

AUDIT AND FINANCE BOARD

Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting Held Last Night—Several Matters From Board of Aldermen. Award of Contracts.

The Board of Audit and Finance of the city was in regular semi-monthly session last night, but transacted no business of general interest. The session lasted less than two hours.

The Board met at 8 o'clock with Chairman Heyer presiding and Messrs. Jesse Wilder, W. B. Cooper, H. C. McQueen and M. G. Tiencken, in attendance. Assistant City Clerk and Treasurer C. H. White kept a record of the proceedings in the absence of Capt. T. D. Meares, the clerk. There were also in attendance Alderman Louis E. Hall and Attorney Marsden Bellamy.

After reading minutes of preceding meeting, Mr. Bellamy was heard with reference to settlement of a suit pending in Superior Court since he was city attorney, and Alderman Hall, chairman of the Finance Committee of his board, also spoke with reference thereto.

The action of the Aldermen as to the matter was concurred in. In this connection, Chairman Heyer suggested the placing of the city attorneyship upon a more definite and lucrative basis, but no action was taken.

A communication from the Board of Aldermen was read; also one from the Street Commission recommending the employment of a draftsman at a salary of \$60 per month. The latter was not concurred in. Board of City Engineer R. C. Humphreys in the sum of \$5,000 with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., as surety, was concurred in.

Action of the Aldermen in awarding contracts to T. A. Callihan for deep wells at \$98.50 each, and Springer Coal Company for fuel, was concurred in. Bill of Keeper Murphy, of the smallpox house of detention, was concurred in. Appropriation of \$500 for repairing and replacing wooden "trunks" or drains was deferred for information. Mr. Tiencken claimed that this work should be done by the Streets and Wharves Committee out of the \$28,000 regular appropriation.

The action of the Aldermen in placing a tax of \$250 per year on surface closets, with a letter from City Attorney Walter Clark, relative to the Raleigh ordinance, were read, but action was deferred for further information and investigation. No action was taken with reference to the ordinance prohibiting newsboys from frequenting hotel porches and sidewalks in front of hotels.

Salaries for the seven special health officers were fixed at \$55 per month and it was ordered that they be employed until September 15th.

A communication from the Water and Sewerage Commission giving list of warrants paid during July was read. A similar communication was read from the Street Commission.

Bill of City Attorney McClammy for \$135 covering cases tried before the Recorder's court, duly approved by Mayor MacRae, was read and deferred for further information from the Board of Aldermen.

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Negro Given Thirty Days on Roads for Vagrancy—Other Cases.

Substitute Recorder Harris presided over yesterday's session of the Recorder's court and a number of cases were disposed of. David McCoy, colored, was found guilty of the charge of vagrancy and sentenced to 30 days on the county roads. It was stated that he recently completed a term on the roads for the same offense. M. G. Silvia, a white man, who has appeared in court frequently on the charge of drunkenness, was in court again yesterday. He was fined \$25 and costs, but Acting Recorder Harris finally decided to remit the fine if the defendant would take an oath not to drink another drop of whiskey or other intoxicants for a period of six months.

The defendant readily agreed and took the oath. It was stated that he took a similar oath some years ago and absconded with the store of King Bros., Ninth and Walnut streets, yesterday morning, was not called, but will be taken up this morning. The negro was arrested yesterday morning after an exciting chase during which a number of shots were fired in the direction of those in the chase after the negro were Officers Robt. Green and Charlie Jones and Mr. Wm. Sheehan.

HOOKWORM DISEASE.

Dr. C. F. Strossner Delivering Lectures in This Section.

In the city yesterday was Dr. C. F. Strossner, formerly a member of the staff of physicians of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, but now one of the representatives of the crusade for the eradication of Hookworm Disease being conducted under the control of the North Carolina Board of Health. He was here for only a short time on his way from Whiteville, where he lectured yesterday to a large crowd, to Lillington, where he will deliver a lecture today.

Dr. Strossner began his work Monday when he lectured to a large gathering of teachers of Onslow county. He is gratified with the interest the people are taking in the campaign for the eradication of the disease. Dr. Page, another traveling representative for the dissemination of information relative to the disease, is at work in the northeastern part of the State.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: Masters William and Archie Glover are visiting their aunt, Mrs. N. E. Bunting, in Wilmington. E. F. McCulloch, Esq., of White Oak, and H. L. Lyon, Esq., of Whiteville, were in town today en route home from the meeting of the State Executive Committee at Raleigh.

VERDICT FAVORS PLAINTIFF

J. W. Holmes Awarded \$5,000 Damages by Superior Court Jury Against Dr. L. H. Love—An Appeal Likely.

After deliberating for about an hour the Superior Court jury, which had in hearing the case of J. W. Holmes against Dr. L. H. Love, involving damages in the sum of \$20,000, which has consumed the time of the court since Friday morning, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$5,000. Nothing was said in court relative to an appeal, but it is understood that the defendant will appeal to the Supreme Court.

The plaintiff was suing for \$20,000 damages, \$10,000 actual and \$10,000 punitive, alleging that the defendant, who attended him following injuries received in an accident on the Seaboard ten years ago, failed to give him the proper treatment, as the result of which he is denied the use of his right arm. There were a large number of witnesses in the case on both sides and the taking of testimony was not concluded until late Monday afternoon. When court reconvened yesterday morning argument of counsel began. Robt. Ruark, Esq., of counsel for the plaintiff, speaking first, being followed by George Rountree, Esq., Thos. W. Davis, Esq., and Hon. John D. Bellamy, for the defendant and Iredell Meares, Esq., for the plaintiff. The latter had not completed his argument when court took recess for dinner.

Mr. Meares continued his argument, concluding after 3 o'clock, when Judge Whedbee delivered his charge to the jury. The case was given to the 12 men about 4 o'clock. About 5 o'clock a verdict as above noted was returned. The following are the issues submitted to the jury and the answers:

"Was plaintiff injured by the negligence of the defendant, Dr. L. H. Love?" Answer, "Yes."

"What damages, if any, is plaintiff entitled to recover of defendant?" Answer, "\$5,000."

A jury was empaneled to try the case of J. W. Little, admr., against Frank Hill, et al., but as it afterwards appeared to the court that the case went off the docket by a former judgment, a juror was withdrawn and no trial was entered into.

The case of Mary J. Shoffner against A. L. Shoffner was tried. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff to the effect that the defendant was married at the time of his attempted marriage to the plaintiff. The following cases were continued: S. J. Davis against Tidewater Power Company; Lafayette King against Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. A judgment of non-suit was entered in the following: R. R. Richardson against Woodus Kellum; F. Weithemer & Sons against D. L. T. Capps; Breyer Stove Co. against E. P. Brock; and judgment was signed in the following: H. C. Ellis against Josh Simon; Acetylene Apparatus Mfg. Co., against Arthur L. Council.

DUNCAN SUPPORTERS WIN OUT

Republican Primaries Held Throughout County Yesterday—Fight Was For Delegates to County Convention.

From the best information obtainable last night the supporters of Duncan for State chairman seem to have won out by a large majority in the Republican primaries held throughout New Hanover county yesterday. The Duncan forces were jubilant last night while the supporters of the candidacy of Congressman Morehead for the position of State chairman did not have much to say. The vote polled was surprisingly light, very probably less than 150 in the entire county.

The primaries were held mainly for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention which will be held in the Court House here next Monday at 12 o'clock at which time delegates to the State, Judicial, Congressional and Senatorial conventions of the Republican party will be elected, and for the election of executive committee members. The name of Mr. D. D. Lennon appeared on the ticket as candidate for the State Senate and the name of Mr. E. H. Freeman for Sheriff. Candidates were not put in the field for any other office.

The county convention is entitled to 17 delegates, the number being based on one delegate for every 25 votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the last election. There will be three each from the First and Fifth Wards, two each from the Second, Third and Fourth Wards and one each from the county precincts. Each city and county precinct is entitled to three members of the executive committee. Below is given the result of the primaries in the city, the county precincts not being heard from officially last night:

The following are the official returns from the five wards in the city:

First Ward—D. D. Lennon, for State Senate, 9; E. H. Freeman, for Sheriff, 10. Executive committee—Jas. E. Elkins, 13; L. A. Watkins, 14; Wm. Sheehan, Sr., 14; Wm. Crownstream, 4; L. G. Cox, 4; H. B. Murray, 2. Delegates to county convention—C. O. Knox, 14; Jas. Elder, 12; Jas. Elkins, 11; Wm. Crownstream, 4; L. G. Cox, 3; H. B. Murray, 3; R. M. Murray, 1.

Second—Lennon, for Senate, 4; Freeman, for Sheriff, 4. Executive committee—Wm. E. Worth, 1; L. A. Blue, 1; E. C. Pigford, 1; W. J. Meredith, 4; E. W. Manning, 4; W. R. Morrison, 4. Delegates to county convention—W. J. Meredith, 4; E. W. Manning, 4; Wm. E. Worth, 4; E. J. Pigford, 0.

Third—Lennon, 12; Freeman, 11. Executive committee—A. P. Yopp, 2; G. E. Leftwich, 2; C. O. Byerly, 2; Wm. Strubbers, Jr., 11; F. A. Thompson, 12; D. D. Lennon, 12. Delegates to county convention—G. E. Leftwich, 3; C. O. Byerly, 3; D. D. Lennon, 12.

F. A. Thompson, 12. Fourth—Lennon, 11; Freeman, 9. Executive committee—J. R. Bear, 9; E. Norfleet, 11; W. T. Mercer, 12; S. M. King, 8; M. F. Croom, 9. Delegates to county convention—E. Norfleet, 8; J. R. Bear, 7; D. L. Gore, 9; T. E. Wallace, 10.

Fifth—Lennon, 28; Freeman, 32. Executive committee—W. V. Sellars, 8; Joe Dukes, 7; H. H. Hooker, 7; Jas. Loughlin, 23; W. W. King, Jr., 23; F. M. Griffith, 23. Delegates to county convention—W. V. Sellars, 5; Joe Dukes, 5; H. H. Hooker, 1; J. W. Brooks, 22; F. B. Rice, 26; P. T. Dicksey, 23.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Routine Matters Considered by Police and Fire Commission—Three Firemen Resigned—Vacancies Filled.

The Police and Fire Commission was in session for about an hour last night with Chairman Wm. E. Springer presiding and Commissioners French, Woolvin, Barry and Burnett, Chief of Police Williams, Chief of Fire Department Schnibben and Clerk J. J. Fowler in attendance. Matters before the body were largely of a routine nature. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting reports were received from the fire and police departments.

The report of Chief Williams, of the Police Department, for the month of July showed that there were a total of 151 arrests, 71 whites and 80 colored, as follows: Drunks, 37 white and 14 colored; disorderly conduct, 9; colored, 13; jumping trains, colored, 1; larceny, whites, 3; colored, 2; assault, whites, 2; colored, 10; unlicensed tax, whites, 1; colored, 6; assault with deadly weapon, colored, 3; vagrancy, colored, 4; carrying concealed weapons, whites, 1; colored, 4; forgery, whites, 1; colored, 1; selling on Sunday, whites, 2; insane, colored, 1; safe keeping, white, 2; colored, 1; hitching horses to telegraph poles, whites, 1; colored, 3; gambling, colored, 3; reckless running of automobile, whites, 1; obstruction of streets, whites, 1; colored, 1; violation of prohibition law, whites, 4; unlicensed dogs, white, 5; colored, 0; resisting officer, white, 1; colored, 1.

Chief J. A. Schnibben, of the Fire Department, reported six alarms during the month with a total property loss of not exceeding \$3,000. Chief Schnibben also made report relative to the smallpox cases at the central fire station, which showed conclusively that the fire department did its duty in the matter of making prompt report to the health authorities, who advised that it was not necessary to quarantine, or to tack placards on the fire station. The three men who had the disease have recovered.

Chairman Springer asked Chief Williams, of the police department, how he accounted for the increased number of arrests over the previous month, when there were less than a hundred. Chief Williams stated that it was easy to explain. First, there were a larger number of excursionists in Wilmington during the month of July than in the month of June. Of the total number of arrests 51 were for drunkenness, many of whom were a distance; 22 were for disorderly conduct, coming practically under the same head as drunkenness; 10 were for failure to comply with the tax ordinance; besides there were 19 arrests of colored people for assault, July being vacation month for them, bringing to the total from the causes enumerated to 110. The Commission was satisfied with the explanation.

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do service at Wrightsville Beach during the recent Congressional convention. He stated that it had been the custom from time immemorial to send officers to Wrightsville and Carolina beaches when any request was made for them; that only men off duty were sent and that they were paid for their time by those desiring their services. Chairman Springer stated further that officers had recently been sent to Charlotte and to Newbern to do duty during important occasions as a matter of courtesy. In addition, it will be remembered that a number of towns and cities in North Carolina sent officers to Wilmington at the request of the Mayor of this city to do patrol duty during the Taft Day celebration. Other members of the Commission agreed with the chairman in his statement of the matter. No action was taken because none was necessary. There being no further business before the body adjournment was taken shortly after 9 o'clock.

Commissioner French reported that Messrs. J. E. Haar, M. T. Sellars and A. D. Byrd had resigned as members of the fire department and recommended that the following be named to fill the vacancies: Messrs. H. W. Wright, O. C. Herring and T. M. Jones. The resignations were accepted and the three named elected to fill the vacancies.

Upon motion of Commissioner French it was ordered that the fire alarm box now on the hospital grounds be placed inside the hospital building and that another box be procured for the hospital grounds. This action is in keeping with all progressive cities which have modern hospitals, as all have a private fire alarm box.

Chief Schnibben, of the Fire Department, was voted a vacation of ten days or two weeks to attend the annual meeting of the Inter-National Fire Chiefs' Association, which will be held at Syracuse, N. Y., August 25th to 30th. Chairman Springer mentioned the fact that the Commission had been criticised by some misinformed persons relative to allowing policemen to

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