

THE HIGHWOOD COMPANY CONTRACT FOR SEWERS AWARDED HEAVY DAMAGES CAROLINA INSURANCE COMPANY

Capital Stock Increased From \$18,000 To \$50,000—Development of the Property to Begin in Short Time

At a called meeting of the stockholders of the Highwood Company, held at the office of the A. W. Pate...

The additional stock of the company will be sold at par value of \$100 a share, and the issue will be open to the public as the present shareholders have waived their rights to the stock...

With the above men, including some of the most prominent and best known real estate, business and professional men of the city at the head of the company...

It is planned to start the improvements at Highwood Park immediately, but no lots will be placed on sale until all the improvements have been made.

The company will install a complete sewerage and waterworks system, pave the streets, lay sidewalks and plant shade trees and fruit trees all over its holdings.

It will be the policy of the Highwood Company to encourage the building of homes on the sub-division, thus aiding in relieving the acute condition existing here on account of the lack of houses for the greatly increased population.

It is decided to increase the capital stock of the corporation. Nothing will be spared to make the development one of the most beautiful and comfortable home sites possible for the man of moderate means, and every encouragement will be lent those who desire to build homes of their own.

THE CROWDED POSTOFFICE.

Temporary Arrangements to be Made for Handling Parcels Post.

With a brand new department in the postoffice, in the addition of the parcels post feature, and with its daily increasing volume, the congestion in the office has reached a point where temporary arrangements are absolutely necessary.

That arrangement, however, simply augments the congestion behind the screen, so that the two clerks will move in cramped quarters. However, it will afford some relief, and with both the clerks handling parcels post stamps, it will facilitate the handling of business.

Behind the screen there is not a foot of space to spare. Thirty-five men, 17 carriers and 18 clerks are working with the vastly increased business of the Wilmington postoffice, in the same room where nine years ago five clerks and eight carriers worked, and when the receipts were far under \$100,000.

The building is so arranged that no part of the screen can be utilized for handling any part of the daily business, as the lobby itself is contracted, there not being space, it is claimed, for revolving doors to replace the present doors which are a nuisance and really a source of some danger to people.

Speaking of the parcel post yesterday, Postmaster Wallace noted that some holders of boxes could not understand why parcels were not delivered to them. No mail except special delivery matter is delivered to holders of boxes, it being inferred from the fact that they have boxes, that they desire their mail deposited there.

Death of Infant Daughter. Yesterday morning at the home at No. 1220 Queen street, after a brief illness, the infant daughter of Mrs. H. K. Snell died and the remains will be buried in Brunswick county, at the home of the family.

Council Makes Award to Martin & Miller, of Passaic, N. J., for Extending Sewerage Plant—Other Business.

City Council in weekly session yesterday morning after taking up several items of unfinished business, went into executive session to consider the bids on the extension of the sewerage system, and after discussion awarded the contract to Martin & Miller, of Passaic, N. J., this firm having placed the lowest bid, it being \$134,493.80.

Interest in the award of the contract was created by the statement of Mr. Martin, of the firm, that he had omitted in his bid the cost of the piping, an oversight due largely to haste in preparing the bid, his firm having the idea that the opening of the bids would occur a day later than it did.

Mr. Martin, after his statement, submitted to Council a written request, reading as follows: "To the Council of the City of Wilmington: Gentlemen—Before the bids are awarded on the sewerage system, we request that the bid of Martin & Miller be withdrawn as this bid was made under the misapprehension of the cost of piping to us was included. In the hurry of preparing this bid, this error was made and under the circumstances, the bid does not represent our intentions and could not be carried out by us, except with great loss. We regret the error and it was entirely unintentional. Very truly yours, "MARTIN & MILLER."

"By A. F. M." The question at once arose in Council as to whether Council could allow a contractor to withdraw a bid having been placed, and the city engineer was called. He decided that the bid could not be withdrawn. In the proposals is the statement: "No bid may be withdrawn after having been filed."

The council awarded the contract to Martin & Miller, who, as was required, had placed with Council a certified check for \$5,000 when they filed their bid. Following is a tabulation of the bids offered as prepared by the city engineer:

Martin & Miller, Passaic, N. J., \$134,493.80; American Light & Water Co., Chicago, \$151,863.10; Guild & Co., Chicago, \$154,389.20; Dabbs & Meyers, Charlotte, \$155,317.70; J. W. Gurley, Mobile, \$158,648.10; Southern Asphalt & Construction Co., Birmingham, \$160,933.60; Sullivan, Long & Haggerty, Montgomery, \$171,165; McQuire Concrete Co., Norfolk, \$173,166.40; Heary Spinach Construction Co., Watertown, Conn., \$175,748.70; and C. R. Humphreys, a local contractor, \$177,498.10.

The subject of the use of roller skates on the sidewalks of the city came in for extended discussion yesterday morning. There were quite a number of petitions numerously signed by children, asking that the practice be not stopped. Several grown people also had letters, for and against roller skating. One lady declared that if no other relief was to be had, she would put sand on the walk by her home. Complaint was made that services at churches were interfered with and that lawns were cut up by the roots by the skaters; and also that the practice was being especially damaging to the walks.

Two resolutions were offered, one by Councilman P. Q. Moore, making skating unlawful after 7 P. M., ordering skaters to keep 165 feet away from any church while services are going on, and prohibiting the practice of skaters catching onto rollers, and rollers along, penalty for violation \$1. Mayor Smith offered a substitute, prohibiting skating on any sidewalk, penalty \$1. The original resolution carried, yeas 4; nays 1; and will take effect within 10 days from yesterday.

Mr. Geo. O. Gaylord presented a petition asking Council to close a part of Northrop alley, and upon motion it was referred to the city attorney and the city engineer for report.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MUSE.

Sad Services Conducted From Residence of Son Yesterday.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock the funeral of Mrs. J. H. Muse, who died Tuesday morning at Durham, was conducted from the home of her son, Mr. E. M. Muse, at No. 217 North Seventh street, and interment was in Bellevue cemetery. The honorary pallbearers were Dr. A. M. Baldwin, Mr. L. W. McLaurin, Rev. M. O. Alexander and Mr. A. S. Winstead; and the active pallbearers were Messrs J. W. Fleet, N. M. McEachern, H. G. Walsh, Wm. Alderman, Geo. E. Leftwich and D. H. Penton. Mr. W. H. Muse and Mrs. J. W. Thorbourn, son and daughter, and Mr. Thorbourn, all of Durham, were here to attend the last sad rites to be paid to the memory of their mother, who was highly esteemed by many in this city and in Durham where she had spent the last years of her life.

SKELETON FOUND YESTERDAY.

Bones of Unknown Uncovered at Old Breastworks on Cape Fear.

Yesterday workmen engaged in leveling the old fortifications on the Cape Fear river at Sunset Park brought to light a complete skeleton of a man, supposedly that of a soldier. The bones were placed in a box and will be kept for a while. Mr. E. T. Wade, who visited Sunset Park in company with President Greenmeyer, of the Fidelity Investment Company, which is handling the Sunset Park property, brought to the Star office a portion of the skull. The fortifications were occupied by the Confederates, as a defense of the approaches to the city during the civil war, and it is stated that later the Federal troops occupied them, and that there was some fighting. The skeleton was discovered 20 feet below the surface.

Superior Court Jury Gives Joseph Jones \$20,000 Against Wynnewood Lumber Co.—Mistrial in the Hewlett Case.

One of the largest verdicts ever awarded in a personal injury damage case in New Hanover county Superior Court and one that is most unusual because it was every cent asked for by the plaintiff, was given by a jury yesterday afternoon when they said that Joseph Jones, white, was entitled to recover of the Wynnewood Lumber Company, of Wilmington, \$20,000 for the loss of his left leg and injury to his right foot in an accident on a logging train, near Wananish, about two years ago.

The jury inquired of the court about giving interest from the date of the accident, but Judge Lyon said he thought the principal would be sufficient. The jury was out less than half an hour in reaching an agreement. The case was taken up Wednesday and went to the jury about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. K. C. Sidbury, Esq., and Ricard & Jones represent the plaintiff, while Herbert McClammy and Rountree & Carr appear for the defendant company.

After being out since Tuesday the jury in the case of A. D. Hewlett, by his next friend, J. B. Hewlett, against the City of Wilmington, announced at 6 o'clock last evening that they were unable to agree. A juror was withdrawn as a mistrial was ordered. The plaintiff was suing for \$5,000 damages for falling over an obstruction in the streets two or three years ago.

Most of the afternoon was taken up with the trial of the case of Joseph H. Watters against E. T. Young and D. J. Russell, involving a claim for something over \$200. The defendants acknowledged the debt, but claimed their inability to pay. The question for the jury to settle was whether or not the element of fraud entered the case, as the plaintiff contended that one of the defendants in making the debt represented himself to own real estate to a certain amount. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the element of fraud did not enter the case. Louis J. Polsson, Esq., represented the plaintiff, while C. D. Weeks, Esq., appeared for the defendants.

In the case of J. P. Murrell against the Bellville Cotton Mills judgment for dismissal was given. Several cases on the motion docket were disposed of as follows:

R. W. Hicks against W. H. Howe, judgment non-suit; D. C. Love, administrator, against Elizabeth West, et al., continued; E. K. Bryan, et al., against Herbert McClammy and J. D. Sidbury, judgment non-suit; Horace Shinghif against H. L. Stevens, continued; L. J. Sternberger against National Cash Register Co., continued; A. C. Sneed & Co., against Rena Hall, judgment; D. Y. Floyd against H. Horowitz, judgment; A. J. Marshall against J. O. Nixon, et al., judgment; Wm. Clark & Co., against Levi McMillan & Co., complaint to be filed in 30 days or action is to be dismissed; Geo. R. Hester against Mary Cleopar, et al., judgment non-suit; Leola Davis against R. C. Davis, judgment non-suit; Joseph Nixon against W. B. Brice, judgment non-suit; Southern National Bank against R. C. Sloan and N. Sweeney, judgment; L. F. Rivenbark, et al., against E. C. Glavin, death of defendant suggested and action abated; E. T. Williams against Lott Southard, judgment non-suit; Louis Einstein, administrator, against the Tidewater Administration Co., judgment according to compromise; D. L. Gore against the A. C. L. R. Co., judgment; K. C. Sidbury against the Wilmington Driving Association, judgment; Waterbury Rubber Co., against Greensboro C. & M. Co., receiver to make final report by last day of next term.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Several Deeds Filed for Record at the Court House Yesterday.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: S. T. Keyes and wife, to Sarah and Ida Keyes, for \$1 and other considerations, two acres in Federal Point township. J. B. Fenley to Moses Bear, for \$10 and other considerations, lot 70x250 feet, on Wilmington and Wrights-turnpike, Masonboro township. J. W. Freeman and wife, to Dr. E. S. Burbanck, for \$100 and other considerations, lot 33x75 feet, on Brooklyn street, 108 feet south of Howard. J. B. Fenley to J. W. Batson and wife, for \$10 and other considerations, lot 140x250, north side of Wilmington and Wrights-turnpike. A. W. L. Smith and wife, to W. E. Bate and G. R. Bate, Jr., for \$10 and other considerations, lot 110x312 yards, adjoining Emsline Rush property, Masonboro township. G. H. Hutaff and wife, to James H. Lewis and wife, for \$10 and other considerations, lot 165x33, on Dickinson street, 99 feet from Miller.

Boys Bound Over to Court.

Justice Harris yesterday gave a hearing to Hiram Hart, Albert Parker and Louis Finberg, the three youthful adventurers who left here Friday with a horse and buggy secured from the Orrell Livory Company, and were stopped at Fremont, 115 miles distant, and all waived examination. They were sent up to Superior Court. The Finberg youngster gave bond in the sum of \$100, but Hart, of whom \$200 was required, and Parker, \$100, were sent to jail in default of bond.

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The Southern National Bank

Annual Meeting of Stockholders Held Yesterday at Noon—Reports of Officers Received—Directors Meet Today

In the offices of the company, No. 12 Princess street, at noon yesterday, the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Carolina Insurance Company was held. There were 2,616 shares of stock represented out of a total of 5,000. Mr. H. C. McQueen presided and a record of the proceedings was kept by Mr. M. S. Willard, secretary of the company.

The stockholders voted to increase the number of directors to 13 and the board as now constituted include at least one representative from every sector of the city. The directors elected are: Messrs. Sol Sternberger, H. C. McQueen, H. L. Vollers, Donald MacRae, R. A. Parsley, J. O. Reilly, Clayton Giles, Jr., Walker Taylor, S. M. Boatwright, J. VanB. Metts, J. Irving Bear, F. A. Lord and J. Houghton James.

A feature of the report of the secretary, Mr. M. S. Willard, for the year ending January 1st, 1913, was the following figures:

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include North Carolina 48, New Hanover Co. 58, Loans on first mortgage on real estate, Uncollected Premiums, Due from Companies, Accrued Interest, Cash on hand and in banks. Liabilities include Capital Stock, Dividends, Re-insurance reserve, All other liabilities, Unreported losses, Net Surplus.

The report of the president, Mr. R. R. Bellamy, was submitted, as follows: "To the Stockholders of the Carolina Insurance Co., Wilmington, N. C. "In January, 1903, I was elected a director of your company, and in March of that year, was selected your president, which office I have held continuously up to the present time. "In March, 1903, your assets were \$84,943.47 and your net surplus was \$12,418.87. "On January 1st, of the current year, your assets were \$123,141.99, an increase of \$38,198.22, or nearly 50 per cent, and your surplus on January 1st, was \$38,962.96, an increase of \$26,254.09, or an increase of over 200 per cent. "Up to July, 1910, your company paid dividends at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and since said date your dividend rate has been 8 per cent per annum. "I have endeavored in every way since my connection with your company, as an officer, to increase its business and build up its surplus, and I trust that, to some small extent, its present prosperity can be attributed, in a way, to my efforts. "I have determined to discontinue my connection with your company as an officer, I request that my name be not proposed as such. "I thank the stockholders and directors of the company for the honors they have bestowed upon me in the past. "Very respectfully yours, "ROBERT R. BELLAMY."

The directors of the company will hold a meeting today for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The present officers are Mr. R. R. Bellamy, president; Mr. H. C. McQueen, vice president; Mr. M. S. Willard, secretary. As stated in his report Mr. Bellamy will not stand for re-election and a new president will be elected at the meeting today.

GOES TO HARRISBURG.

Flattering Call was Received by Rev. H. W. A. Hanson. Friends in Wilmington where he formerly resided of Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, son of Mr. L. Hanson, of this city, will read with interest the following from a recent issue of the Pittsburg Sun:

"Rev. H. W. A. Hanson has resigned the pastorate of St. Luke's church, Perfecto avenue, Northside, which he has held for six years, to accept a call to the Messiah Lutheran church of Harrisburg. Rev. Hanson's new church is considered one of the largest and strongest Lutheran churches in the United States. It has a congregation of more than 1,000 members and a Sunday School with a membership of over 800. "Rev. Hanson will preach at the Messiah church in a few weeks and meet his new congregation. February 15th he will be given a three months' vacation, and will leave for a tour of Egypt and the Holy Land. He will return his new pulpit May 15th. "Rev. Hanson took charge of St. Luke's church June 1, 1906. At that time the congregation of 150 members was meeting in a small brick church. During his pastorate a new church was erected and the old one removed to the rear of the church property for a gymnasium. The congregation now exceeds 500, and the church property is valued at \$70,000. "St. Luke's was the first charge Rev. Hanson had. He came to that pulpit direct from the universities of Berlin and Leipzig, where he studied following his graduation from the Gettysburg Theological seminary. He is a member of the examining committee of the Pittsburg Synod, chairman of the inter-synodical arbitration board, ex-president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Union of Pittsburg, and member of the executive board of the evangelical commission of Pittsburg. "Rev. Hanson is to have been elected Pittsburg to be one of the greatest cities for church work in the country. He praised highly the support he has received from his congregation, and said that his work here has made it very hard for him to leave the city."

Mr. Haines presented Mayor Jos. D. Smith, who, in his characteristic happy way, delivered an address of welcome. The invocation, a perfect gem, was delivered by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, as only he can do such things, and many of the railroad men were impressed by it, and commented on it. Following the feast, Chairman Haines introduced W. F. Jones, Esq., a member of the local bar, formerly a railroad man himself, and he ably spoke in a brief way of the principles of the association, of the relations of employees to the common carriers, and of the attitude of the public and the laws to the railroads. It was heard with close attention by the banqueters.

Mayor Smith presented the speaker of the evening, Mr. Henry Blount, of Wilson, the witty and eloquent lecturer who has traveled North Carolina from sea to mountains, who needs no words here to describe what followed when he took the floor; and no reporter could be expected to attempt a report of his address. It was well received and heartily appreciated. Among the visiting gentlemen was Col. W. E. Fort, of Fikeville, whose presence was a source of pleasure to the members of the association, for he stands back of every railroad employee and shows a deep concern for every A. C. L. man, from the track up who shows devotion to duty and loyalty to the service. Each member of the association was presented with a badge reading: "The public pleased, Fair Profits, Good Wages," which expresses in epitome the purpose of this association of railroaders; whose declaration of principles is: "Its purpose shall be, by all lawful methods to cultivate and maintain between its members such a spirit of mutual interest and such concern on the part of all of them for the welfare and prosperity of American railroads as will best promote their successful and profitable operation, for the benefit alike of their employes, investors and the public; "To encourage, by every proper method, cordial and friendly feeling on the part of the public toward American railroads and their business; "To publicly provide means and methods for obtaining consideration and hearing from all legislative bodies and commissions empowered to enact laws, rules and regulations affecting the conduct and operation of railroads; "To do whatever lawful things may be necessary in order to secure a fair return alike to capital and to labor invested in American railroads, with due regard at all times to efficient service, fair treatment and safety to the public. "This association shall at no time be used for partisan political purposes, nor shall it take any part in controversies, if any, which may arise between railroad employes and railroad officials. "Its membership shall consist of railroad employes, railroad investors, or their representatives."

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RAILROAD MEN HAVE FEAST

Members of American Railroad Employes and Investors' Association Enjoy Annual Banquet—Mr. Henry Blount Speaks.

Last night members of the American Railroad Employes and Investors' Association, Wilmington Branch, No. 229, held its second annual banquet in the Masonic Temple, and those present enjoyed every minute of it. About 115 men were present, representing all departments of the Atlantic Coast Line service, several coming from as far South as Savannah, and the auditors present being from all over the system.

The Wilmington district was especially well represented. It was a fine body of men—men of clear eye, intelligent face, wearing a purposeful air. Mr. S. A. Haines, in the absence of President W. L. Harlow, presided with grace and dignity. Music was furnished by St. Andrew's Brotherhood quartette, and Mrs. James C. Munds catered for the banquet, which was faultless in every particular and delightful in every way. The menu follows:

- Oyster Cocktail Turkey Pickles Creamed Potatoes Celery Coffee Mixed Cakes Cigarettes Cherry Ice Cream

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FUNERAL OF MR. GANEY

Held Yesterday at Delgado and Interment in Brunswick County. The funeral of Mr. George R. Ganey, who died Tuesday at Delgado, was held yesterday from the home at that place, by Rev. M. O. Alexander, and interment was made in Brunswick county, where the deceased formerly lived, services there being by Rev. G. W. Holloman, of Leland. Mr. Ganey was 55 years of age and is survived by seven children, four daughters and three sons, four of the children being quite small. Two weeks ago Mr. Ganey was taken ill with the grip and pneumonia, and grew worse until his death. He was highly esteemed by his acquaintances.

Mr. J. O. Ormsby, aged 71, and one of the oldest carpenters in the city, is getting along nicely at Dr. Harper's Sanitarium, on Front and Castle streets, following his painful injuries Tuesday afternoon. While working on a house at No. 214 Red Cross street, he fell from a low scaffold, receiving a bad gash across his forehead, and breaking a finger. The violence of his fall was due to the fact that he was prying with all his strength at a portion of his work. Dr. William Houston Moore attended him.

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