

EDITORIAL PAGE



THE ADVANCE

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So much live news today we have to cut our editorial matter short. We'll give you more next time.

Elizabeth City is a good town. Everybody who comes here from another city says so. The knockers all live among us making their living out of us.

Come to Elizabeth City on Good Will Day—not to spend money but to have a good time. The merchants are going to close their stores in the afternoon and enjoy the day with you.

Mr. N. R. Parker of this city reports a yield of sixty one barrels of potatoes from a planting of two barrels. He thinks that is a record for Pasquotank county this year. Can any one beat him.

If you have not done so already, be sure to see your county commissioner about the importance of retaining the services of an agricultural demonstration agent for the coming year. The matter is one of vital interest to you.

Stores will close Friday afternoon in Washington this year during July and August. Elizabeth City inaugurated this Friday afternoon closing movement in this section and should not drop out of the ranks of the cities who now follow her lead.

The Advance has always made special effort to see that carrier boys make perfect delivery of the paper on their respective routes. If a paper is left at your house and carelessly hung into the yard instead of being placed in a safe and proper place the management of the paper will consider it an especial favor if you will make complaint there of.

LET IT BE SETTLED

The Advance suggested some time ago that the business men get together and decide upon a closing hour for the stores on Good Will Day.

That action has not been taken and now a petition is being circulated to close the stores at one o'clock.

We understand that some stores are not signing the petition and we suggest again that the business men get together on this question.

Would it not be well to have a meeting of the business men and the members of the program committee so that the matter could be taken up and thoroughly threshed out?

The merchants are wanted in the parade of course.

Suppose that the parade should be set at an hour when the stores are still open.

The Advance wants to see the Good Will Day program go through without a hitch or a jar and without an confusion.

It is in this spirit that we offer the foregoing suggestion.

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June 20, 1916
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Meal, per ton	\$22.00
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HAY	
No. 1 Timothy, per ton	\$25.00

THE NEXT STEP

Two of the most progressive counties in the state are New Hanover and Mecklenburg.

Each of these counties has the distinction of having as its metropolis one of the two largest cities in North Carolina. For many years Wilmington was North Carolina's largest town but today Charlotte is conceded that honor.

Both Wilmington and Charlotte have a public library.

Elizabeth City this year is putting herself on the map and expects to take rank within a year as a town generally recognized as one of the most progressive in the State.

Elizabeth City can not make that boast unless she has a public library. In this age of books, a public library is second in importance only to a public school.

We could get along without a public school to be sure. But we don't want to and we don't expect to.

We can get along, as we have been doing, without a public library. But we can not do it much longer without a grievous wound to our self respect. It is bad enough that we have not had this public library up to this time. But it will be infinitely worse if, when the town's attention has been called to the importance and the need of such a library, nothing is done to obtain it.

From Charlotte's library last year 12,191 books were taken from the children's department alone. Founded in 1903, the library at Charlotte has become, says one of Charlotte's women, "so completely a part of our daily living that we would no more think of doing without it than we would our public schools."

CAN PASQUOTANK PROFIT?

We found the following from the current issue of the University News letter exceedingly interesting. It should be read with close attention by every citizen of this county and with special carefulness by every member of the Board of County Commissioners:

"I feel like I'm robbing my county when I take money for printing our county financial exhibit year by year said a North Carolina editor the other day.

What he was saying was not quite so clear to us at the time as it is now. The files of The North Carolina Club are being filled with the yearly financial exhibits of the counties clipped from the county papers as they come in.

Most of them are beyond understanding or interpretation. Some of them are an affront to the taxpayers they really are a sinful waste of printers ink. It is conceivable that a student with weeks of effort could group expenditures, reduce them to classified accounts and really know something definite about county finances; but in many or more instances it would be a hard task for an expert accountant.

Usually no exhibit of receipts is shown; no exhibit of bond indebtedness, or county assets, or unpaid, outstanding, current accounts. How the county really stands at the end of the year, nobody can tell from

the published exhibits in the vast majority of instances.

"And by the way the Orange County financial statement for 1915 has never yet been given to the public as the law requires.

Three counties are to be congratulated upon their published exhibits, —Wake, Granville, and Surry. There may be others in this class, but their exhibits have not yet come under examination in our Club studies of North Carolina.

"By the way, if county officials or thoughtful citizens anywhere would like to see a simple, understandable financial balance sheet for a county, drop us a postcard and we will take pleasure in mailing them the best one we have so far found in the South."

Can anybody tell us what was done with Pasquotank's finance report for last year? The people want to see these reports but they want them in such form that they can understand them.

We are glad to hear that Pasquotank's agricultural demonstration agent has been endorsed by the Farmers' Union of this county. The Commissioners will make no mistake in insuring the county the services of such an agent for another year.

Some of our friends tell us that The Advance has not achieved success as rapidly as it might because its editor has given the people the sort of paper he thought they ought to have rather than the sort of paper they want.

We admit that we have sought to serve rather than to please, but if possible we should be glad to do both. If you would like to see The Advance appear with screaming headlines across the full width of its page every day, let us know it and whether we go as far as you wish or not we will be glad to get your viewpoint.

MERELY OPPOSITION

"The Republican party," says the current issue of The World's Work, has taken on nearly all the attributes of an habitual opposition. It does not stand for anything in particular except a return to office."

The editorial from which this quotation is taken was written before the Republican Convention, the action of which body, in nominating Justice Hughes, whose attitude to the vital questions and issues of the time were unknown, verified, corroborates and justifies the judgment handed down in the editorial in every particular.

Since his nomination the ex-Supreme Court Justice has given the country but one utterance, which is hardly more militant than many a speech of the man now at the helm of the ship of state.

The Republican party's platform strikes an even less aggressive note. The Advance can not believe that a party without a platform and without a candidate who has done anything to make his name a household word among the masses of the American people can defeat Woodrow Wilson.

In this immediate section the Republican party has no other platform than that a Republican victory will bring back prosperity. And prosperity seems to be coming this way all the time as it is.

The Advance agrees with the Democratic leaders who think that it will be easy to win with Wilson this year. Many Progressives will flock to the Democratic standard by November if we are able to read at all the signs of the times.

Good Will Day will not only put Elizabeth City on the map but it will put the old town on the moving picture screen as well. And plenty of folks will go to see the pictures who don't spend much time looking at maps.

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Lamb Engine Company VS Gas Boat 'Goggle Eye' and Owners

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an Order of Resale made in the above entitled action, on the 16th day of June, 1916, I will on the 30th day of June, 1916, at twelve o'clock M. sell to the highest bidder for cash the gas boat 'Goggle Eye' her tackle, apparel, and machinery, said sale to be held aboard boat, Elizabeth City N. C.

This notice dated and posted this 19th day of June 1916.

W. T. Dortch, United States Marshal

By J. R. Williams, Deputy Marshal

June 20—23—27

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CHAS. REID, Sheriff

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