

STORMY MEETING IN DISCUSSION OF WATER QUESTION

Special Meeting Called Yesterday Afternoon for the Purpose of Discussing the Closing of Open Wells of the City. Action in the Matter.

Two Water Commissioners Present and Their Efforts Toward Sanitation Heartily Endorsed by the Board. Resolution by Dr. Faison.

A stormy session of the Police, fire and health commission, in conjunction with the health committee from the board of aldermen and the board of water commissioners was held yesterday afternoon in the city hall. There were present at the meeting: Mayor A. S. McNeill, chairman ex-officio, J. A. Durham, J. J. Williams, J. I. Blakeley, J. K. Wolfe and Z. T. Smith; Messrs. W. C. Dowd and E. L. Keesler from the board of water commissioners; Dr. I. W. Faison and M. F. Kirby from the board of aldermen, and City Physician Dr. F. O. Hawley, and Superintendent of the Water Works, H. H. Williams.

The meeting was called by Mayor McNeill upon receipt of a letter from State Chemist Gerald McCarthy, in which was condemned specimens of water taken from an open well on the property of Mrs. H. M. Wilder located on East Eighth street. Two negroes who have been consumers of water taken from this well had died of fever and the report of Mr. McCarthy showed that fever germs were present and the water in unfit condition for use.

Expressions of opinion were called for by the chairman as to what should be done in regard to the wells of the city. It was decided after a lengthy discussion that every well in the city should be examined and wherever the water was found to be contaminated, it should be ordered closed. The members were unanimous in this action which was set forth in a resolution read by Mr. J. A. Durham.

But the discussion did not confine itself to the problem of the open wells. It reached out further and further until the entire milk and water supply of the city was thoroughly investigated. The question of the purification of the city water crept in.

Mr. Keesler was soon on his feet. "I want to set forth the position of the water commissioners. This board has nothing whatever to do with the wells belonging to private individuals. We are only concerned with the water consumed by the public. As to the report which has gone abroad that fever at Elizabeth college was due to the city water, and the current suspicion that such was the cause, I want to say that it is absolutely without foundation of fact. Without the knowledge of the board of water commissioners, without their request or authority two experts came down here from the North, one from Washington and one from Boston, to make an examination of the situation at Elizabeth College. They made their report, located satisfactory the cause of the outbreak of fever, and returned to their homes. The public has never seen these reports. They are still in the hands of the college authorities, and that is the reason the public is misled as to the position of this board on the situation at the college.

There are reasons why these reports were not published, and I could name them, were it necessary. The water commissioners have spared no effort to make the condition of the public supply perfectly sanitary. From the very beginning they have been untiring and at no time do let in their duty. Samples of the water were immediately sent to experts, analyses have been made by at least five biologists, and right now daily reports are being sent to the public as to the condition of water. This board has not been negligent neither has it endeavored to keep the public ignorant of the facts. And we are now considering the proposition of hiring an expert to give his entire time to the purification of the water, and keeping it pure, at a salary of \$1,500 per year.

McManaway 2, using well water 1. Hawley 1, using well water 1. Faison resumed his speech, bringing to the general water supply.

The report of Dr. Anderson, one of the experts who came here shows that the fever at Elizabeth College was not due to the condition of the water. At the Presbyterian College where there were 112 boarders, the report shows, that there was but a single case, and it was probably brought there, while at Elizabeth College with 80 boarders there were from 15 to 20 cases with the same water supply but a different milk supply. But the report further shows that the general water supply was not good. Colon bacilli were found in the sample examined. We can't have good water for a year or two, but I advocate the employment of competent men to be placed in a position to keep the water pure after it has been remedied of the present

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COMMISSION IN HIGH POINT.

Will Hear Matter Between Furniture Men and Railroad—Jamestown Exhibit. Special to The News. Raleigh, Aug. 25.—The insurance loss by the fire which occurred in the Capoline Chemical Works on Salisbury street was adjusted today. The Chemical Company received a check for \$1,100.

Contrary to the general expectation the hearing of book publishers by the next book commission on books offered for adoption in the public schools was concluded today at noon. The commission will begin its executive session Monday for the discussion of the merits of the books. It is not known just when the adoption will take place. The adoption involves something like five million dollars a year.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission announces that a session of the Commission will be held in High Point on the question of the furniture car families which is declared by the manufacturers to be imminent. A telegram received last evening by the Commission from President F. A. Tate of the Furniture Manufacturers' Association declared that the situation is now worse than it was a year ago when a similar course was taken by the Commission with the result that the shortage was overcome by the railroad company by special effort at the instance of the Commission.

There was a conference today between Governor Glenn and members of the special committee on North Carolina representation at the Jamestown exposition during which the necessity for a special state building was discussed. While no definite action was taken it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that this state must have a building. Definite action will be taken within the next few weeks.

RELIGIOUS FERVOR LED TO TRAGEDY

Mrs. Young, in Excess of Religious Fervor Following Advent of "Holy Rollers" to Set Herself on Fire Hoping Thereby to Reach Heavenly Throne.

By Associated Press. San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 25.—In excess of religious zeal following the advent of the "Holy Rollers" in Southern California, Mrs. Joseph Burton Young, yesterday set herself on fire, hoping by martyrdom in flames to reach the Heavenly throne.

INDICENT SIGNS.

Posting of Indecent Signs Causes Sensation at Durham. Special to The News. Durham, Aug. 25.—Mr. W. F. Freeland, local manager of the Burton Bill Posting Co., was this morning arraigned before Mayor Graham, for violating his order to remove the indecent signs that have been placed about the city. Instead of obeying the order additional signs were posted yesterday.



EXPLOSION AT RECEPTION.

Explosion Occurred at Residence of Premier Stelypin During Reception. By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—An explosion occurred at the residence of Premier Stelypin while a reception was being held.

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MANION SET ON FIRE.

Country Mansion of Prince Palavanoff Set on Fire—Princess Perished in Flames. By Associated Press. Tiflis, Aug. 25.—The country mansion of Prince Palavanoff at Okoni, was set on fire by peasants last night. The Princess was unable to escape and was burned to death.

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A detachment of mounted city and provincial police proceeded to Arroyo Naranjo early this morning and the insurgents who had occupied that place scattered as the government force approached.

The Cabinet crisis is officially announced as satisfactorily arranged. Senor O'Farrill is acting minister of the interior, and the Secretary of State and Justice, has consented to retain his own positions.

NOTICE OF COTTON EXPORTERS

Notice Posted That Rules Obtaining Regarding Density of Compromise of Cotton for Export are Rescinded. By Associated Press. New Orleans, Aug. 25.—The exporters of cotton and members of the cotton exchange, have posted a notice to all ship agents that the rules heretofore obtaining regarding the density of the compression of cotton for export will not be abided by.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

Issues Appeal to American People for Aid for Chilean Sufferers. By Associated Press. Oyster Bay, Aug. 25.—The President issued a proclamation appealing for aid for earthquake stricken Chile. The proclamation was issued after consultation with Acting Secretary of State Bacon.

ANOTHER BOMB THROWN.

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POOR CROP CONDITION

Only 67.8 Says Theo. H. Price—Advances in Market Looked For. New York, Aug. 25.—Theo. H. Price today submits his usual monthly report as to the condition of the cotton crop. It is a compilation of 6,052 replies from practically every cotton growing county of importance in the south. He says:

"The average condition is found to be 67.8 as against 71.2 last month 65.7 last year and 76 two years ago on approximately the same date. The average date of my replies is Aug. 18th. The deterioration of 3.4 reported for the month will undoubtedly be surprising to those who have so vociferously insisted that the present season was an exception to the rule and the crop has improved during the month of August.

The fact that the condition of the crop as reported is only 2.1 better than last year and 3.2 below that of two years ago, is to my mind corroborative evidence that the prospects of the yield this season have been as much exaggerated in the public mind as was the damage to the crop last year. I am fully aware that this view of the case is in opposition to the widespread public sentiment, but my experience is that public sentiment with regard to the size of the crop at this time of the season is nearly always in error in the direction of either one extreme or the other.

In view of the fact that on the last of Sept. 1906 we shall have completed the marketing of two crops aggregating practically 25 million bales at an average price of about 10 1/4 cents, that a crop of 14 million bales was marketed two years ago at the average price of about 9 1/4 cents, that in the interval the cost of cotton production has substantially increased, and that it is generally recognized that the financial resources of the south and the commercial education of the past two years, enable and dispose cotton planters to follow a most laudable course in marketing their production, I cannot find myself in sympathy with any expectation of lower prices, and should subsequent developments—as is quite possible in the case of a crop like the present one, from two to three weeks late—cause any substantial change in sentiment with regard to the outlook, an extreme advance in the market is not, in my opinion impossible."

Table with columns: State, Aug. 18-1906, July 19-1906. Rows include N.C., S.C., Ga., Ala., Miss., La., Texas, Ark., Tenn., Ind. Terry, Okla., Mo., Va., Total U.S.

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NORTH CHARLOTTE REALTY CO.

Articles of Incorporation Filed With Clerk of Court—Shares of Each Stockholder. The articles of incorporation of the North Charlotte Realty Company, the new corporation recently chartered by the State, today filed its incorporation papers with Clerk of the Court Russell to be placed on the books in the clerks office. The papers set forth that the incorporators with the number of shares held by each are as follows: E. D. Latta, 125; W. E. Holt, 107; C. W. Johnston, 89; J. E. Prior, 89; Mrs. H. L. Spencer, executrix, 90.

A September Wedding. Invitations have been received in the city for the marriage of Miss Edna Ramsey of Statesville, to Rev. G. G. Parkinson of Due West, S. C. which will be solemnized at the home of the bride on the evening of the 5th of September, Rev. J. H. Pressley, officiating.

Rev. Mr. Parkinson is a member of the faculty of Erskine Theological Seminary and is a young man of high intellectual endowments. He is one of the most learned men of the A. R. P. Church. The young couple will reside in Due West.

A Big 'Possum Captured. Mr. Jay Hunter of this township captured yesterday afternoon a big 'possum and 12 kittens. The 'possum is the largest ever seen in captivity. It has an unusually large frame and weighs nearly 15 pounds, while the ordinary 'possum weighs only six to eight pounds.

Mr. Hunter carried the animal to his home where he will try to raise the kittens.

WILL EMPEROR VISIT U. S.?

German Press Have Little Faith in Report that Emperor William May Visit U. S. By Associated Press. Berlin, Aug. 25.—The recent discussion on both sides of the Atlantic on the possibility that Emperor William may visit the United States, have not been treated seriously by the German press. It is certain that it is the press. It is admitted that it is the Emperor's long cherished wish, but it is regarded practically certain it will remain only a wish.

STRUCK BY SURRY BOY IS WOUNDED

Negro Drives Over Little Willie Sharp this Morning Knocking Him Down and Breaking Several Bones. Negro Arrested and Locked up.

This morning about 10 o'clock a carriage driven by Arthur Williams a tenant on the farm of Mr. J. M. Cross of Asheville ran over Willie Sharp, a little white boy inflicting painful and what may yet prove to be serious injuries.

The accident happened on West Eleventh street where the little fellow was playing. The negro with his wife and mother were enroute to Breaker Hill to attend the funeral of her grandfather and was driving at a lively gait. He claims that he was trying to avoid two buggies which were coming in his direction and also keep clear of the street car track, and in his efforts to pass the vehicles he was struck by the wheel of the boy who was on the streets.

The tongue of the carriage struck the little fellow fairly knocking him down and rendering him unconscious for a short time. Dr. Hawley was summoned and relieved him of his sufferings, drove him to the home of his parents who live near the Calvine Mills and bandaged his broken limbs. One of his legs was broken, the wrist-bone dislocated and there are several other bad bruises that make the condition of the boy right serious.

Officer J. M. Eurnhardt who lives in the vicinity of the accident saw what happened and rushed out to halt the negro who, he said, was driving on as if nothing had occurred. He was stopped in a short distance from the scene of the misfortune and held until Officer Youngblood went down and brought him to the station. He was locked up, but afterwards released on a \$100 bond which was furnished by Mr. Cross.

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PROPERTY LOSS AT VALPARAISO ALOKE OVER \$200,000,000

Conservative Estimate of Property Loss as Result of Earthquake and Fire is \$200,000,000. Great Losses in Other Parts. Rains Continue.

Donations to Destitute Pouring in From all Over World. Newspapers to Re-appear. Plans for Reception to Secretary Root at Valparaiso Changed.

By Associated Press. Santiago, Aug. 25.—A conservative estimate placed on the property loss at Valparaiso as the result of the earthquake and fire at \$200,000,000. The loss in the rural districts is immense as not only residences of land-owning proprietors, but the huts of the laborers have been completely destroyed.

The cruiser Charleston, with Secretary Root on board, arrived at Punta Arenas. The Charleston will reach Lots, 300 miles south of Valparaiso, August 29, where Secretary Root will be received by the Chilean foreign minister and the American minister.

Heavy rains are still falling at Valparaiso, making the misery still greater. Donations are arriving from all parts of the world. Some idea of the state of affairs existing can be formed from the fact that a man rode on horseback from Valparaiso to Santiago, a distance of 80 miles, and found not obtain food or drink for himself or horse during the entire distance, owing to the desolation prevailing.

MR. CHAS. BADGER DEAD.

Nephew of Mr. H. D. Duckworth Died in Asheville This Morning. Mr. H. D. Duckworth received a telegram this morning from his sister, Mrs. O. W. Badger, announcing the death in Asheville of her son, and Mr. Duckworth's nephew, Mr. Chas. Badger, who passed away this morning at 2.30 o'clock after a brief illness, resulting from heart trouble.

Mr. Badger and his family were residents of this city for a number of years but moved to Asheville about 15 years ago.

The deceased was about 30 years of age, and leaves a wife, who was Miss Summey, of this city, and four children. He is also survived by his parents.

THE LYERLY PRISONERS.

Still in Jail Here—Will Be Taken to Salisbury for Trial Probably Sunday.

The negroes, Geo. Erwin, Henry Gillespie and the woman who escaped the violence of the mob on the fatal Monday night at Salisbury, when the Lyerly family were murdered, are still in the Mecklenburg jail but will be carried back to Salisbury tonight or Sunday if it is supposed, to stand trial Monday in criminal court, on a charge of murdering the five members of the Lyerly family.

There is no fear of any more trouble at Salisbury, although all precaution that is deemed necessary will be taken to protect the negroes.

The prisoners were brought to Charlotte, it will be remembered on Tuesday morning following the lynching, as was feared that the mob might undertake to wreak further vengeance on the remaining prisoners on that night, following the lynchings.

There have been no new developments in the cases as far as is known and the trial promises to attract far less interest than that which was begun on Monday, Aug. 6th, and which was interfered with by the lynching, the cases being continued until Aug. 27th.

"Star of Bethlehem." Owing to the inclement weather the entertainment for the "Star of Bethlehem" was postponed from Aug. 19, to Aug. 27. All holding cards of invitation will please be present with their friends, music and refreshments.

Christian Science services Sunday at 11 a. m. hall No. 5 West Fifth street. Subject, "Man." The public is cordially invited.