

Rain tonight and probably Friday, colder Friday in extreme west portion, moderate winds mostly south.

HERBERT HOOVER IS MENTIONED

James W. Gerard Declares There Are Plenty of Good Democrats For Presidential Nomination

(By Associated Press)
Portland, Oregon, Jan. 9.—Democrats exhibited much interest today in the telegram read last night at the banquet here in which James W. Gerard declared that there are plenty of good men for Democratic nomination for the Presidency from which the party could make its choice, and added that "Herbert Hoover is one of them."

SEEK SOLUTION TURKISH PROBLEM

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 9.—Having abandoned hope that the United States would accept the mandate over Turkey, the Allied Powers are searching for a solution of the problem of expelling the Turks from Europe without causing an uprising among Mohammedan peoples as would endanger control of the European nations over them.

Reports from India, Egypt and other Mohammedan countries insist upon the retention of the head of their church in Constantinople under threats of boycotts of Christian business and trade and even actual warfare.

EXPENSES TO BE BORNE BY GERMANY

(By Associated Press)
Paris, Jan. 9.—The Supreme Council decided today that the expenses of the High Commission in control of the Rhine regions should be borne by Germany as well as the cost of the Army of Occupation.

The Council discussed the first meeting of the executive council of the League of Nations to be called by President Wilson. The date of the meeting will be fixed later.

VILLA FORCES ARE IN FLIGHT

(By Associated Press)
El Paso, Jan. 9.—Villa's forces at present are not more than 250 men, Carranza officials claim.

The rebels are today reported in flight in the direction of Durango where Federal forces are said to be advancing to intercept their retreat.

TO CONFER WITH BILLY SUNDAY

Rev. J. M. Ormond, pastor of the First Methodist Church and Rev. H. K. Williams, pastor of the First Baptist church, left Friday afternoon for Norfolk, where they had an engagement with Billy Sunday at 5:30 p. m. to invite him to visit Elizabeth City.

Mr. Ormond and Mr. Williams represented the Chamber of Commerce, The City Council, the W. C. T. U. and the Ministerial Union of Elizabeth City.

Announcement of the result of their conference with Mr. Sunday will be made in The Advance tomorrow.

IN HONOR OF BRIDE-TO-BE

Mrs. Thornburn Bennett entertained a number of friends at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wesley Foreman on West Main street Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Lottie Mae Bennett whose wedding takes place next week.

The color scheme of pink and white was carried out in refreshments, favors and decorations. Two courses, an ice and a salad course were served. Rook was played and the guest's prize, a kewpie doll, was awarded to Miss Bennett, while the prize for the highest score, a box of dainty pink correspondence cards, was won by Mrs. Harold Foreman.

Those present were: Mrs. Howard Kramer, Mrs. W. L. Small, Mrs. Edward Griffin, Mrs. Harold Foreman, Mrs. Frank Selig, Mrs. Spring Brent, Mrs. Noah Burfoot, Jr., Mrs. James Fearing, Mrs. R. L. Kendrick, Mrs. Lev. McCabe, Miss Nellie Wood, Miss Fannie McMullan, Miss Margaret Griggs, Miss Olive Aydtlett, Miss Bernice Ledman of Suffolk, Miss Madee Palmer, Miss Katherine Jones, Miss Lillian Whitehurst and Miss Lottie Mae Bennett.

WANTED — NIGHT CASHIER TO work five nights week. Hours 6 to 10 o'clock, Standard Pharmacy. J.S-21

LAYNE-WHITE

Mamie, Jan. 6.—On Tuesday morning, January 6th, at the Baptist parsonage, near Mamie, N. C., N. D. White of Gates County and Miss Nellie Maude Layne of Bertha, N. C., were united in marriage.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for the groom's home in Gates County. Rev. J. L. Daldrep was the officiating minister.

NATURAL GAS MAKES MANY RICH

Others Anxiously Waiting Outcome of Subterranean Gamble in Snake Hollow Field Near Pittsburg

(By Associated Press)
Pittsburgh, Jan. 9.—Spouting natural gas at the rate of almost 100,000,000 cubic feet a day, the Snake Hollow field, which is not yet four months old, already has made a large number of persons comfortably rich, while some thousands of others are anxiously awaiting the outcome of their subterranean gamble in more than 200 wells where the drills are kept going day and night.

The development, which became apparent when a strong flow of gas blew the top off a derrick on September 28 last, covers no more than 100 acres of town lots in the outskirts of the thriving little city of McKeesport, 16 miles from Pittsburgh. Efforts are being made by important oil and gas interests to extend the field. If these test wells, now being drilled, come in gushers, an important addition to the gas producing territory of Allegheny county will have been found. If they are "dusters," geologists say, it will not be long until Snake Hollow will be a thing of the past, and dreams of wealth be nothing more than memory.

Rock pressure, the measure of natural gas at the well, was 1,600 lbs to the square inch when the first well came in. This pressure, experts say, has now been reduced to 600 pounds, indicating that already the field is beginning to decline. However, there are some 20 good wells in the field, and every well which reaches the Speechley sand where the gas is found, comes in a gusher good for 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 cubic feet. This cannot last, for the wells are drilled so close together that the pool will be exhausted very soon unless it is found to extend over a much wider area than that now producing.

But while it lasts Snake Hollow is taking on all the features of a boom district where fortunes are made over night. Steep hillsides lots which six months ago could have been bought for a song have sold for \$10,000, and leases, covering spaces not big enough to hold a drilling equipment, have brought half that sum. Churches have leased their back yards, and schools have given over their playgrounds to the driller for a consideration. In one instance the township board of education leased a school property, getting \$5,000 down and 30 percent of what the drill might find. The lease of an amusement park was sold for \$160,000. A year ago the land, surface and all that might be under it, could have been bought for \$300 an acre.

The amount of money already invested in the field is placed by bankers at \$20,000,000. This is due to the high cost of everything, from drilling which reaches about \$20,000 a well, to commissions of stock salesmen who are handling the securities of the 170 companies now in the market. The most profitable concerns, however, are close corporations, and some of their shareholders have been paid many times over the amount of the original investment.

The gas bearing sand is from 3,000 feet to 3,200 feet below the surface, with the average well 3,100 feet deep. Pipe lines have been laid to some of the most important holes, and work is being rushed, day and night, on others. There is everywhere in the field a feverish desire to get the gas out and the money in with the least possible delay, and while some people are getting some money, experts agree that a whole lot of investors and speculators are going to be disappointed.

TO BE LANDED AT COPENHAGEN

(By Associated Press)
Copenhagen, Jan. 9.—Undesirables deported from the United States will be landed and transhipped to Danzig, according to reports.

CHOWAN COLLEGE

First let us say that we would be almost helpless without the medium of our daily paper, therefore, as we have said especially during this campaign, everybody should take his town papers, otherwise we must fall in more ways than one.

Real Opposition to the College
There is a certain shop in the city, which is managed and owned by several young ladies, and when approached for a donation for Chowan, the reply came quick and fervently, "Nothing doing, we have too much opposition now, and if all those girls should come here, what would become of us?" We confess that we had not thought of this, and we know of no remedy except to open up a campaign for a Boy's College.

On every hand, by men and women, on the streets and in the stores we hear this expression—"If we just had Dr. Hening to help us out."

The \$200,000 bluff has succeeded in putting Rocky Mount out of the contest, and if the trustees are as wise as they should be, only one place will be seriously considered for the location of the College, and that place is Betsy. Elizabeth City occupied a territory all her own. Pasquotank, Camden, Dare, Currituck and all these surrounding counties look upon her as their own home city. Betsy has no rivals in their affections. The trustees should note this.

The T. T. Turner Co. explain their large subscription of \$500.00 with the statement that while their store is primarily for "Dad and the Boys," yet it stands to reason that the coming into our midst of several hundred pretty girls, will of itself necessitate a decided increase in their business, for if it were not for the ladies men would not dress anything like as well as they do," hence the method in their madness.

Look over the goodly list of new subscribers in today's paper, and see if your name appears, and if not call up The Advance and enter your name immediately. It will be almost impossible to see everyone in the city. The committees are busy men, and you will help along the cause by calling for some one to come to get your subscription.

If this campaign accomplishes nothing else, good is being done in boosting our fine little city. Already there is a call for get together meetings now and then in the Alkrama to consider community interests. It reveals our weak place in that we lack "team-work." We must learn to pull together, for "if we do not hang together we'll all hang separately."

Doctors and Specialists

Betsy is well provided with up to date doctors and specialists, witness if you please how the Influenza was handled by them. What other town escaped as did ours? Everybody knows that students need special attention from the Eye Doctors? See this advantage Elizabeth City has over these other towns. If the College be located in Ahoskie the students might have to come to Elizabeth City to consult our Eye, Ear and Throat Specialists. Why not locate the College here where all these advantages are offered?

The Old Fair Grounds

This is an ideal location for the College. Its picturesque, artistic, and scenic beauty is unsurpassed. At its foot flows the placid Pasquotank affording splendid bathing and boating and swimming facilities, all of which are needed in the development of robust, and charming womanhood. A committee will visit this site today.

GEO. W. CLARKE.

TODAY'S SUBSCRIPTIONS

C. O. Robinson	\$ 350.00
Mrs. Jennie Pritchard	50.00
Ernest L. Sawyer	50.00
J. W. Selig	100.00
Louis Selig	300.00
H. C. Bright	250.00
D. Walter Harris	100.00
Owens Shoe Co.	500.00
Luther Jones	25.00
Roland B. Garrett	50.00
Geo. W. Brothers	100.00
Mrs. Trim White	50.00
J. P. Kramer	100.00

SPECIAL AT THE ALKRAMA TOMORROW

A special matinee will be run at the Alkrama tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 p. m., for the benefit of the children who want to see a good play. At the conclusion of the play "Smashing Barriers" will be run for the benefit of those who were unable to see it today.

FUNERAL OF MARGARET THURSTON

The funeral of little Marget Elizabeth Thurston, who died of membranous croup Tuesday night, was conducted at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thurston on Pearl Street, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. J. M. Ormond.

A large crowd attended the funeral and many beautiful floral offerings expressed the affection of many friends for the little girl and sympathy for the bereaved family.

Mr. Ormond read a selection from the Gospel of St. Mark.

The quartette, "Jesus, Saviour Pilot Me," was sung by Mrs. Rob Fearing, Mrs. G. R. Barrow, Mrs. Noah Burfoot, Jr., and Mr. W. C. Sawyer. Mrs. Barrow sang a solo "I think when I read that sweet story of old."

The pallbearers were: Talmadge Miller, Chabourn Quinn, Haywood Duke and Ernest Midgett.

TAKE PROOF OF THE BABIES FEET

At Hospital Infant's Foot Is Inked And Stamped on Record With Thumb Print of Mother for Identification

(By Associated Press)
New York, Jan. 9.—A system of taking foot-prints of children has been adopted in the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital to prevent infants born there from going to the wrong mothers. Its adoption was due to the fact that a soldier's wife who recently gave birth to a baby in that hospital at first denied that the child was hers. The young mother, who had been reading stories of accidental substitution of children at hospitals and similar public institutions, declined to nurse the baby.

"We brought all the proofs we could muster," explained the superintendent, "but the mother persisted in her hallucination. She became hysterical with grief and fright. Finally, I brought her our records which showed that only a little colored baby and her own had been born in the hospital that day. That convinced her, but just think of what would have happened to that poor woman if other white babies had been born here on the same day."

In order to avoid a similar experience the superintendent engaged a fingerprint expert to instruct the head nurse in trying the system on the babies. "We found we couldn't get good prints of their hands," said the official. "Their feet, however, came out beautifully and for greater security the mother is finger-printed also."

Very young babies, it was said, may look just alike but their feet are quite dissimilar. One child, the superintendent declared, will have a perfectly formed miniature pedal extremity, another's will print mostly vague cross-cross lines and still another will look like "an egg and five toothpicks."

Under the present system, which has been in operation nearly six months, the child's foot is inked and stamped on the hospital chart of the mother. Although he may not resemble any one in the family and thought no one can tell where he got his nose or his eyes or his mouth or the color of his hair, a comparison of the footprint taken at birth it was said, will tell whose child he is from among the hundreds of infants in this New York institution.

CIRCLES MEET MONDAY

The Circles of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church will meet on Monday at 7:30 p. m.

Circle No. 1, Mrs. A. J. Scott, Leader, meet with Mrs. Jennie Pritchard.

Circle No. 2, Mrs. H. K. Williams, Leader, meet with Mrs. Geo. Williamson.

Circle No. 3, Mrs. Walter Lewis, Leader, meet with Mrs. Simonds.

Circle No. 4, Mrs. Jess Pritchard, Leader, meet with Mrs. Cliff Madrin.

Circle No. 5, Mrs. Wm. Boetcher, Leader, meet with Mrs. Roland Garrett.

Circle No. 6, Mrs. W. L. Cohoon, Leader, meet with Mrs. S. W. Gregory.

All those who have not brought in their Christmas offering for Foreign Missions, will please hand them in at the Circle Meeting.

Miss Esther Sawyer, who has been very ill at her home on Southern Avenue is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Barnett and daughters have returned from a visit to relatives and friends at Mann's Harbor.

VERDICT RETURNED FRIDAY MORNING SET ASIDE JOHN LOUIS HINTON WILL

Ends Third Chapter of Fight to Break Will of Pasquotank Millionaire. Case Will Probably Go To Supreme Court

A verdict to set aside the will of the late John Louis Hinton was returned Friday morning at half past ten o'clock by the jury that took the case Thursday evening at six o'clock.

TO RENDER AID TO DEPENDENTS

Radicals Will Not Be Landed at Copenhagen, Says Commissioner of Immigration. Refuses to Say Where They Will Land

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 9.—The government decided to render aid to the dependents of Radicals it deports it was announced today.

This action will be taken as a humanitarian measure and not on account of any obligations to the families of aliens. The families will probably be sent later to join the deportees.

Radicals deported on the Buford will not be landed at Copenhagen nor it is planned to send other deportees there, the commissioner of immigration said today.

He refused to say however, where the Buford will land.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor J. M. Ormond will preach both morning and evening at the First Methodist Church, South, Sunday, January 11th.

The eleven o'clock subject will be, "Foundation Stone of the Church of Christ."

The evening subject will be, "Feeding a Hungry World."

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., L. R. Foreman, Superintendent.

The Epworth League meets at 6:45 Sunday evening, R. B. Sheely, President.

A cordial welcome awaits everybody who may attend.

CITY ROAD CHURCH

J. W. Bradley, pastor.

Nine-thirty, Sunday School, G. F. Seyfert, Supt. Please be punctual.

Eleven o'clock, special monthly sermon for young people and children. Junior choir will lead in the singing.

Seven-thirty, sermon subject, "Lessons to be Learned from the Queen of Sheba."

Everybody cordially invited.

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

Community sermon.

Dr. George W. Clarke will preach Sunday morning on "The Salvation of the Community in which we live."

The evening service will be in the hands of the B. Y. P. U. Dr. Bush, of Raleigh, a specialist in this line, will speak.

Sunday school at 9:30. E. F. Aydtlett, Superintendent.

Sunday school at Calvary mission at three o'clock. Prayer meeting at this mission every Tuesday night.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

H. K. Williams, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., S. G. Scott, Superintendent.

The morning theme: "How May I Know that I am a Christian?" At the evening service the ordination of new deacons will take place and the sermon will deal with the "Qualifications and Duties of the Deacon." The ordinance of baptism will be administered at the evening service.

The B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:45 Sunday evening. The mid-week prayer meeting will be on Wednesday evening at 7:30. The first meeting of the "Teacher Training Class" will be at six o'clock Wednesday evening in the Sunday school rooms; at which time luncheon will be served for those taking the course.

The public is most cordially invited to attend all these services. Special music at both morning and evening services on Sunday.

Mrs. G. T. Wescott of Manteo is visiting Mrs. C. E. Overman on North Road street.

Miss Alma Watson left Thursday for Gum Neck. She has been attending the Elizabeth City Business College.

The foundation for the Hinton fortune was laid shortly after the War Between the States. Mr. Hinton had sold his slaves before the war and so lost nothing when slavery was abolished. He had money at a time when money was scarce and commanded a high rate of interest. And he invested that money in land which continually increased in value. Time with the mounting values of land in this section made what in the beginning was a modest fortune a huge one.

John Louis Hinton was a man of education and breeding. As a young man he was careful of dress and of appearance. But as he grew older and wealthier he gave less and less attention to such matters; and it is as an old man of many eccentricities and of almost disreputable appearance that he is remembered in the Elizabeth City of today. The city's principal business block bears his name.

The star witness for the caveators was Mrs. John Cleveland Hinton, widow of the disinherited son of John Louis Hinton. She told of going to her father-in-law, after her husband's death, with a plea for help, to be told that he was as poor as she and could do nothing for her except that he would find homes for her children. It is these children to whom the verdict of the Pasquotank jury Friday, if permitted to stand, would award a share of their grandfather's wealth. They are Mrs. Ada V. Whitehurst, Mrs. Flossy Nossay and Mrs. Sophia Morgan.

The Hinton heirs under the will are R. L. Hinton, E. V. Hinton, W. E. Hinton, Mrs. Ida Sawyer and the children of the late C. L. Hinton, who has died since the proceedings to break the will were instituted.

The case will in all probability go to the Supreme Court.