

CONFERENCE WAS HELD LAST NIGHT

Various Legislation Discussed. Second Meeting to Be Held This Afternoon.

Members of City Council were in conference last night at which time legislation that Council hopes to have enacted during the first week of the legislature was discussed.

Mr. A. D. Skolding, general manager of the Tidewater Power Company appeared before the councilmen and asked that everything be done toward having legislation passed that will enable the city to substitute a ten year's lighting contract for the present one.

City Attorney Ruark stated that an effort would probably be made to have legislation enacted that would empower the city to handle the back tax question. It was pointed out that these taxes due the city were carried in an old deed book and dated back for a good many years.

The resolution to place the heads of the police and fire department under civil service regulations follow and is understood to be an effort to free these positions from political influences.

Whereas, experience teaches that in order to obtain the best results in municipal government officers of such municipalities whose duties are entirely administrative should be free from political influence, either direct or indirect and should be appointed to and retained in office solely by reason of fitness and capacity to perform the duties of the office to which they may be appointed.

Therefore, be it Resolved—By the council of the city of Wilmington that the City Attorney be requested to prepare an act to be submitted to the next session of the General Assembly by which the northern and eastern boundaries of the City of Wilmington shall be fixed and established so that the waters and bed of Smith's Creek and other streams tributary thereto shall not be included within the boundaries of said city.

Resolved, further, That the representative in the General Assembly from New Hanover county and the Senator from this district be requested to present said act to the General Assembly and to cooperate in its passage.

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MASS MEETING IS ON FOR TONIGHT

Asked to Assemble at Court House and Discuss Legislation Wanted.

Tonight's mass meeting, which is to be held at the Court House at 8 o'clock, and which has as its object the discussion of legislation the people desired enacted into law before the constitutional amendments become effective, is being eagerly looked forward to by the representative men of the city and in all probability will be largely attended.

Mr. Grant recently stated and his utterances were carried in The Dispatch, that many persons had come to him privately and suggested the remedying of certain conditions and it was to give these persons an opportunity of expressing their views in public that he called the meeting for tonight.

Mr. Grant has made it plain that little legislation is going to be "trail-eroaded" through and yet he is very anxious to do just what is wanted of him by a majority of the voting population—the men who went to the polls and cast their ballot for him in the primary.

His idea is to have all meet and discuss any matters that may come up. In this manner, he will be in position to know what the majority want and what the minority is alleged to be after. Tonight's meeting should prove very interesting and will probably be well attended.

its tax rate, thus diminishing the ability of the city and augmenting the repair the bridges across Smith's Creek and streams tributary thereto; and

Whereas, the county of New Hanover secures 80 per cent. of its revenue from taxes upon persons and property within the city of Wilmington and should therefore in some degree, assist in providing for the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of said city;

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Whereas, by an act of the General Assembly of 1915, the proportions of said cost payable respectively by the city and the county were changed so that the city is required to pay one-half of the total of such appropriation and the county one-half thereof; and

Whereas, under the proportions as now fixed by law the city is required to contribute out of its revenue an undue proportion of said cost in the light of the fact that about 80 per cent. of the revenue of the county is derived from taxation upon property within or belonging to persons within the city, and

Whereas, it is now provided by law that the cost of maintaining the Health Department of the city and county shall be borne three-fourths by the city and one-fourth by the county, and in addition thereto the city is put to the necessity of maintaining a force of men engaged in sanitary work; and

Whereas, in the opinion of this Council the city is required to contribute to the support and maintenance of the Health Department an unfair and unreasonable proportion as compared with the amount required to be contributed by the county;

COMPLETE SERIES SERMONS EARLY

"The Social Message of Jesus" Delivered By Dr. William H. Milton.

On the next three Sunday nights, Dr. Milton will complete his series of sermons on "The Social Message of Jesus." Tomorrow night he will preach on "The Justification and Obligations of Capital," and on the following Sunday nights on "The Demands and Rewards of Labor" and "The Church's Attitude Towards Social Reform."

The service will begin as usual at 7:30 with a musical recital and praise service, and tomorrow night this service will be appropriate to the last day of the old year and the first of the new. Those who intend to watch the old year out cannot begin their watch better than by spending the opening hour of the evening in prayer and praise, and a hearty welcome is extended to the general public to join in this service.

The closing themes of this series, noted above, touch the heart of the today, and no study is more important, problems which are vexing the world than the teaching of Jesus on these burning subjects.

WHISKEY DESTROYED.

Was Poured Into the Gutter In Front of Court House.

Thirty gallons of whiskey was poured into the gutter in front of the Court House yesterday by County Officer H. Mack Godwin and Deputy Sheriff A. L. Kelly and persons who had gone whiskeyless through the holidays could do nothing other than smack their lips and imagine a land flowing with plenty and yet unable to satisfy their thirst.

The whiskey was seized several weeks ago by members of the police department and has since been stored in the city's warehouse. The order for its destruction was secured from Recorder George Harris. Thirty minutes after the "booze" had been emptied in the gutter a negro man was seen bending over and attempting to quench his thirst and even though obliged to take dirt, sand and filth made an effort to save a part of what had been thrown away.

TO WITHDRAW FROM FIRM.

Mr. J. O. Carr Will Open Offices In Murchison Bank Building.

The law firm of George Rountree, Thomas W. Davis and J. O. Carr, Esqs., have issued neatly engraved cards conveying the statement that Mr. J. O. Carr, who has been appointed United States District Attorney, will retire from the firm and will open an office on the ninth floor of the Murchison Bank building for the practice of law. Judge Rountree and Mr. Thomas W. Davis will continue the practice of law in the offices now occupied by the firm of Rountree, Davis & Carr under the firm name of Rountree & Davis.

EXTRADITION PAPERS.

Local Authorities Will Send for Negro in Philadelphia.

Extradition papers are to be sent to Philadelphia for Harry Gose, alias Son Darling, colored, wanted here for highway robbery, who is now in the hands of the Quaker City police on a charge of assault and battery.

Papers have been prepared and sent to Governor Craig for his official signature. The warrant has already been sent to Philadelphia. Gose will be given his hearing there after January 1. It is likely that two deputies will be sent from here to bring him to Wilmington.

TWO SERVICES TONIGHT.

Coffee And Rolls Will Be Served at Salvation Army Hall.

Two services will be conducted by the Salvation Army corps this evening; the first at 7:30 o'clock at the corner of front and Princess streets and the second thirty minutes later at the army headquarters, corner of Dock and Front. Following the indoor service coffee and rolls will be served all who attend the meeting. The public is invited.

Walker Memorial Hospital.

The resolution having to do with bonds follows. It has no reference to local legislation, merely giving the views of the present members of Council or a part of them as to how one issue should be taken care of. The resolution follows:

Whereas, bonds of the City of Wilmington to the amount of ninety-six thousand (\$96,000) dollars, and bearing interest at 6 per cent, will mature January 1st, 1918, and it now appears that there will be on the date of such maturity in the sinking fund of the city a sufficient sum of money to pay said bonds in full; and

Whereas, it is the judgment of this Council that the bonded indebtedness of the city ought to be reduced whenever the same may be intelligently accomplished;

CONFERRING WITH A. C. L. OFFICIALS

Coast Line Trainmen Heads Met General Manager Albright This Morning.

Vice-President E. P. Curtis, of the Order of Railway Conductors, arrived in the city yesterday from his home in Crystal Lake, Texas, and this morning met with chairmen of the adjustment committees of the Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and went into conference with General Manager P. R. Albright, of the Atlantic Coast Line, to complete business left unfinished several weeks ago.

It has been stated, however, that the presence of the high official of the railway conductors and the conference this morning has nothing to do with the eight-hour law bill, which is hanging fire at present. A member of the railway conductors stated today that the conference with General Manager Albright is for the purpose of finally closing up matters that were brought up here a short while ago.

The conference at that time came to an abrupt close as urgent business called Mr. Albright to New York. President Curtis returned to his home in Crystal City to spend the holidays and only arrived back in the city yesterday. The chairman of the adjustment committees that are here are: Capt. S. J. Brooks, of the Conductors, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. R. H. Lanter, of the Trainmen, of Savannah, Ga.; and Mr. F. D. Howard, of the Engineers, of Waycross, Ga. Captain Warren L. Jones, of this city, secretary of the local division of Conductors, is also with the Trainmen. Capt. D. M. Larisey, of Charleston, S. C., chairman of the Division of Conductors there, is also here.

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS.

Were Many and Were Deeply Appreciated By Institution.

The following donations were made to the Catherine Kennedy Home during December. The donations as well as the entertainment given at the home by members of the First Presbyterian church in December were deeply appreciated by the institution and inmates. The following donations are acknowledged:

Two years' subscription to the Daily Dispatch from S. Thorpe, a friend, \$25; W. H. Sprunt, individual gift to each member of the home; a friend, punch, and cake; Tuesday afternoon social, \$5; Mrs. G. R. French, coffee; Dr. James Sprunt, fruit and cake; King's Daughters, Christmas bags; donation from Kress' to each individual; ice cream, Jewish Sunday school; St. James' Junior Auxiliary, candy; Mrs. R. E. Williams, bunch of bananas; Mrs. R. A. Montgomery, fresh meats; Mrs. Tom Bagley, groceries; a friend, coffee; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, groceries; Hall & Ross, Malaga grapes; Mrs. Geo. O. Gaylord, turkey; Mrs. Alex. Yeager, merchandise; Bear Produce Co., crate of oranges; Mrs. Phil Pearks, basket of oranges; Mrs. L. K. Taylor, fruit; J. M. Solky, turkey; Mrs. Geo. O. Gaylord, cord of wood; drugs from R. R. Bellamy and J. Hicks Bunting; ice daily from the Plate and Independent ice companies.

MRS. SHANNON DEAD.

Result of Injuries Received in Automobile Accident.

The following is taken from The Atlanta Georgian under date of December 22:

Lindale, Dec. 22.—Mrs. W. S. Shannon, sister of Mrs. A. A. Chapman and Mrs. J. G. Barnes of this place, died at Tulsa, Oklahoma, last night as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident Wednesday night.

Mrs. Shannon is survived by Mrs. W. G. Webb, of Atlanta, and Mrs. L. B. McCullough, of Morganville, Ky., sisters.

The body will be buried at Springfield, Tenn., Christmas Day.

MRS. PARMELE DEAD.

Funeral Services Last Night; Remains Carried to Goldsboro.

Mrs. Sarah A. Parmele, 85 years of age, passed away at her residence, No. 316 North Third street, yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock following a long illness. The deceased was the widow of the late Charles Parmele. Mrs. Parmele was born in New Haven, Conn., but removed to Goldsboro prior to the Civil War and had since lived in this section. She came to Wilmington with her family a short while after the war and had since lived here. She was a member of Grace Methodist church.

The deceased is survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. G. A. Cardwell of this city and Mrs. John Arthur Elmore, of Montgomery, Ala., and two grandsons, Messrs. Charles B. Parmele and Benjamin J. Parmele, now traveling in South America.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence last night at 9:30 o'clock by Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Grace church, and the remains were carried to Goldsboro this morning on the 8 o'clock train where interment was made.

Now For The New Year-- Start it right. Open an account with the Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank, and determine to save regularly a substantial portion of your income. 4 per cent interest, compounded every three months, will materially increase your deposits. ALL DEPOSITS MADE WITH US ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 2nd will bear interest from January 1st. NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN. The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company 110 Princess Street, C. E. Taylor, President. J. L. Williams, Cashier. H. Walters, Vice-President. W. Hull Moore, Ass's Cashier. J. W. Norwood, Vice-President. J. G. Thornton, Teller.

ALBRIGHT AND HANSON WINNERS Both Men Won Successive Falls—Massino Best Put Up Man Ever Seen Here. The scientific and brainy attacks of Switzerland met with an Anthean resistance of a puny nature when Fritz Hanson and Sarros locked horns at Woolvin hall last night and the brute strength of sunny Italy proved unavailing before the science and brains of America-Irish America, for Con Albright handled big Toney Massino in a masterly manner. Gunner McGurley, of Fort Caswell, ran the double match to the satisfaction of all—even though Hanson was obliged to throw Sarros four times to get a couple of falls.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE Excellent Musical Program Will Be Rendered. With fitting services the old year will be watched out and the New Year watched in at the First Baptist church tomorrow night from 10 o'clock to midnight. The service will also bring to a close the series of sermons that has been delivered by Dr. J. J. Hurt, pastor of the church. The sermon tomorrow night will be entitled "Heaven."

SERIOUS RESULT OF AUTO ACCIDENT Collar Bone Broken Twice When Machine Turned Turtle Near Sunset Park. Nathaniel Brown, colored, had his collar bone broken in two places, and was otherwise injured, when an automobile, owned and driven by Mr. Adolph Ahrens, in which he was riding, turned turtle on the Carolina Beach road, about a half mile from Sunset Park a few minutes after 6 o'clock yesterday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens and daughter and three colored men were passengers in the machine. Brown suffered far more than any of the others as he was hiding on the running board of the machine and was caught under it when it turned over. He was hurried to the James Walker Memorial hospital where medical attention was given him.

Hanson won successive falls as did Albright, although the South Carolina lost the first fall to the big Italian. Massino won the initial fall of the evening from Albright in 36 minutes with a scissors on the arm and an arm lock and lost the second one in 1 and 1-2 minutes. Albright using the double arm roll. The third between these two men extended over a period of 36 and 1-4 minutes and was decided with a chancery over the shoulder. Hanson won the second fall from Sarros in 5 and 3-4 minutes with a cradle lock and three quarter Nelson.

Those who will sing in the choir are as follows: Sopranos—Miss Kate Foad, Miss Lillia Fisher Williams, Mrs. George S. Boyland, and William G. Robertson; contraltos—Miss Julia Post, Mrs. John Stanley Price, Mrs. F. A. Muse, and Miss Ruth Bowen; tenors—Mr. J. R. Eddy, Mr. W. O. S. Sutherland, Mr. Charles L. Schulken, Mr. F. M. Newbold; basses—Mr. A. M. Thompson, Mr. W. B. Muse, Mr. W. G. Robertson and Mr. Clarence Stanland.

The accident, according to statements of one of the party, was due to the slippery condition of the road, and the fact that a lumber wagon failed to observe the rules of the road. The wagon was coupled out and was loaded with a tree and this made it very hard for the driver of the machine to handle the situation and hold his machine in the road. Neither of the ladies in the party suffered serious hurts but all were considerably shaken up and bruised.

There was little to the Hanson-Sarros match because the latter was outclassed in every respect and made the mistake of trying to rough it up with the local favorite. Hanson was the Greek's master in every respect and raised no objection when Sarros objected to a decision on the part of McGurley at the expiration of 16 minutes. The Swede again forced the Greek's shoulders to the mat and after they had arisen the latter was still dissatisfied and contended that he had not been thrown. Again Hanson threw him and the presence of Mr. McGurley was not necessary to decide this fall for the Greek's raps on the mat told all that he had enough. Throwing a man four times in succession is a little different from the usual exhibition but Hanson appeared to enjoy the novelty of it as much as the crowd.

Is Making a Strong Effort to Have Them Paid For Strike Duty Here. Although the members of the local military company, together with the members of the Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro and Salisbury companies, have practically given up all hope of receiving any pay for their seven days duty during the strike of the carmen of the Tidewater Power Company, early in July, reports from Raleigh are that Governor Craig will exert every effort to have the Guardsmen compensated for their services before his term expires about January.

AT DELGADO TOMORROW. Rev. M. O. Alexander Will Speak at the Sunday School Hour. Rev. M. O. Alexander, formerly of Wilmington, but now chaplain in the United States Navy, stationed at Boston, Mass., who is spending the holidays here, will speak at the Sunday School hour at the Delgado Baptist church tomorrow morning. Mr. Alexander was formerly pastor of this church and is very popular with the people of the community. The hour of the Sunday School is 11:15 o'clock. There will no doubt be a large attendance.

The Massino-Albright match was really worth while. Physically the Italian was Albright's superior but what the latter lacked in strength he more than made up in science and skill and although the Italian broke numerous holds that would have thrown a less powerful man he did not possess sufficient science and skill to stand up under the attacks of Albright. Massino is without doubt the prettiest put up man who ever appeared before a local audience; one has often heard of the fellow whose muscles stood out like whipcords and those who have read Longfellow and have pictured in their mind's eye the village blacksmith referred to can get some idea of Massino's appearance. He stated that he weighed 172 pounds but even his warmest supporters doubted the veracity of this statement. He probably had 30 pounds on Albright but he lacked the science and the result was that he was forced to stay on the defense the greater part of the time. Albright broke from holds the Italian put on him in several instances but as a whole the Bleasite was ever on the offensive and exhibited skill and science that was refreshing. The crowd was given its money's worth for they saw the local favorite triumph easily over his opponent and witnessed what many believed short of impossible for after giving Massino the once over few fans imagined Albright stood the ghost of a chance against the husky son of Italy.

NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT. Annual Yearly Event at the Cape Fear Country Club. The New Year's golf tournament of the Cape Fear Country Club, to be held on Monday, promises to be one of the biggest events in the history of the club. An oyster roast and basket dinner served early in the afternoon will be a feature. A bogie handicap, 18-hole match, open to all male members of the club, will be started immediately after the arrival of the 9 o'clock car. After the arrival of the 2 o'clock car a mixed foursome will be played. A large attendance is expected.

RESTRICTION LIMITED. Gives Notice With Regard to Vessels Passing Dredges. Circulars have been issued by Major A. E. Waldron, in charge of the local United States District Engineering office, stating that the regulation which requires that tugs with more than one vessel in tow will not be allowed to pass any dredge at work in the channel will be suspended from January 1 to February 28, 1917.

To Speak at Topsail. Mr. George W. Sheppard, deacon in the Winter Park Presbyterian church and formerly a deacon in the Topsail Sound Presbyterian church, will address the congregation at Topsail on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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