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THE CITY ELECTION.

Next Monday the voters of Charlotte will be called upon to sustain or set aside the action of our board of aldermen in ordering \$50,000 in bonds to run thirty years at 5 per cent. interest. The matter has been pretty thoroughly discussed, and we join in the general expression of sentiment that the bonds ought to be approved. Taking the statement of the Mayor to be true, and the judgment of the aldermen to be correct, we feel safe in advising the readers of this paper to vote "approved."

We know no politics in this matter, and if there were any, we would urge our people to rally to the support of the bonds, as a Democratic board is responsible for whatever good or evil comes from it. There is always a difference in opinion upon such questions, and we see no reason to abuse any one who differs from us. We have heard but little opposition to the bonds, and that little comes from the source that opposes all things of interest to the poor man—Bar-rooms and bar-room interests always oppose the church, the school and all other good things.

The masses of colored voters depend upon the advice of others in matters of this kind, and without many words we advise the support of the bonds, because one debt of \$30,000 must be paid now and without the bonds the city will continue to pay 9 per cent. Because it is easier to pay 5 per cent. than 9 per cent. because we don't want to see any of the interests of the city embarrassed. Because of the \$500 a week paid out for the street improvements, colored men get nearly all of it and we want to see it continued. Because the taxes on property is only 60 cents on the \$100 worth now, but if the aldermen are not sustained it is feared the taxes will be raised to 80 or 90 cents.

It is with the board to sell the bonds as it chooses if carried, and we have confidence to believe they will sell the bonds for par as they promise by resolution. The more money the city uses in improvements, the better it is for the poor man always. Let us have the bonds and then \$100,000 more for new water works, sewers and the like.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

The Synod of the Catawba or the North Carolina Synod was called to order last Wednesday night, in the 7th street Presbyterian Church, by Dr. S. Mattoon. This is a new Synod and was taken from the Synod of the Atlantic at the last General Assembly. Rev. W. A. Alexander preached the opening sermon and Rev. David Brown, of Statesville, was elected Moderator; Rev. D. J. Sanders, of Wilmington, was elected stated clerk. Mr. Alexander preached an able and eloquent sermon. Mr. Brown's ruling was dignified and impartial, and reflected credit upon himself, the Synod, and Biddle University.

The personnel of the Synod does credit to the Church, the State, and the race. It is one of the best representative bodies of colored men ever assembled in this State. A large number of its members are graduates from Lincoln and Biddle University, and many of them are men of experience and fine natural abilities. This assemblage shows that there is more than a handful of Presbyterians in this State.

Several speeches were made on Thursday, but the feature of the day was the able and eloquent address of Dr. Hayes, of Ohio. He spoke in the interest of the centennial fund for the relief of worn-out ministers, their

widows and orphans. It is the object of the Church to raise an endowment of \$1,000,000 for the purpose.

Dr. Johnson, President of Biddle University, and Dr. Satterfield, President of Scotia Seminary, spoke of the prospects and needs of their respective institutions. Each reported a larger attendance than usual.

Presiding Elder's Appointments.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.

King's Mountain (supplied)—Oct. 2. O'Connorville (supplied)—Oct. 2. Moore's Sanctuary—October 9. Simfield—October 16. Hudson—October 23. Grace—October 30. Centre Grove (supplied)—Oct. 30. Jonesville (supplied)—October 30. China Grove—October 30. Mount Holly—November 6. District Conference, Clinton Chapel, October 12, 1887.

Bishop Hood will meet the appointments at Moore's Sanctuary and China Grove. R. S. RIVES, P. E.

WADESBORO DIST.—Fourth Round.

R. H. Simmons, P. E. of the Wadesboro District, will hold quarterly meetings as follows: Harris' Chapel, (C. M.) Oct. 1 and 2. Mount Zion, (C. M.) October 1 and 2. St. Steven, October 8 and 9. Gatewood Station, October 8 and 9. Rockingham, Dist. conference and Sabbath school convention, Oct. 11, 14. Rockingham, (Q. M.) Oct 15 and 16. Cedar Hill, October 22 and 23. Morven, October 29 and 30. Mount Airy, October 29 and 30. Gooden's chapel, S. C., Oct. 29, 30. Wadesboro, November 5 and 6.

The pastors of the above named churches will please appoint preaching at 11 o'clock a. m., and quarterly conference at 2 o'clock p. m. Try and have all of the general fund by that time. Let us raise every cent of money that this district owes

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Table with columns: Station, Passenger, Freight and Mail. Rows include Leave Millboro, Arrive Greensboro.

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CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

Wilmington, N. C., May 15, 1887.

WESTBOUND TRAINS.

Table with columns: Date, No. 1, No. 3, Daily ex. Sunday. Rows include May 16, 1887.

Leave Raleigh (R. & A.), Wilmington, 7:00 P.M. Maxton, 11:30 A.M. Hamlet, 12:50 P.M. Wadesboro, 2:15 A.M. Charlotte, 4:32 A.M. Lincolnton, 4:17 A.M. Shelby, 7:40 A.M. Arrive Rutherfordton, 9:10 A.M.

EASTBOUND TRAINS.

Table with columns: Date, No. 2, No. 4, Daily ex. Sunday. Rows include May 16, 1887.

Leave Rutherfordton, 7:15 A.M. Shelby, 8:48 A.M. Lincolnton, 10:07 A.M. Charlotte, 12:02 P.M. Wadesboro, 2:29 P.M. Hamlet, 3:38 P.M. Maxton, 5:29 P.M. Arrive Wilmington, 9:05 P.M. Raleigh (R. & A.), 8:35 P.M.

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ORDINANCE.

Submitting to the Voters of Charlotte the Question Whether \$50,000 of 5 Per Cent. Bonds Should be Issued.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Charlotte, N. C., do Resolve and Order:

That an election be held in the city of Charlotte, N. C., on the seventh day of November, A. D., 1887, as provided by law and the charter of this city, at which said election the voters of said city shall be allowed to vote upon the question, whether the said city shall be permitted to issue Bonds in the full sum of Fifty (\$50,000) Thousand Dollars, and sell the same, the proceeds of sale to be applied to the payment of the floating debt of the city, the improvement of the streets and sewerage system, and the balance, if any, to such other improvements in the city as the Board may hereafter decide to make.

The said bonds shall be of the denomination of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars each, payable to bearer, at the expiration of thirty (30) years from their date, and shall bear five (5) per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, the installment of interest to be represented by coupons attached to the bonds, the coupons to be receivable in payment of city taxes.

Said bonds shall be signed by the mayor, and countersigned by the clerk and treasurer of the city, and sealed with the seal of the corporation.

The coupons shall be signed by the city clerk and treasurer, and shall be orders to the clerk and treasurer for the amount of interest which they respectively call for, as they fall due.

The said election shall be held at the following places in each ward hereinafter named, and shall be under the control of eight inspectors and four registrars to be appointed by the Board. Two inspectors and one registrar for each ward of the city to be appointed by the Board, each one appointed to be a resident of the ward for which he is appointed.

The Mayor shall give thirty days notice of said election in some newspaper published in Charlotte, N. C.

There shall be a new registration of voters for such election, to be taken by said registrars at such places as the Board may appoint where they shall open their books for that purpose. The Mayor in the notice to be published by him of said election, shall designate the time and place, opening and closing the registration, which time shall not be less than twenty days before said election.

Notice of Election.

I do hereby give notice that, pursuant to the provision of the above Ordinance, an election will be held in the city of Charlotte on Monday the 7th day of November, 1887, to ascertain the will of the voters of the city upon the question of issuing the bonds therein provided for. Those favoring the issue of said bonds will at such election vote a ticket on which is written or printed the word "APPROVED," and those opposed to the issue of said bonds will vote a ticket on which are written or printed the words, "NOT APPROVED." Books for the registration of voters will be opened on October 6th, 1887, and will be closed on the 27th day of October, 1887, at sunset, at the following places, and by the registrars named:

Ward 1.—Singer Sewing Machine Office, J. H. Tolar, Registrar.

Ward 2.—Store of Hammond & Justice, A. H. Welsh, Registrar.

Ward 3.—Store of H. C. Irwin, G. J. Williams, Registrar.

Ward 4.—D. G. Maxwell's Office, D. G. Maxwell, Registrar.

The election will be held at the following polling places and under the inspectors named.

Ward 1.—At Charlotte Hotel, Inspectors, S. P. Smith and Wm. Treloar.

Ward 2.—At Mayor's Court Room, Inspectors, B. P. Boyd and W. R. Hinton.

Ward 3.—F. A. McNinch's office, Inspector, G. D. Melton and I. H. McGinn.

Ward 4.—At Court House, Inspectors, A. C. Summerville and R. J. Porter.

F. B. McDowell, Mayor.

Oct. 8th, 1887.

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