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THE FRANCHISE IS GRANTED.

Work on Water Works to Commence Within Six Months.

A special meeting of the board of commissioners of the town of Lexington was held Wednesday afternoon of last week for the purpose of taking action upon the granting of a franchise to a company consisting of Messrs. W. G. Penry, F. W. Siebert, G. W. Montcastle, J. B. Smith, J. M. Riley, R. L. Burkhead and others for the installation of a system of water works.

The petition, signed by 245 tax-paying citizens asking that the franchise be granted was presented to the commissioners. After careful consideration of the articles of franchise the same was granted to the company aforesaid named.

The franchise provides that the company shall install a complete system of water works here for fire protection and for public and private use, the source of supply to be approved by the commissioners.

The franchise also gives the town a right to purchase the works after ten years, but we are informed that should the town be able to purchase the plant after it is completed they can undoubtedly do so. The Electric Light and Telephone Company will be under the management of the water company and we are glad to learn that better service is in store for the citizens of Lexington.

The commissioners, on the part of the town, agree to contract for ten hydrants at an annual rental of \$400, at the installation of the system, and to increase this number as they see fit. The company on their part is to furnish a free drinking fountain for man and beast and also a lawn fountain at the cemetery. Maximum rates are fixed for the supply of water to private parties.

The franchise provides that work on the installation of the water works system must begin within six months and the same must be completed within eighteen months from date of franchise.

The company proposes to furnish the water from artesian wells and to erect a tank of 200,000 gallons capacity, high enough to have a constant pressure of 40 pound per square inch on the hydrants.

The parties to whom the above franchise was granted have made application for a State charter under the name of the Lexington Water and Light Co. They expect to commence operations as soon as the charter is granted.

Progressiveness of the Eureka.

The Eureka Trouser Co. will some time this week receive six additional machines to be added to their present plant for the manufacture of trousers. Since its establishment here less than a year ago this company has met with splendid success, their goods finding a ready sale upon the markets. Twenty-four machines are operated at present and turn out complete 200 pairs of trousers per day. The six additional machines will bring the number up to thirty, with an output of 300 pairs per day. Medium grade goods are manufactured and wholesale at from \$24 to \$36 per dozen.

The enterprise is under the very able management of Mr. J. W. Noel and has been a success from the start. About forty ladies are employed in the sewing department.

Mighty Lively Paper.

Editor H. B. Varner's excellent paper, the Lexington Dispatch, is twenty-one years old and a mighty lively paper too; we suppose it is one of the most successful and paying newspapers in the State.—Southern Publisher.

Mr. W. E. Holt, Jr., was in Raleigh yesterday and was an usher at the marriage of Mr. Erwin Allen Holt, of Burlington, and Miss Mary W. Davis, of Raleigh. The event was solemnized in Christ church early yesterday morning.

WILCOX GOES TO THE PEN.

Celebrates His Departure by Firing a Pistol in His Cell, Taking a Drink, Using Unprintable Language, Etc.

Elizabeth City, June 15.—James Wilcox, in the custody of Sheriff T. F. Winslow, of Perquimans county, left this afternoon for Raleigh to serve his 30 years in the State prison. He was driven to the depot in a closed carriage with Sheriff Winslow, accompanied by his deputy, Mr. Isaac White, and Sheriff Reid, of Pasquotank county. A large crowd was at the depot. Wilcox was stubborn and said he was not going to the penitentiary.

Wilcox had to be carried by force to the carriage. He declined to put on decent clothes and donned ragged pantaloons. He put on old shoes, slit with a knife, and a soiled hat and would not wear a coat. He fired shots in his cell from a 38 calibre pistol, which he had concealed. He said he had the gun on his person in the court-room during both trials. He gave it to the astonished jailor and said: "I am not going to work in the penitentiary. I shall not be there long and will soon be back here." He took a drink of whiskey before leaving jail. He swore and cursed at the depot and used language not fit for print when a newspaper man attempted to take his picture. He was also insolent to the officers.

New Subscriptions.

Remittances for subscription from the following parties have been received at The Dispatch office during the past week:

James F. Lowe, D. B. Clinard, W. H. Barnes, L. M. Teague, Rev. J. H. Grey, Mrs. Martha Jackson, W. H. Collins, Lina Hargrave, H. N. Craven, J. E. Fine, L. B. Leach, Miss Belle Workman, F. W. Faulkner, G. A. Pierce, J. T. Bean, E. C. Pierce, T. D. Hunt, G. B. Loftin, Julius L. Myers, J. L. Smith, J. L. Young, R. A. Sossamon, W. M. Morris, W. J. Pierce, Miss Alice Peacock, L. Kearns, C. E. Kennedy, Peter A. Conrad, G. W. Tyler, Julius Sechrist, W. H. Kennedy, Dr. C. A. Julian, T. L. Russell, Ballard Martin, A. C. Burgess, N. R. Teague, Lee A. A. band, J. C. Loftin, J. R. Skeen, Mrs. Lee Beck, E. V. Smith, G. W. Black, Capt. M. L. Jones, D. T. Black, C. F. Yarbro, Mrs. M. E. Kinsey, E. R. Forest.

Building and Loan Association.

Sixty years ago a poor boy left North Carolina, going to a neighboring State. Last week he died worth two millions. He used to say it cost him more self-denial to save the first thousand dollars than to make his millions in after years.

Building-Loan Associations are the best friends of a poor man. Where to put your little savings until they accumulate something of worth to you is the trouble with so many working men.

A share in the Lexington Perpetual Building and Loan Association costs but twenty-five cents per week, and is as good, if not a better investment than can be found for either the rich or poor.

If you have not yet secured stock in this Association, call on Mr. W. H. Mendenhall, at the Bank of Lexington. He will be pleased to explain to you the workings and purport of the institution and issue stock certificates, should you so desire.

As to Giving In.

The corporation commission has instructed the county commissioners that it is not lawful for taxes to be given in before Register of Deeds and those who fail to give in at the proper time should be double taxed and are liable to indictment.

The commissioners have no discretion in this matter and taxes must be given in at the proper time and to the tax assessors.

Mr. Jno. M. Harkey arrived home Saturday from Chattanooga.

THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, LEXINGTON, N. C.



REV. J. C. LEONARD, B. D., PASTOR.

This church was organized January 20th, 1901, with 17 members. The enrollment of the Sunday school was 55. The erection of the church was commenced on the fourth day of the preceding October; the house of worship was dedicated February 17th, 1901. The congregation is now two years and five months old, and the present membership is 83. The main department of the Sunday School has an enrollment of 150, the home department 30 and the cradle roll 33.

The church has recently undergone repairs. The interior walls were beautifully muresooded with a delicate shade of blue, and the entire church was thoroughly renovated, and the present appearance is most pleasing. Reopening services were held Sunday night, June 13th. Addresses were delivered by R. T. Pickens, Esq., and the pastor, and special music was rendered. The church in its brief history has had a prosperous existence, and its members and friends look forward to a bright future.

Complimentary to Miss Smith.

A very delightful dance was given in the opera house at this place on Monday evening, complimentary to Miss Nell Smith, a charming young lady of Rockingham, who is visiting in this city. The affair was given by Messrs. G. F. Hankins, B. H. Finch and Joe H. Thompson and was attended by a large number of young people who greatly enjoyed the occasion.

Those invited were: Misses Camille Hunt, Bessie Hankins, Nell Smith, Kathleen Smith, May Thompson, Edith Greer, Irene Smith, Nellie Trice, Arlene Trice, Edna McCrary, Veigh Hutchinson, Miss Mulgrove; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Montcastle, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hargrave, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hunt, Jr., Mesdames J. N. Mendenhall and J. H. Greer; Messrs. James Adderton, G. F. Hankins, O. E. Mendenhall, Harry MacCall, Lloyd Hunt, Brantley Finch, Joe Thompson, Will Welborn, Lawrence Grimes, Henley Hunt, Percy Grimes, Stanly Boring, Harlee MacCall, Ed. Hutchinson, Z. I. Walsler, J. R. McCrary, Hugh Boring, T. E. McCrary, E. B. G. Taylor.

New Burglar-Proof Safe.

The Bank of Lexington on yesterday received a very handsome new burglar-proof, time-lock steel safe. It is of Manganese



make, weighs over 4,000 pounds and cost \$1,800. The safe was installed yesterday and is a beauty. It is said to be the only real genuine burglar proof safe in Western North Carolina.

Idle men at Belleville, Ill., refused profitable employment in protecting a river levee from the flood. They could not let anything interfere with their pleasure in burning a negro alive.

GREAT CLOUDBURST IN OREGON.

More Than 500 People Die in a Flood—300 Bodies Recovered.

Portland, Ore., June 15.—Five hundred people lost their lives in a cloudburst that almost entirely destroyed the town of Heppner, Oregon, at 6 o'clock last night. Heppner is the county seat of Morrow county and had about 1,250 inhabitants. All the telephone and telegraph wires are down and no accurate information can be obtained, but the estimate of loss of life is based on the most reliable reports received up to to-night. A report from Ione 17 miles from Heppner, is to the effect that 300 bodies have been recovered. A messenger who arrived at Ione said a wall of water 20 feet high rushed down into the gulch in which Heppner is situated, carrying everything before it. The flood came with such suddenness that the inhabitants were unable to seek places of safety and were carried down to death by the awful rush of water. Almost the entire residence portion of the town was destroyed, but some of the business part, which is on higher ground, escaped. Huge boulders weighing a ton were carried down by the current and many people were killed by being dashed against the rocky bluff. Early in the afternoon a thunder-storm occurred, covering a wide region of country, and later a heavy rain-storm set in, many of the small streams overflowing their banks in a short time. Bridges were swept away like straws. As soon as possible after the flood subsided the work of relief was commenced by the citizens of the town. Dozens of bodies were found in the creeks and in some places they were piled over one another. Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon over two hundred bodies had been recovered almost within the city limits. The buildings which were not carried away were moved from their foundations or toppled over. Hundreds of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs that had gone into the creek bottoms for water perished.

News of the calamity did not reach the outside world to-day, all the means of communication having ceased. As soon as possible news was sent by couriers to the near-by towns. The Oregon Railway & Navigation Company started a relief train with physicians and supplies from The Dallas shortly after noon. At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon another train of relief started for the scene from this city. The citizens of Portland started a relief fund as soon as the news of the disaster spread over the city, and within a few hours \$5,000 was raised. Supplies will be rushed to Heppner as soon as they can be assembled.

New Guns for the Militia.

The militia of this State are soon to be armed with a magazine rifle, and the question is will this be a Krag-Jorgenson, calibre 30, or the brand-new Springfield magazine rifle of the same calibre, the latter being now the standard both for the army and navy. The new Springfield has the barrel entirely encased in wood and so the soldier can at all times handle it, even in the most rapid firing, without burning his hands. Few people who have handled rapid-fire guns have any idea how quickly the barrel heats. The new Springfield is lighter than the Krag and weighs only seven and one-half pounds. The most important thing about it is its perfect automatic action, by which after the soldier has fired all the cartridges in the magazine he is rendered unable to go through the motions of shooting again until he has recharged the magazine, since the gun is locked at all other times. The barrel has been shortened to the length of the carbine and so the infantry and cavalry will hereafter use precisely the same weapon.

"Owe No Man Anything."

Chairy and Children.

Did you ever think of how expensive a luxury credit is? It doubles the expense of book-keeping, doubles correspondence, multiplies worry many times over, often destroys confidence, wrecks business galore, and makes mischief of all kinds without limit. More than all, many of these things enter into the cost nearly everything which is bought and sold, and even the cash buyer, with all his discounts off, pays enhanced prices because of the cost of other people's credit. Imagine the world running a month without the credit system! Next to the millennium it would do more to create and maintain general happiness than any other condition that could be introduced.

J. C. Haverley, day operator on the switch yards at Hamlet, was run over by a switch engine yesterday morning and injured so badly that he died four hours later.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Ferd Watson, of Winston, was here one day last week.

O. E. Wilson, of High Point, was here last week on business.

Capt. C. C. McAlister, of Asheville, was here on business last Friday.

Masters John Trice and Luther Propst are visiting relatives in Concord.

Mr. W. H. Trice went over to Concord yesterday afternoon to visit relatives.

Mr. Harlee MacCall returned from a week's visit to Statesville Saturday night.

Messrs. J. H. Greer and Eugene C. Koonts spent Sunday at Healing Springs.

Luther Curry left for Gaffney, S. C., where he will reside for some time, Monday night.

Mrs. R. C. Whirlow, of Salisbury, who has been visiting Mrs. J. L. Michael, returned home Friday.

Col. F. H. Stith, who has been in the city for some time, left yesterday for New York and Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Long, of Mt. Pleasant, are here on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Chas. E. McCrary.

Miss Mary Richardson, of Williamston, is expected here this week and will be the guest of Mrs. J. W. Crowell.

Mrs. T. F. Grimes spent several days last week visiting her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Dorsett, of Bethany.

Mr. Chas. E. McCrary spent a few days at home last week, leaving Monday morning on a week's business trip.

Miss Nell Smith, who is visiting her friend, Miss Kathleen Smith, will leave to-morrow for her home at Rockingham.

Mrs. R. T. Pickens and children left yesterday morning for High Point, where they will visit her parents for a few days.

Mr. Alex. Garner, of the farm implement firm of Garner & Morefield, is in North Wilkesboro this week on business.

Misses Louise Hanes and Nona Sink went to Greensboro Saturday to visit the family of their grandfather, Capt. L. C. Hanes.

Miss Lula Noel, of Roxboro, arrived here yesterday and will spend some time visiting the family of her brother, Mr. J. W. Noel.

Mrs. E. W. Koonts, who has been visiting relatives in Lexington and in the county for several weeks, returned to her home at Asheville Saturday.

Masters Baxter and Herbert Peacock and little sister, Mabel, will leave to-morrow for Fullers, Randolph county, to visit their grandfather, Mr. T. H. Fuller, for several weeks.

Rev. W. A. Smith filled his regular monthly appointment at Swepsonville Sunday, consequently there were no services held in the Baptist church at this place on that day.

Miss Mary Hursey, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. F. Weaver, for several weeks, returned to her home at Chesterfield, S. C., yesterday. She was accompanied as far as Charlotte by Miss Lizzie Weaver.

Mr. Grover Dale, a son of the late T. S. Dale, of Yadkin College, was here Thursday en route to Charlotte, where he went to stand an examination for enlistment in the United States navy.

Mr. Sam. T. Raper, who has a position with the R. J. Reynolds Co., Winston, is at home on a vacation. While coming to Lexington yesterday morning Mr. Raper in company with Prof. J. E. Hill, narrowly escaped serious injury by being thrown from a buggy. The horse the young men were driving became unmanageable, kicked and reared and smashed the buggy, but the gentlemen escaped from the wreck with only a few bruises.