

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Miss Olivia Horne returned yesterday afternoon from a visit to Raleigh.

The many friends of Mrs. Joe Leitner, who has been ill for the past ten days, will be pleased to learn that she is much improved.

Mrs. R. C. Lucas and little son, Robert Lester Lucas, have returned to their home at Lumberton, after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives here.

Major W. N. Harris, clerk of Superior Court, left last night for Washington, D. C., to spend a few days with relatives. He will return Monday morning and will be accompanied by Mrs. Harris, who has been visiting there for two weeks.

Yesterday's Charlotte Observer says: "Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Dreher and Mr. Clayton Grant, of Wilmington, are spending several days in the city with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wingfield, at their home in Dilworth. Dr. Dreher and Mr. Grant are here for the gun shoot at the Mecklenburg Country Club which takes place today and tomorrow."

ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTH CAROLINA COLONIAL DAMES. The North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames will hold its annual meeting at Orton Plantation, owned by Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt, on May 15th, and in addition to the local members of the society it is expected that there will be a large number present from other points throughout the State.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. S. O. Meredith, of Hamlet, spent last night in the city on his way to Armour, N. C., where he will be located some time.

LOCAL DOTS.

The public library will be closed today in observance of Memorial Day. The British steamer Sheila cleared light yesterday for Galveston; vessel to Heide & Co.

WORK ON TAX ORDINANCE

Council in Conference for Three Hours Last Evening—No Changes Are Contemplated—Meet Again Monday

Meeting in conference for the purpose of going over the tax ordinance, item by item, for the fiscal year beginning June 1st, Council was in session for three hours last evening, from 5 to 8 o'clock. Mayor Smith presided and all members were in attendance; also Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, and City Attorneys Herbert McClammy and Geo. L. Peschau.

The matter of increasing the ad valorem tax rate came up and was discussed for some length, and it was the general impression that it would have to be increased, but the exact amount could not be determined until the budget for the fiscal year has been arranged. The budget is to be given consideration next week, beginning Monday. The present tax rate is \$1.30 on the \$100 valuation of property, but for the next fiscal year it will probably be \$1.60 or \$1.65.

Nearly every item in the tax ordinance was called over yesterday afternoon and with few exceptions Council has agreed upon the different items. However, the ordinance will not be adopted until the other items, which have been referred to the city attorneys on account of some legal questions, have been agreed upon. This will probably be at the next regular meeting Wednesday afternoon. There will be no radical changes in the tax ordinance, according to a member of Council.

Health Rules for 1912. Some Are Applicable to the "Swat the Fly" Campaign. The following rules advocated by a Chicago health commissioner seem good enough to copy, and are partly in line with the "Swat the Fly" campaign now being waged by Sorois.

HEALTH RULES FOR 1912

I will ventilate. I will not willfully spread contagion among my fellowmen. I will wear flies in May that I may save myself a million swats in July, and reduce my chances for typhoid in September. I will endeavor to make my neighbor's front yard envious of my back yard.

SEND CONGRATULATIONS.

Roosevelt's Manager Glad to Hear of Result in Sixth District. Irredell Meares, Esq., of this city, who was chairman of the Sixth District Republican convention, held at Fayetteville Wednesday, yesterday received the following telegram from Hon. Jos. M. Dixon, Roosevelt's campaign manager, in reply to a telegram announcing the result of the convention.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: H. F. Wilder and wife to Mary Hardin Moore, for \$1,000, lot on Front, 132 feet south of Nun street; W. W. Koch and wife to R. Julia James, for \$10 and other considerations, lot 17 in block 17, Carolina Place.

YEAR OF PROGRESS FOR WILMINGTON

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The new and improved buildings there is a marked increase over any previous year, among the most important will be the new Atlantic Coast Line station. I say important for the fact that this building is intended to be seven stories in height, all the upper part being offices to supply the increased demands of their business here.

"I wish also to add that our civic improvements have made a good start, and our streets will soon show they are in line with all other advancements, for which our commissioners deserve thanks and encouragement.

"Through all these facts point to healthy growth and development, yet we must not take for granted further efforts on our part are not required. We must continue our aid and encouragement if we wish to see continued progress and improvement. We have still lots of desirable locations with both rail and water transportation to all points, suitable for manufacturing plants of all kinds.

"I would urge on the members more regular and better attendance at meetings, by so doing they will keep in close touch with the business of the Chamber and render the aid and encouragement they should give to the Executive Committee for their assistance and encouragement during the year. I also wish to express the thanks of the entire Chamber to the chairmen of the different committees for the interest they have taken in their respective duties."

Advertising Committee.

The report of advertising committee, of which Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneur is chairman, was submitted by Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, a member of the committee. It reviewed in detail the advertising schemes entered into during the year by the Chamber. The conclusions reached by the committee are:

"That general paid advertisements in magazines and periodicals are not effective. "That advertising with a specific and definite object in view may possibly be effective. "That attractive news items furnished to the local newspapers are far more effective than paid advertisements, although in all probability they do not add to our population except in an indirect way. But they do serve to keep a city before the general public."

The report stated further that the committee is of the opinion "that money spent in magazine and exhibit advertising could be used to much greater advantage by encouraging in every possible way improvements to the city in the way of beautifying streets and private property, the erection of residences and business buildings and the starting of manufacturing enterprises and extension of those already existing. The city should also be advertised through steady work for cleanliness, thorough sanitation, and a consequent improvement in living conditions."

Traffic Committee's Work.

Mr. Branch read the report of the traffic committee, which was submitted through the chairman, Mr. J. Allen Taylor, as follows: "To the Secretary: During the past year this committee has been in active correspondence and frequent conferences with the officials of the Clyde Line Steamship Company and the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company looking to better transportation and terminal facilities in the one case and better tariff files in the other. The results have been only partially satisfactory."

"In the case of the Clyde Line our demands were for greater transportation service and enlarged terminal facilities, advancing the contention that one steamer a week to and from New York was inadequate, and that at least two steamers a week was a minimum requirement, and that that which was not commensurate with the business handled and offering. The first demand was resisted on the grounds that the business did not justify or warrant more than one steamer a week, and disclaimed of any responsibility for inequitable pro-rating terms with the railroads whereby alone shipments via this port to interior points could be made possible. The justice of the second demand was admitted, and some enlargement of storage space and additional delivery facilities have been provided. In this manner, however, the relief is admittedly inadequate and the facilities are still crude and unsatisfactory."

"Undoubtedly a measure of thorough business is necessary to provide tonnage sufficient to procure greater water transportation facilities, and no less certain is it that this responsibility is solely upon the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line, whose policy is equally arbitrary and exclusive, preferring, as it does to the detriment of this port, the Norfolk over the Wilmington route. Yet we are assured that this is the honored hand of friendship protecting against our own follies and saving us from the consequences of our own benighted judgment. Such vicarious sacrifice is as exemplary as it is exceptional and deserves to be enshrined in the hearts of a grateful people. We petition much to the spirit of friendship, but balk at the point where it lays tribute on our intelligence."

"In the case of the Seaboard Air Line we have endeavored to convince

the authorities of the necessity for a freight division office at Wilmington, but so far we have only succeeded in having installed a complete tariff file with the service of a competent rate clerk; however, Mr. Kyle, the traffic manager, assures us that if this experiment is not altogether satisfactory further steps will be taken to meet the demands of the situation.

"The great and fundamentally important matter of discrimination in inter-State rates is in the state of passive consideration, but when the rulings of the Inter-State Commerce Commission have clarified the situation this matter will be vigorously prosecuted. Commercial opportunity can be counted on to quicken the spirit of equal opportunity."

Next was received the report of the committee on manufacturing and business enterprises, of which Mr. E. C. Holt is chairman. The report was read by the secretary. Mention was made in the report that during the year the Carolina Metal Products Co., a corporation with a paid in capital of \$50,000 and authorized capital of \$150,000, completed a modern plant in this city, and that through the efforts of President Corbett and activity in this direction under the previous administration, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, decided the erection of passenger station and office building to cost about \$325,000. It was also pointed out that Wilmington was promised first consideration by the State Farmers' Council when it gets ready to erect a chain of warehouses.

"Report on Shipping. A very important report was submitted by the Shipping and Commerce Committee. Mr. James Sprunt is chairman of the committee, but in his absence the report was read by Mr. H. G. Smallbones, a member. The report follows: "From April 1st, 1911, to April 1st, 1912, there has been a marked improvement in depth of the river channel to sea, indicated by the draft of several large steamships from sea to Wilmington, the highest record being 24 feet and three inches. This record was at a time when we had ordinary tides, so that we could safely say that Sprunt's dredging work on a ship drawing 25 feet to Wilmington."

"The Federal government has also made some changes and improvements to buoys and other aids to navigation."

"We regret to report that although we have used all diligence in urging the passage of Senator Overman's bill for an increased appropriation of \$30,000 beyond the \$21,000 already provided by Congress for improved range lights between Wilmington and the sea, the bill still hangs fire in the House of Representatives."

"Senator Simmons and Overman have been most attentive and obliging with reference to our increasing needs, justified by our largely increased commerce and we are urging Representative Godwin to give this matter his constant attention until the additional appropriation is made secure. We have advised him that we have no doubt Major Stedman, now a member of the House, would assist him in his efforts to that end."

"Our special committee, sent to Washington recently for the purpose of urging an appropriation of \$300,000 for the sustaining and continuance of the river and harbor work under Major Stickle, U. S. A., has already reported favorably, which was made possible by the dominant influence of Senator Simmons and the Commerce Committee of the Senate."

"We respectfully submit that if a committee of the strength of this one were sent to Washington two or three times a year, great things might be accomplished for the public good of this port and community. We believe that our failure to obtain the benefits, which other ports of less importance than ours have received, is because we have not supported our Representatives with the added strength and presence in Washington of well selected committees."

"For reasons which are not altogether clear to us, our municipal government has not been requested to comply with the proposals of the engineers, to provide increased terminal facilities at the port of Wilmington, in order to meet the conditions of the desired appropriation for further development; consequently the necessity for increased facilities has been met by corporations and merchants, through whom has been added to the facilities of the port of Wilmington an extensive covered wharf, the Champion Compress & Warehouse Co., and the railroad terminals, where ships of heavy draft can now load and discharge their cargoes, which has hitherto been impossible."

"Also about half a million dollars has been spent in increased warehouse and wharf facilities, far ahead of present requirements of the port in anticipation of a steadily increasing trade. We refer particularly to the enterprise of the Wilmington Compress & Warehouse Company, which has established one of the finest plants in the South and which is a credit to our community. This plant has now storage facilities of the most improved kind, for about 100,000 tons of fertilizers, or 20,000 bales of cotton. The terminal has been connected with the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line Railroads, and has provided modern electric hoisting apparatus on greatly improved lines upon an extensive covered wharf, which gives facilities for loading and unloading two steamers simultaneously."

"If we can obtain the desired appropriation of \$300,000 for river and harbor work, it is believed that Major Stickle will carry out the long desired project of a straight channel from a cut above Orton point to the cut below Orton Cove, obviating the present curve in Orton, which is constantly filling in and which has never been a satisfactory project. Such a change in the channel would gratify our shipping interests and prove a decided aid to navigation."

"The Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage have been requested to ask for a gas buoy to be placed off the Cape Fear bar, which pilots and master mariners believe would greatly facilitate and make safer the approach to the Cape Fear."

"We refrain from a report on commerce, as the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has already reported this data. "Your committee takes this opportunity of acknowledging, with grateful sense of appreciation, the official courtesies of Major Stickle, in charge of the present river and harbor work."

THE FLESH MAKER

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Weigh yourself before commencing to use Samose, the great flesh-forming food. The wonderful sale on this preparation since first introduced in Wilmington and the remarkable results following its use, have made the J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., such an enthusiastic believer in the great value of Samose that they have given their personal guarantee to refund the money if Samose will not make thin people fat and restore health and strength to those who use it.

This is a strong guarantee, but they have seen so many of their customers, a few weeks ago looked like walking skeletons become plump and well through the use of Samose, they feel they cannot say too much to induce people to try it.

This marvelous flesh-forming food is assimilated as soon as it is taken into the stomach, makes good, rich blood, tones up the weakened system, helps to assimilate the food, and makes the user plump, well and rosy. Sent postpaid on receipt of price, 50 cents.

HOW TO GAIN HEALTHY FLESH.

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., Advise Thin Folks to Use Samose. While thinness may not be a disease, yet it is in reality a condition that needs attention. Under the nourishing power of Samose, healthy, natural flesh will soon be attained.

This remarkable flesh-forming food strengthens the system generally and builds up the fleshy tissues so that a good, natural plumpness results. An ounce of flesh is better than a pound of theory. The J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., believe that the best possible demonstration of the flesh-forming powers of Samose is to have it tried by their customers, and to induce them to use it they offer to pay for the Samose in each case it does not give satisfaction. No stronger proof than this can be given of their faith in it. They have seen hundreds who were weak, thin and scrawny, become plump, robust and strong solely through the use of Samose.

Ten days' treatment 25c. Sent postpaid on receipt of price, 50 cents.

THIN FOLKS MADE FAT.

Good, healthy flesh can only be gained by the use of proper food, together with natural action of the organs of assimilation. Nine people out of ten, in order to weigh as much as they ought and be perfectly healthy, should use Samose, the great flesh-forming food and health restorer. Weigh yourself before commencing to use these little tablets, and see how your weight increases from week to week. Large box for 50c.

Samose does not contain a particle of starch or pepsin, nor is it any nauseating preparation, such as is usually recommended to make people fat, and which does not build up good healthy tissues. Samose has valuable flesh-forming properties, tones up and strengthens the whole system, helps the food that is eaten to be assimilated in a natural manner, and absolutely restores health to all the organs.

If you are not perfectly satisfied with the result from Samose the J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., will return your money without any quibbling. Sent postpaid on receipt of price, 50 cents.

B. F. Hall, Wm. E. Worth, E. T. Taylor and Jas. S. Williams.

Civic Work.

The chairman, Mr. John J. Blair, gave the report of the civic committee. After setting forth the relation of the civic committee to the organization, the report says: "The committee advocates, as soon as circumstances will permit, the employment by Council of a city architect, who shall provide a plan for the systematic extension and development of the city, comprising in the plan a civic center, future municipal buildings, and a park, playground and boulevard feature, which shall hereafter be given a prominent place in the city's growth and expansion; that the Council be asked to appoint a tree and park commis-

sioner, who shall be charged with the care of the shade trees, plazas and parks, and constituting an advisory board, serving the interests of the street department without remuneration."

The report states further that "among the enterprises in which this committee has interested itself are the following:

"The 14th street boulevard and park development. "The securing from the government for the public use of a part of the Marine Hospital government property, a bill to this effect having already been introduced in Congress.

A plan to bring about a co-operation between the City Council, the property owners, and the Tidewater

Power Co., for beautifying with grass plats, flowers and ornamental shrubbery both sides of Prince's street, along which all the city and suburban cars pass from Front to Ninth streets.

"That the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line railways be requested to inaugurate, in connection with the erection of the \$300,000 station, a plan for the improvement and appearance of the right of way within the immediate bounds of the city, particularly from the Fourth street bridge to the station terminal.

"The establishment of a civic library in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. "That some steps be taken towards securing, if possible, a portion of our water front, which shall be preserved

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