

COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOT COMMISSIONERS DECIDE CONTEST

Supreme Court's Decision Correct as Reported Except as to Effect

W. F. Leary, N. N. Hampton, Jr., and W. S. Harrison are the men upon which rests the decision as to who will fill the office of Register of Deeds in Currituck county for the remainder of the two years term begun by T. W. Baxter in January of this year. The case has been one which has been attended by confusion, bitterness and doubt from its beginning.

In the first place the contest for the office of Register of Deeds between Baxter and Bray was a warm and close one. As the votes were counted in the several precincts Bray was the winner by a majority of about four votes; but the county board of canvassers threw out the returns from Jarvisburg precinct, on the ground that a number of votes in that precinct were illegal and declared Baxter elected.

Neither Bray nor his friends were satisfied with this decision and the case was taken before the superior court at its January term. Many hoped for a final settlement at that hearing but Judge Justice, who was the presiding judge at that term, named W. D. Pruden of Edenton as referee. Judge Leigh was later agreed on as referee when it was found that Mr. Pruden would not be able to serve.

Neither the referee nor the superior court judge sustained the action of the board of canvassers in throwing out Jarvisburg precinct, but after hearing all the evidence on both sides the referee decided that Baxter was rightfully elected by a majority of three votes.

The decision of the referee was sustained by the superior court.

Believing that he still had ground to fight on, Bray appealed to the supreme court and the case was heard by that body at its regular sitting this month. The supreme court held that three votes for Bray at Grandy which were thrown out should have been counted for him, that the vote was a tie and that the cause should be remanded to the County Board of Elections to determine which shall be elected. The members of this board are the men whose names appear at the beginning of the first paragraph of this article.

The decision was sensational enough in itself; but further confusion was brought about by the reports in the daily press which stated that the decision now rested with the board of canvassers. The Advance reporter, not being himself a lawyer, attempting to correct the error made another in stating that the county Board of Commissioners would decide the contest. The Charlotte Observer had the case correctly reported, but unfortunately that paper does not arrive here on the date of publication. So it was not learned that the Advance reporter had been misinformed until it was too late to make correction.

When the board of elections will meet and decide the contest has not yet been announced.

Property at corner of Read and Church street—For Sale cheap.
J. G. MILLER

GAS COMPANY TO CELEBRATE

Next Week is Set Apart all Over Country as Gas Lighting Week

Next week will be National Gas Lighting Week. From Monday September 27 to Saturday, October 2nd, this community is due for a lesson in the possibilities of modern gas illumination. Gas companies the world over are planning to turn these six nights into days, and Elizabeth City will have splendor.

For months the gas people have been getting ready for Lighting Week. It is felt by the leaders of the industry that enough really big, revolutionizing things have happened in their world in the past few years to warrant the settling apart of a week for telling the public about them.

Practically unknown even to many who have used gas all their lives, there are yet wonderful new ways of lighting, new types of light, new methods of control—all of them the result of the recent work of the man in the laboratory, and all of them full of interest to the man on the street.

If you should happen in the office of the local gas company next week you will get a glimpse of some of the devices which get such transforming effects from the ordinary gas you are used to see burning in an open flame from an ordinary lamp; mantles not much larger than the tip of your thumb, giving out a light that reaches to every corner of the room; the great, luminous bowls of the semi-indirect system diffusing their soft and very perfect light; exact and easy systems of control, masterpieces of their kind; and everywhere you would notice the elimination of chimneys, gages and stacks—the triumph of simplicity.

This was a triumph when only after long and almost heart breaking struggles, in a little New Jersey Laboratory, Howard Lyon one of the most leading experimenters in gas, set to work to devise a better gas light than any then known. He worked for several years, and at the end of that time he had a tube, not so long as a pencil and tapering curiously in the middle, and a mantle the size of a thimble. That doesn't sound impressive, but Dr. Lyon had what he went after, and his case is typical of the labors of his fellow scientists of the gas industry all over the country. They worked to cut down, to eliminate, to simplify, and they made a tremendous scrap heap. But they got what they went after.

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ABE AND MAWRUS SURE TO PLEASE

Play Which Was Successful of Two Seasons in New York on Way Here

The theatrical season will open merrily at the Alkrama Theatre, on Monday night Sept. 27th, for Abe Potash and Mawruss Perlmutter are to be there fresh from the Cohan Theatre, New York. Abe and Mawruss have promised to come with their entire staff and complete original outfit, guaranteed to turn out a thousand laughs per performance. They are said to be most modest and lovable fellows in spite of the fact that a million people laughed until they cried over them in New York, and they are very proud of the important part they have played in making the world happier.

Abe and Mawruss are the creatures of Montague Glass' brain. He wrote about them in the Saturday Evening Post and manager A. H. Woods, put them on the stage. Their reception was in the nature of an ovation and ever since their first appearance they have been among the most widely talked of characters of present day drama.

The story of "Potash and Perlmutter" deals with the adventures of Abe and Mawruss, their friends and their rivals. The two partners, despite their continual quarrels, are shown to be generous, and loyal to a fault. Troubles pile up fast upon them. Their rival has a designer whose goods make those of Potash and Perlmutter the laughing stock of their customers; their lawyer Henry Feldman proves to be a rascal; the Russian Government has their book-keeper arrested on a trumped-up charge, and in order to save him from extradition they risk their fortunes and are on the verge of bankruptcy. Then enters Ruth Goldman the design



VIOLET BARNEY

er of the famous Arverne Sacque and with her enter sunshine and happiness. She secures a great politician to help the book-keeper she gets out new sacque for Potash and Perlmutter that brings in trade with a rush; she helps to rout the rascally lawyer and, finally, she consents to become Mrs. Perlmutter, while the young book-keeper weds the charming young daughter of Abe Potash. Love and Law, Pinochle

SCHOOL SHOWS BIG ENROLLMENT

Substantial Increase Over Last Year Especially in High School

School opened in Elizabeth City yesterday morning with an enrollment of 170 students in the high school, 477 in the grammar school, and 504 in the primary school.

These figures show an increase over last year's opening of forty eight in the high school, 25 in the grammar school and seventeen in the primary school, a total increase of eighty students.

The High School class rooms are practically filled and the grammar and primary grades overflow their bounds in spite of the fact that a row of desks was added in each of these rooms last year.

VERY FORTUNATE ADDITION

The M. Leigh Sheep Company has been very fortunate in securing the services of a first class tailor to take charge of their alterations.

This store has always prided itself and established quite a reputation for its system of fitting—and Mrs Hart the late addition to the department comes with the very highest credentials from some of the leading tailors of Lexington, Cincinnati and Norfolk—and the new up to date methods which she brings with her will doubtless, prove very satisfactory to the public generally.

Mrs. Hart will be glad to meet the ladies of Elizabeth City and demonstrate to our customers what real tailored alterations mean.

MRS. FLORENCE GRANDY DEAD

The funeral of Mrs. Florence L. Grandy will be conducted this afternoon at four o'clock at the home on the corner of Matthews and Read streets by her rector, Rev. C. A. Ashby. Interment will follow in the Episcopal cemetery.

Mrs. Grandy was seized by an attack of heart failure suddenly yesterday morning just after finishing her breakfast and died while still sitting at the table. She was over seventy years of age but had seemed in her usual health until the attack came upon her which resulted in immediate death. Dr. I. Fearing was called at once but life was already gone. Mrs. Grandy is the widow of C. W. Grandy of the law firm of Grandy and Aydtlett. She is survived by several children.

and Politics, Fashions and Fun are all a part of this most delightful of comedies.

Manager Woods is sending a strong company for the interpretation of the various roles. Each member has appeared during the New York engagement, and no member of the different "Potash and Perlmutter" organizations was finally signed until he or she had "made good" before a metropolitan audience. The staging of the play is elaborate. The scenes are laid, first, in the little downtown factory and salesrooms of the firm, then in the stylish Fifth Avenue establishment and finally in Abe Potash' home.

This company is the same that appeared in Norfolk recently.

THE DISMAL SWAMP CANAL BEFORE ERA OF STEAM AND ELECTRICITY

A Picture Which Should Afford Basis For Interesting Comparison

Mr. Editor: I notice in Wiley's North Carolina Reader, published in 1855, an item which may be of interest to your people, unless Father Creecy published it so often that it still lingers in their minds:

"The little county of Pasquotank alone exports six hundred thousand bushels of corn. Deep wide ditches like canals run round every field and nearly every former is his own shipper; the deep creeks rivers and bays affording means of sloop navigation through the whole country. Great quantities of fish are also caught and the cypress and juniper trees furnish another source of wealth.

From the Pasquotank river to the waters about Norfolk is a canal nearly through the center of the great Dismal Swamp twenty two miles long and the earth taken from it affords an excellent toll road along its banks, and belonging to the same company that owns the canal. About midway this road just on the North Carolina line is a public tavern; and this is the only house in all the great Dismal Swamp. The road and canal, however, are like the streets of a populous city; they are crowded with people from end to end. A large amount of produce goes over this canal and it is perhaps the best stock in the country.

A strange interest attaches to the half-way house.—this solitary dwelling in the Dismal Swamp. From the canal at this place to the lake is a small feeder canal, the most practical route to Lake Drummond. You go up in a canoe or a small boat; if you travel in the Spring the air is loaded with the perfume of flowers and vocal with the song of innumerable birds. On each side are stately trees and a thick tangled mass of impenetrable shubbery; about you is an atmosphere of romance, a region abounding in legendary history. You are in the county of the run-away and the hermit; and near the half-way house have been acted many bloody crimes. Duelists from North Carolina and Virginia come here to fight; and the places which have witnessed the sanguinary encounters have also been celebrated for clandestine marriages."

The part of the picture which struck me most was that which photographed the transportation facilities of Pasquotank county and doubtless of the adjacent counties as well; and the picture of the rush of travel along the canal and of the canal stock being in company with the Lake Shore and Hudson river railroads, if there were any such railroads at that time.

I hope the canal will live on its history if it should ever get short of business, for notwithstanding the proposed mistakes of the engineers and the supposed influences which guided the inland waterway out into the shallows of Currituck Sound, there will be a great canal from the Pasquotank to the Elizabeth River and it will be a sea level canal, if twenty five or

thirty feet in depth will make it so. Canals are a hundred times easier to dig now than they were when this canal was begun; and in another decade or two they will be many times easier to dig than they are now. In fact the Texas law to promote waterways in which the State subscribes one third of the expenses the locality benefited another third and the general government still another would solve the problem in most any wide awake community led by a wide awake man without waiting for the invention of sun power to move machinery—unless indeed the monorail with the stabilizing gyroscope comes to cheapen land transportation below water rates.

By the way, has anybody heard of any of the Panama machinery being used on any canals South of the Mason and Dixon Line, or did the entire output not further needed on the Canal, fall into the innocuous desuetude.

By the way, also, the press agent of the Inland waterway is not as active as he used to be; we all know that a North Carolina link through Currituck sound is better than no link at all. A school boy before the late Armageddon struggle began told me that he liked the history of Western Europe better than he did that of North Carolina or the United States because there was more doing over there. Get your canal press agent to be more mouthy if anything is being done down here. Even the Greeks could not fight the Trojans without Stentor.

W. J. PEELE.

MILLINERY OPENINGS TO-MORROW

To-morrow the fall millinery openings will be the feature of interest in the shopping section of Elizabeth City and in spite of the lingering of summer they will no doubt attract large numbers of women shoppers from city and country.

Announcement of the millinery event of the season has been made by dainty card invitations, by attractive newspaper advertising, and by window cards in the various stores. Miss Sallie Perry, Pritchard Millinery Company, Mrs. M. Hill, The L. P. Gilbert Company and Walker & Company are the stores of the city that cater entirely to the millinery trade, and the S. W. Siff Company has a large and attractive millinery department on the second floor which extends its invitations to visitors to-morrow.

The M. Leigh Sheep Company Womens' Wear Store advertises its opening display of fall coat suits and dresses on these two days also.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

George W. Harney, now of Norfolk, but formerly of Elizabeth City, has been appointed by President Wilson supervising inspector of the Third Steamboat Inspection District. This district includes Norfolk, Baltimore, Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville. Mr. Harney is a brother of Mrs. W. H. Zoeller of this city and is well known here.