

LID IS NOW PUT ON TIGHT

Aldermen in Called Meeting Add to List of Articles Which May Not be Sold Sunday.

The lid is on in Elizabeth City now, without a doubt. There has been a great deal of talk about Elizabeth City's Sunday 'Blue Law' since the enactment by the present board of aldermen of the following ordinance: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the mercantile business, buying and selling goods, merchandise, fruit, confectioneries and cold drinks, or any other commodity, to buy or sell at his or her or its place of business, or any where else within the city limits or within one mile of the city limits, on Sunday, goods, wares, merchandise, fruit, confectioneries, cold drinks, and so called soft drinks or any other commodity whatever; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to the sale of drugs, gasoline, lubricants, milk, ice, cigars, cigarettes or tobacco. Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined ten dollars or imprisoned not less than thirty days.

This ordinance was a sort of compromise measure passed in an effort to frame a law which would satisfy those who wanted a less wide open Sunday in Elizabeth City and at the same time not offend the element who are insistent that a closed Sunday is impracticable in a town of Elizabeth City's size. When the ordinance went into effect it clearly appeared that it pleased nobody. People who wanted a closed Sunday complained at the laxness of the law while those who opposed any restrictions on the sale of drug store and cafe commodities were bitter against the prohibition of the sale of soft drinks. At a called meeting of the board of aldermen yesterday afternoon, therefore, the board added to the proscribed list, gasoline, lubricants, cigars, cigarettes and tobacco. Drugs, ice and milk are now the only commodities which have not been put under the ban.

The same meeting of the board passed an ordinance forbidding the shucking of oysters to be offered for sale except under cover sheltered from the dust of the street. The ordinance also specified that all oysters offered for sale shall be kept in covered vessels. It has been the custom of some oyster dealers to shuck their oysters out side of the building and to sell and to expose the shucked oysters for sale in open vessels entirely unprotected from the dust of the street.

The board went in a body to the site of the new market house, where construction work on the walls of the building has now begun to determine whether there should be one or two doors in the west wall of the building. It was found that this was the lowest wall; but that where as the plans called for two doors on the other two sides of the building, only one was specified for the west side. The aldermen ordered that the plans be changed and two entrances provided on this side.

P. G. Pritchard of Providence was here on business Saturday.

E. R. Johnson of Carrizack was here Monday.

COTTON THEIR APPREHENDED

Joe James, a negro draymen who has long been suspected of stealing cotton has been apprehended by the police for this offence and they believe that they have a clear case against him. James said a load of cotton at the gin and when asked where he got it gave a fictitious name. He will be tried in police court here to-morrow.

ELIZABETH CITY RESERVES JOIN ENCAMPMENT

The Elizabeth City Naval Reserves left Sunday night for Morehead City to join the encampment of Naval Militia at Camp Glenn. All the militia of the State are required to go on this encampment and the Elizabeth City Division left here with a full representation. Business men of the city who have members of the company in their employ have been most liberal in the matter of granting them leave at a season when business promises to be very active.

TAX BOOKS COMPLETED

Register of Deeds, J. W. Munden, has completed his work on the Pasquotank County tax books for all townships except Elizabeth City, and these books are now in the hands of the sheriff who is ready to receive the taxes. The work of completing the tax books this year has been extremely onerous and difficult on account of the many revisions made since property was first listed. The county tax assessor after he had completed his work ordered general reductions of from ten to sixteen and two thirds per cent in several townships. After the board of equalization had been given a report by Mr. Munden showing the total with the reductions ordered by the tax assessor taken off, the board made additional reductions in certain townships. When the books had been made out on the basis of these reductions came an order from the corporation commission ordering a still further reduction of five per cent. All these changes have made the work of making out the tax books about four times as heavy as usual.

FUNERAL OF MISS GORDAN

The funeral of Miss Sophie Anne Gordon was conducted Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the home in Camden by Rev. E. L. Stack, in testament following in the family burying ground.

Miss Gordon died Friday morning at the Elizabeth City Hospital where she was taken two weeks ago in a very critical condition after an operation performed at her home. She was seventy years and seven months old, and her life was spared of when first brought to the hospital for treatment.

Miss Gordon was a member of Nash's Chapel's Methodist Church in Camden county. She is survived by a brother, John B. Gordon of Camden, and two nephews, Sam Gordon of Berkeley and Dr. Pat Gordon of Charleston, West Virginia.

FORBES—CONOVER

Edward Carroll Forbes and Miss Sallie Johnson Conover, both of Norfolk, were married here Sunday by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden at his residence on Selden street. The bridal pair were accompanied from Norfolk by Mrs. E. K. Wharton of Norfolk who was married here a little over a year ago. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Conover of Norfolk and the groom is the son of Mrs. Lillie Forbes of Portsmouth.

John Morris of Nixonton was in the city Saturday on business.

CARNIVAL IN FULL SWING

The Firemen's Carnival opened last night and the town went out to see the shows. The Negro Artistic, a rollicking minstrel show; The Hippodrome, The Hurdlers, The Crazy House and the Wild Animal Show were among the most popular of the evening's attractions. Others are to be added to the list this evening and the Carnival will continue throughout the week.

The Smith Shows come to this city well recommended, and from here go to Raleigh to furnish amusement for the midway of the State Fair, which is a recommendation in itself in that the same shows may be seen here at the ball park that many people go as far as Raleigh to see.

The band is a drawing card also and its daily performances on the street attract both young and old.

THRIFT DAY SET APART

The corporations, the liquor interest and the multimillionaires are not the owners of the earth, despite the shouting of the yellow press. The world belongs to the thrifty man. No talent, no circumstances, no opportunities will make a man a success in life without the virtue of thrift, hence the movement for a national Thrift Day is receiving encouragement. It is proposed by the International Congress for Thrift that the President and governors of the state designate a day, the Sunday before Labor Day, as Thrift Day. The idea is a worthy one, and the labor organizations of the country are supporting it. The constant application of thrift will make the world a better place to live in. There will be fewer inmates of charitable institutions, fewer applicants for alms, less poverty and more happiness. It is proposed to establish state as well as national headquarters for the association, and an active campaign undertaken for educating the easy going and thoughtless.

NEWLAND NOTES

School has opened in Newland School No. 3 with Miss Etta Spivey of New Hope, Perquimans county, in charge.

Election on Central High School in Newland and Salem will be held to day.

Crops are one third short in Newland Township.

Miles Brite of Corinth was in this community last week.

Mrs. J. N. Williams and son Geo Taylor Williams and Mrs. Walter K. Jones motored to Norfolk Sunday.

C. C. Bright of Lambert's Point was here visiting friends last week.

Rosa Williams, a highly respected colored woman of the county died Tuesday.

John E. Temple who has been very sick is now improving.

Mrs Fannie Sharber who has been sick is now improving.

Mrs. H. W. Bright is sick at her home here.

Charlie Morgan of Elizabeth City was in this community on business last week.

RUN OVER BY FARM CART

Columbia, N. C., October 11th—Mr. Sam Egerton, an old man of this place, while coming down town Saturday night was run over by two boys in a farm cart. His hip was dislocated and he was badly bruised and shaken up. The young men are up for trial here this morning.

A revival is in progress here at the Christian Church. The meeting will close to-night.

TROUBLE WITH TURKEY

The United States now faces an acute diplomatic controversy with Turkey, in addition to its difficulties with Great Britain, Germany and Mexico. Aroused by the accounts of Turkish atrocities against the Armenians, the State Department has instructed Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople, by cable, to inform the Turkish minister of foreign affairs that public sentiment in the United States was so stirred by the reports of the Armenian atrocities that unless the massacres ceased friendly relations between the American people and the people of Turkey would be threatened.

Officials made it clear, however, that this message, though its importance was by no means minimized, did not threaten a break in diplomatic relations.

Turkey already has let it be known that she will not permit interference by any foreign power with her so-called "Armenian policy." As American life or property has not been affected, the United States government, without submitting an official protest, merely informs Turkey of the effect continued Armenian atrocities would have upon the American people.

Secretary Lansing said that no representations had been made to Germany regarding the treatment of the Armenians by the Turks. It is understood that the German embassy at Constantinople filed a protest on this subject with the Turkish foreign office.

Robert P. Skinner, the United States consul general in London, has been summoned to Washington for consultation on the trade situation existing between the United States and Great Britain. In London the consul general has gathered much information concerning British exports and re-exports, and it is this phase of the situation on which State Department officials are particularly anxious to obtain first hand information from him.

NO RELEASE FOR HUERTA

Victoriano Huerta, former dictator of Mexico, who was made a prisoner by the United States when he approached the border some months ago, presumably to organize an expediency force for operations south of the border, will not be released as was recently suggested by Cardinal Gibbons. Department of Justice officials assert that they have information concerning Huerta's affairs that justify his detention until a provisional government has been established in Mexico. The understanding is that Huerta will not be released until the United States and the seven other American powers that comprise the Pan American Conference have recognized a government South of the Rio Grande.

GRAND ARMY DISBANDED

The last of the Grand Army visitors here practically left Washington, after the impressive ceremonies last week in connection with the semi-centennial of the grand review fifty years ago of the Union army at the close of the Civil War in 1865. A few of the aged soldiers and visitors have remained over to witness the laying of the corner stone of the Arlington Memorial amphitheatre, which was to take place last week but was postponed, on account of inclement weather on the day set for those exercises.

SAKS — BURKE

Abe Saks and Gusie Burke, both of Norfolk, were married here Friday by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden.

THE COTTON MARKET

The tone of the cotton market remains firm, but the high level of a week ago has not been reached since last Tuesday. Cotton was quoted on the local market yesterday at 117.5c. Following the recent cool weather and killing frosts in some portions of the cotton belt it would seem that an advance this week up to or above last week's high level may not be improbable.

The prices quoted for seed cotton at the various gins in the section at two o'clock this afternoon were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Price. Includes Wekville Ginning Company (4.90), A Sawyer, Beicross (5.00), Eastern Cotton Oil Co, Hertford (5.00), L. M. Sawyer, Burnt Mill (5.00), Hubbard, Jones & Pugh, Old Trap (5.10), N. Bright, Woodville (5.00), Gregory & Forbes, Shiloh (5.00), W. G. Stafford, South Mills (5.00), W. S. Berry, Beicross (5.00), W. T. Wright, Shiloh (5.00), Jones, Oklako, (5.10), G. W. Towe, Chapanoke, (5.15), R. R. Keaton, Camden (5.00), People's Oil & Ginning Co (4.90), Elizabeth City Milling Co., no report.

BURGLARY NEAR CRESWELL

J. W. Shores returned Friday from Creswell where he was called by telegram Wednesday night by Sheriff Reed of Washington county to search for the thief who on the night before smashed a window in the store of Peter Pritchard between Creswell and Mackeys and stole a gun. Mr. Shores and his dogs tracked the thief to Deep Creek Landing, two miles below the store. There the fugitive had made his escape by boat.

MEET TOMORROW AFTERNOON

The Chautauqua guarantors for 1916 will meet in the offices of C. R. Pugh in the Hinton Bldg., Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock to select officers.

All guarantors are requested to be present.

GERMANY MEETS DEMANDS

Germany has sent no new note to the United States regarding the Arabic case and the imperial government's submarine policy, but instead Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, has been given full authority to carry the negotiations to a conclusion without further reference to his home government, according to a statement from an authoritative source close to the Ambassador. The Ambassador recently turned over to the Secretary of State some material, part of which was in writing, but this was in the nature of a personal memorandum, it is understood, and not a formal communication from Berlin. The next step toward an adjustment of the difficulties will be a conference between the Secretary of State and the German Ambassador.

It is the intention of the administration to stand firm for all that has been demanded of Germany. There is a belief on the part of some officials here that the German government would be quite satisfied to let the matter rest, now that it has been removed from the acute stage, but it is declared that the United States will not be a party to such a plan.

AN INGENIOUS FARMER

An ingenious farmer of Illinois attached a rubber hose to the exhaust of his automobile, drove through his fields and inserted the hose into every gopher hole he found. Every gopher was killed. The farmer then inserted the hose into rat holes, turned on his engine and the rodents have disappeared.

REPRESENTED IN STATE UNION

Elizabeth City Ladies take Active Part In Temperance Meeting Held at Raleigh

Mrs. Clay Foreman of this city was re-elected vice president of the North Carolina Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the thirty-third session of that organization Saturday in Raleigh.

Business matters took up the meetings of Friday, until the evening when the White Ribbon Band was formally welcomed by Governor Craig, Mayor Johnson and other speakers representing the physicians of the city and other organizations in sympathy with the temperance movement.

On Saturday evening an address by Chief Justice Water Clark which dealt with the notary public decision and strongly advocated woman's suffrage as a means of removing unjust discriminations against the women of North Carolina was heard with special interest. The State organization of the W. C. T. U. has never gone on record as favoring equal suffrage though it is prominent on the platform of the national organization. Mrs. Goodno, president of the State W. C. T. U. is strongly in favor of woman suffrage, but other speakers oppose taking a stand in its favor and the matter was finally referred to a committee to be reported upon at next year's meeting.

At the memorial exercises held on Saturday morning Mrs. William Boettcher of this city spoke of the work done here along W. C. T. U. lines by the late Mrs. Kate E. Zimmerman.

The annual sermon was preached Sunday morning by Dr. L. E. M. Freeman, of the chair of Bible and Philosophy at Meredith College, and the meeting on Sunday night was marked by a stirring address by Miss Lillian Phelps of New York. Miss Phelps declared "that the evil of the liquor traffic is not in its use or abuse but in the very nature of the thing itself." Threw out the argument that prohibition does not prohibit, gave statistics showing the cost of caring for men and women who have become worthless members of society through the liquor evil and brought her speech to a climax with a plea for suffrage, calling attention to the manner in which women in other states have exercised the ballot against the liquor traffic in those states.

Following Miss Phelps address the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars was obtained in donations and pledges for the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in North Carolina.

The convention came to a close Monday evening with a reception given by the Woman's Club of Raleigh.

Elizabeth City's representatives were Mrs. Clay Foreman, Mrs. G. F. Derrickson, Mrs. Wm. Boettcher and Miss Lillie Grandy. Mrs. Foreman, Mrs. Derrickson and Mrs. Boettcher returned today from the meeting, Mrs. Grandy remaining to visit friends in Raleigh.

MATTIE GIBBS WILL RECOVER

It is now stated that Mattie Gibbs, the colored woman who was shot by her husband about two weeks ago will recover. One eye, part of her nose, and one cheek were torn away, but she will leave the hospital in a few days.