is used, how to clean up and disinfect farms, and other matters of interest to the swine growers.

The expense of this work is entirely borne by the United States Government, except for the serum used, which has been paid for by the owner of the serum used, but as that amounts to about 10¢ in pigs and from that up to about 75¢ for the largest hogs, it will, no doubt, appeal to the Pasquotank farmers as a good opportunity to secure immunity for their animals against this dreadful disease.

Dr. Owen states that he wishes any one who desires to have their hogs treated to write to him and give him the number of hogs they have, their live weights, and also the best way to get to their farms. His address is Dr. F. D. Owen,

## HAYMAN WINS IN TWO EVENTS

**New Type of Craft Invented by Elizabeth City Man Takes all First Honors at Manteo**

People from Elizabeth City who attended the boat races at Manteo on July 5th have brought back enthusiastic accounts of the events of the day.

From the standpoint of the people of Manteo the races were a disappointment only in one particular; namely, the first place in both racing events was won by an Elizabeth City boat, T. B. Hayman's 'Slide'.

The first race was a free for all and the second a handicap race. Mr. Herbert Creef of Manteo won second place in both races and Mr. Will Foreman of Elizabeth City captured the third prize in each contest. Creef took a good chance for first in the handicap race and probably would have won had it not been for a break down of his engine.

A big crowd attended the races and the occasion was very greatly enjoyed by every body. The judges were Dr. J. C. Baum of Poplar Branch, O. E. Gilbert of Elizabeth City, Thad Snowden of Currituck, and C. C. Miller of Manteo.

The 'Slide' was designed and built by Mr. T. B. Hayman. The boat embodies a number of new ideas and Mr. Hayman has protected himself by taking out a patent for his invention. He expects to manufacture craft of this type on an extended scale.

Prominent people of Elizabeth City are planning to celebrate the next Fourth with boat racing here.

## RED MEN MAKE CORRECTION

A communication received at this office from Mr. E. B. Holmes, of the order of Red Men at Fort Landing, asks that correction be made news sent in last week from that place which stated that dinner would be served to everybody and that the public in general is invited and urged to be present. Mr. Holmes says "This is the Red Men and Pocahontas picnic. They are cordially invited."

THE LATEST—Silver monogram Belt Buckles for men. See our selections. adv H. C. BRIGHT

Raleigh, N. C., care of State Veterinarian.

If more convenient he states this information can be left with W. G. Gaither, Jr., cashier of the First National Bank of Elizabeth City.