

The Weather
Fair and colder Sunday; Monday cloudy.
River stage at Fayetteville yesterday at 8 a. m., 10.6 feet.



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COWAN CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR; MOORE SEEKS PUBLIC WORKS PLACE

Formal Announcement Made Late Saturday By Jas. H. Cowan and P. Q. Moore

BOTH POPULAR MEN

Candidacies of Both Men Very Highly Regarded—Some of Their Qualifications

Formal announcement of his candidacy for the office of mayor and commissioner of public safety was made last night by James H. Cowan, present collector of customs and secretary of the chamber of commerce and simultaneously came the formal declaration of the candidacy for commissioner of public works from Parker Quince Moore, present mayor of the city. Both prominent citizens place their causes before the qualified voters of the city in the primary of April 19, and, if not eliminated, in the election of Tuesday, May 3.

The two men have been frequently mentioned as possible candidates during the past few weeks, and especially since the act changing the governing form of the city from a commission form to a mayor and council form was passed by the general assembly. Both men, responsible citizens, are well equipped for the offices they seek, since both have had years of experience in public affairs. Mr. Moore has specialized on public works since he has been mayor of the city, and Wilmington stands well toward the front of all cities of the state and section in the matter of permanent public improvements. And even more are contemplated.

Concerning Mr. Moore
In making his announcement, Mr. Moore stated that he wished to return his grateful thanks for the fine support accorded him in the past, which resulted in his being elected mayor four successive terms. This honor, which he alone possesses of all those who have ever held the office, and it is one that he deeply appreciates and will ever prize. In view of the fact that the mayoralty has been so generously accorded by the people of Wilmington, Mr. Moore stated last night, "the conclusion is very forcibly presented to my mind that I should now step aside and allow some one else to occupy the position of chief executive. My opinion is that no one should wish to hold such an office as if he were keeping some one else out of the honor from seeking and being elected to the office. With this in mind, I have reached the definite decision not to seek re-election as mayor but will stand for election as commissioner of public works. I am confident that I can be of service to the city in this capacity."

It will be clearly recalled that Mayor Moore was councilman in charge of streets during the past year, and that Joseph D. Smith, and also that the bond issue for permanent street improvements was expended under his direction during his occupancy of the office. He has also been in charge of laying of all permanent streets in the city, among which were Front, Third, Market, Castle, Seventh and Fourth streets south of the market, and the street. The present chain of improved avenues is the result of his careful and experienced supervision of the department of which he was in charge at the time.

Mayor Moore is of the opinion that his long experience in the department of streets will enable him, if elected to the position for which he has announced, to efficiently conduct the permanent policy of the city for the next four years. He regards the continuance of the present street work, in announcing his candidacy for commissioner of public works, Mayor Moore makes grateful acknowledgment of his thanks for the fine measure of support which has been accorded him in the past, and the continuance of same in the approaching primary and election.

In his four years as mayor, the chief executive has conducted his office in a high and lofty plane and in an unblemished and thoroughly conscientious manner. He numbers his personal and political friends by the hundreds, and it is a certainty that they will rally to his support in his candidacy for the office he seeks, in the same loyal manner in which they have supported him in the past.

SUBSTANTIAL CUT IN GAS RATES HERE FORECAST

Temporary Increase of Several Months Ago Based on the Then Higher Prices of Raw Materials and Labor, Is Expected to Be Reduced by Corporation Commission At the Next Hearing on Rates

By DAVID LAWRENCE
(Special to The Star)
The corporation commission will order a substantial reduction in gas rates following the hearing of the consolidated case on March 22. It is the opinion of some of those who have looked into the gas situation in North Carolina. The commission, itself, is naturally making no statement about the probable outcome of the hearing, for it has not heard all of the facts. The rate in effect now, however, is temporary and was announced when the gas companies declared they were having to pay the highest prices for raw materials they have ever faced.

At the time the rate was granted it was understood that it was temporary and that the corporation commission would have to take into consideration the interests of the consumers when the final facts were heard and the case was decided on these facts. The cities involved in the case are calling for a reduction in the rate within a few months, and to look into the proposition of opposing the increase asked for by the companies. The gas corporations at the time declared they were having to pay such high prices for coal and oil that it was impossible for them to get along without the additional revenue which the rates asked for would give them.

In order to give the cities time to investigate the gas producing situation in North Carolina, to audit the books of the company if necessary and to find out what return was being received on the money invested in gas utilities, the corporation commission continued the case. In the meantime the cities got a gas engineer to come here to do an investigation, and they now have this information in addition to the other information collected during the past few months.

The corporation commission has sent out notices to all the gas companies, directing their attention to the setting of a final hearing on March 22 at 1 o'clock. The following cities' gas rate is involved in this hearing: Winton-Salem Gas company, Carolina Power and Light company of Durham and Raleigh, Southern Public Utilities company of Charlotte, New Bern Gas and Fuel company of New Bern, Goldsboro Gas company of Goldsboro, Washington Gas company of Washington, Southern Gas Improvement company of Oxford, Henderson and Elizabeth City, and the Gas Company of Greensboro.

The hearing on March 22 will result in a substantial reduction of the gas rates granted in the temporary order of the commission several months ago, is based on the fact that the price of coal and oil has dropped and other factors entering into the manufacture of gas have dropped considerably. The temporary rate was granted when the price of coal and oil was at the peak. Since that time there has been a substantial reduction in the price of these very important materials going into the gas making business, and it is believed the commission will take into consideration the fact of this reduction when they make the new rate.

The commission hopes to get the case out of the way before the end of the month. Final hearings and arguments are expected to be completed by the end of the week, and the commission will make an effort to hand down its decision promptly. The larger cities have combined their cases and before the end of the month will probably come into the pool before the hearing comes up.

Members of the corporation commission are making an effort to rearrange the space in the department buildings allotted to them in order to take care of the new department of taxation and revenue which was created by the legislature. The new department will take over all the tax work formerly handled by the corporation commission as a tax commission on the first of May. The legislature understood that the department of the corporation commission rooms since the work was handled by that department now.

The bill providing the new department contemplates an increase in the work connected with taxes and revenue, and the probabilities are that additional help and room will be needed. In the meantime the department will open up on the first of May in part of the space formerly occupied by the corporation commission. The new department was made by the legislature for putting an additional story on the new agricultural building. This new story will provide offices for committees of the legislature, probably for the new way commission which is now renting space in one of the office buildings down town, and for the overflow from the tax commission. The building will be erected on the site of the old building occupied by the department, but work has not started and no provision has been made for tearing away the old building.

It has been generally understood that Mr. McCulloch would be named superintendent of the prison board, appointed by Governor Morrison, have accepted their appointments, and the first meeting of the board will be held in the near future, possibly next week. In the near future, there are also others who would like to be named superintendent of the prison, A. F. McCulloch, for instance, who is now connected with the prison, and a very well posted man on prison management. Mr. McCulloch would be named superintendent if the board did not decide to keep the present superintendent, but so far as is known neither the governor nor the men he has appointed have pledged themselves to either of these

HARDING HAS STARTED ASKS THAT SOUTH GET ROW AMONG DIFFERENT REPRESENTATION UPON SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE THE I. C. C. COMMISSION

His Family - Physician, Made Senator Overman Sees President Relative to I. C. C. and Homeopath Doctor Shipping Board

OTHERS ALLOPATHS MAXWELL IN MIND

Disappointing to Allopaths to Have Homeopath in Charge At Capital
By DAVID LAWRENCE
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WASHINGTON, March 12.—Appointments of representatives from the south to the Interstate Commerce commission and the shipping board, was urged upon President Harding today by Senator Overman, who stated that the great shipping interests of that section should have a voice on the government regulatory bodies. Harding today declared, "It is morally wrong and economically impossible," adding that "everybody would be better off if an effort were made to bring about a price level, say 70 per cent above the pre-war normal."

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Sheriff Davis Jones, placed in complete charge of the situation, and with eight companies of National Guardsmen at his sides, tonight had barred all traffic from city streets, suspended street-car service, closed stores, theaters and all public gathering places and ordered all citizens to remain in their homes after 6 o'clock. As measures to enforce orders of the sheriff, guardsmen patrolled the streets with foot and in army trucks with machine guns.

Appeals to All to Help the Farmers

WASHINGTON, March 12.—An appeal for every "good citizen" to do what he can to help the farmer through the present period of depression, not for the sake of helping the farmer alone, but "for the sake of helping himself," was made today by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in his first formal statement.

Prices of farm products must rise and prices of what people must eat must come down before the normal relation between them has been restored, Mr. Wallace asserted. Talk of bringing prices back to pre-war levels, he declared, "is morally wrong and economically impossible," adding that "everybody would be better off if an effort were made to bring about a price level, say 70 per cent above the pre-war normal."

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NEW YORK, March 12.—Four sailors, said to be American, were killed in Tampa yesterday, according to newspaper dispatches received here today. Up to noon the United States embassy here had received no reports on the killing other than the newspaper advices.

The men, who were part of the crew of the Norwegian ship Saxon, were attacked as they were boarding a launch by five masked men in another launch, the press dispatches say. The bodies have not been recovered.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY
RALEIGH, March 12.—A Wake county jury early tonight returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of an unidentified driver of an automobile, which was charged with murder in connection with the killing of Dr. J. M. Pickett, chemist of the North Carolina State Experiment Station, by an automobile on January 28. The jury was out only four minutes.

WRECK BLOCKS TRAFFIC
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 12.—The wreck of 12 cars in Chesapeake and Ohio freight train 876 at Williamsburg, Va., caused delay of all trains late today. Wreckage which covered both main line and all side tracks can not be cleared away before tomorrow night. No one was injured.