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Show Him Where To Get Off

THE Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City will have an opportunity at their next meeting, Monday evening, March 7, to show the kind of stuff they are made of. The Board of Aldermen have an opportunity to show the public whether E. F. Aydtlett is the boss of this town. The public should know whether E. F. Aydtlett is bigger than the Board of Aldermen. If he is, then let's abolish the Board of Aldermen and turn the town over to E. F. Aydtlett and be done with it.

E. F. Aydtlett is holding office on the Board of Graded School Trustees of Elizabeth City contrary to the Constitutional law of North Carolina. He should be removed from that office if for no other reason than that he holds the office contrary to law. But there are graver reasons why Mr. Aydtlett should be ousted from this office. Mr. Aydtlett is a crass reactionary who is opposed to the fullest development of the public school system of Elizabeth City. He opposed a \$500,000 issue of bonds for these schools. He pretended to want a bond issue of only \$315,000. This newspaper never believed that he sincerely wanted a single dollar expended on the enlargement of our school system.

Finally when the progressive citizenship of Elizabeth City drove Mr. Aydtlett into the acceptance of a compromise measure to provide for a bond issue of \$400,000, this newspaper was convinced that the citizens of Elizabeth City had not triumphed. This newspaper believed then and indicated that E. F. Aydtlett would seek some way to kill the \$400,000 bond issue. Just how Mr. Aydtlett would proceed to foist his own selfish will upon the people was disclosed last week when C. A. Cooke sneaked a bill thru the Lower House of the General Assembly to abolish the present Board of Graded School Trustees of Elizabeth City and create an entirely new board.

This newspaper charges and everybody knows that that bill was the work of E. F. Aydtlett. This newspaper charges that the purpose of that bill was to plant a bomb under a Board of Trustee that is committed to the bond issue and create a friction or apathy in the town that would defeat the bond issue in a popular election.

That E. F. Aydtlett drew that bill and that E. F. Aydtlett sought thereby to destroy a Board of Trustees which he can not control and set up a new Board in which his position would be secure is patent from the fact that the bill puts him on the Board for a term of five years. And that is not all—the bill contains an ingenious clause which provides "that the Board of Trustees of said Graded Schools shall not be an office in contemplation of Article Seven of the Constitution of North Carolina."

Now just what does that clause in Cooke's sneak bill mean? It means that E. F. Aydtlett knows that he is now holding the office of President of the Board of Trustees contrary to law and he seeks to repeal the law which would oust him from office. Cooke didn't know that. Cooke doesn't know much of anything. Only the cunning of Aydtlett could have concocted that bill. Cooke never could have drawn up a bill like that.

What is the law with respect to a citizen of this state holding more than one office? I'll give it to you. Article 14, Sec. 7 of the Constitution of North Carolina says:

"No person who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit under the United States, or any department thereof, or under this state, or under any other state or government, shall hold or exercise any other office or place of trust or profit under the authority of this state or be eligible to a seat in either House of the General Assembly."

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has repeatedly held that an office or place of trust as contemplated by Art. 14, Sec. 7 of the Constitution mean "a public position involving a delegation to the individual of some part of the sovereign functions of government to be exercised for the public benefit."

The Supreme Court has likewise held and still holds that "The acceptance of a second office by one already holding a public office operates ipso facto to upset the first. While the officer has a right to elect which he will retain, his election is deemed made when he accepts and qualifies for the second office."

There is the law for you; under the law of North Carolina E. F. Aydtlett should have vacated the office of Trustee of the Elizabeth City Graded Schools when he accepted the office of U. S. District Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina which he now holds.

If the Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City will do their duty they will immediately declare Mr. Aydtlett's office on the Board of Trustees vacant and name some other citizen to take his place.

In showing Mr. Aydtlett where to get off, the Aldermen will do no more than Aydtlett would do to any member of the Board of Aldermen or to any citizen who did not cringe under his lash. The Aydtlett influence drove Dr. Herbert Walker from the Pasquotank County Board of Health because Dr. Walker holds the office of Assistant U. S. Surgeon in Elizabeth City. The same influence forced Winfield A. Worth to throw up a pitiful little Commission of Notary Public in Elizabeth City when Mr. Worth qualified as a member of the present Board of Aldermen. The same influence tried to drive W. O. Saunders from the General Assembly of North Carolina because he was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of a state college. Will the Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City permit E. F. Aydtlett and his clan to forever run the steam-roller over everybody in Elizabeth City and not give Mr. Aydtlett a dose of his own medicine when the public good demands it?

The public welfare demands the removal of Mr. Aydtlett from the Board of Graded School Trustees of Elizabeth City. A survey of these schools was recently made by government experts. What they found about our school system is so disgraceful that some one has not yet had the heart to make that report public. Mr. Aydtlett has been the dominating influence on the Board of Trustees of these schools for many years. He has only one idea about public education; that idea is to keep down the cost, keep down taxes. Mr. Aydtlett never did like to pay taxes and he can save himself considerable taxation by keeping a grip on the Board of Trustees of the city's public school system. Let's for once consider the interests of the public school children of this town above the pocket-book of the ambitious Mr. Aydtlett. This newspaper has shown the Aldermen which way duty lies.

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STATEMENT THE FIRST & CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

February 21st, 1921

ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

Loans and Discounts	\$2,816,890.58
U. S. Bonds and Certificates	466,900.00
Banking House	85,000.00
Other Stocks and Bonds	70,000
Accrued Interest	4,410.92
Cash and Due from Banks	318,569.10
	\$3,761,770.60

Capital Stock	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus and Profits	170,505.72
Circulation	195,000.00
Dividends Unpaid	331.00
Reserved for Unearned Interest	10,000.00
Bills Payable, (secured by U. S. Bonds and Certificates)	225,342.50
Rediscounts	592,219.02
Bonds Borrowed	88,100.00
DEPOSITS	2,280,603.36
	\$3,761,770.60

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 IS NATIONAL FISH DAY

An Observance of Especial Interest To
Hundreds of Eastern North Carolinians.

Of especial interest to hundreds of eastern North Carolinians who are dependent upon the inland fisheries of this section for a livelihood is a campaign for greater fish consumption which will find nation-wide expression in a National Fish Day, to be observed on Wednesday, March 9.

The Linen Thread Co., of New York City, a regular advertiser in this newspaper has issued a comprehensive letter to its connections which explains the object of Fish Day as well as giving it a deserved boost. The Linen Thread Co. letter follows in part:

"The United States Fisheries Association, executive offices, 245 Northern Ave., Boston, Mass., have issued a bulletin naming Wednesday, March 9th, as NATIONAL FISH DAY with the hope of interesting a larger number of our people in fish as a food. This movement is supported by the United States Bureau of Fisheries.

"We, ourselves, are manufacturers of fish nets and necessarily interested in

the industry, but aside from that, the importance of food fish appeals to us as a matter of very great interest.

"The distribution of fish is a serious problem and the facilities for placing fresh fish in the interior market are entirely inadequate. We are interested, first, in the creation of an increased market for fish and in any method which will expedite the movement of fresh fish to the interior. As a health proposition, we believe the increased consumption of

fresh fish would be greatly to the benefit of everyone.

"With our magnificent resources for fish, we do not make a satisfactory record when compared with other countries. The annual consumption of fish per capita in various countries is as follows:

United Kingdom	65 lbs.
Sweden	52 lbs.
Norway	44 lbs.
Canada	30 lbs.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF CURRITUCK,

at Moyock, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, February 21, 1921.

RESOURCES.

1. Loans and Discounts	\$17,688.80
2. Overdrafts, secured, None; unsecured,	
3. Overdrafts, secured, \$ None; unsecured,	96.60
3. Banking Houses, \$7,446.02; Furniture and	
Fixtures, \$4,426.48	11,872.50
4. Cash in vault and net amounts due from	
Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	14,806.16
5. Checks for clearing	293.28
6. Expense	196.62
Total	\$44,953.96

LIABILITIES.

1. Capital Stock paid in	\$19,375.00
2. Deposits subject to check	18,437.24
3. Time Certificates of Deposit	2,100.00
4. Savings Deposits	4,330.42
5. Cashier's Checks outstanding	706.30
6. Certified Checks	500
Total	\$44,953.96

State of North Carolina—County of Currituck, March 3, 1921.

I, W. W. Smith, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. W. SMITH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of March, 1921.

(SEAL)

W. L. WILSON,
Notary Public.

My commission expires Nov. 16th, 1922.

Correct—Attest:

W. W. JARVIS,
R. O. BAGLEY,
J. W. POYNER,

Directors.

NORFOLK MARKETS

Norfolk, Va., Mar. 3, 1921.
Phone Norfolk 23501

Reported, especially for THE INDEPENDENT by Jarvis & Pentress. The following prices represent actual sales made to-day

Items not quoted were not sold to-day and the Food Administration prohibits quotations other than actual sales.

Eggs' ----- 30c
Hens ----- 30c to 32c

Chickens: 1½ to 1¾ lbs. ----- 50c
2 lbs and over ----- 40c

Rogsters ----- 18c
Dressed Hogs (medium) ----- 12c to 15c

New Sweet Potatoes: Nancy Halls ----- \$3.00 to \$4.00
Hayann's ----- \$3.00

Yellow Barks ----- \$2.75 to \$3.00

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