

THE NEW HOTEL ASSURED.

\$100,000 STOCK IS SUBSCRIBED

Most Interesting Meeting Yesterday Afternoon at the Colonial Club. When 51 Representative Citizens Got Together and Signed Up for the Project—The Site of the Old Court House, One Block From the Square. Absolutely the Location for the Hotel—Who the Subscribers Are—Charter of the Hotel Company—Hotel Will Cost Not Less Than \$125,000—License a Pleanty.

Its name will be The Highlands! At last it has been done. Charlotte men have got together on a hotel proposition, and have done more, than that for yesterday afternoon 51 individuals and firms affixed their signatures to a stock-subscription, which insures the erection of a high-class tourist and commercial hotel for this city. It will be located on the old court house site. Stock to the amount of \$100,000 was guaranteed, so that the Highlands Hotel Company, with a charter, which will be applied for at once, permitting a capital stock of \$200,000, will begin with a most auspicious condition.

The meeting which finally clinched the new hotel, which has been in the air, all around and in the ground, and in all other conditions, was held at the Colonial Club yesterday afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock, and continuing until 6. About fifty gentlemen, representative of the community's business and professional interests, were gathered, and it was at once evident that they were ready for business. It was a well-baked proposition that the leaders had already prepared, indeed, to begin things with, for the efforts of a committee had secured subscriptions amounting to \$32,500, which were at once presented for the consideration of those present.

Mr. T. W. Hawkins was called to the chair, and Mr. Robb A. Dunn made a speech in the manner of the proposed charter, which, in effect, empowers the Highlands Hotel Company to own and operate a hotel in the city of Charlotte, with a capital stock of \$200,000, was very freely discussed. It was stated that the old court house plot, together with the lot at the rear of it, where the stand-pipe and one of the fire departments are situated, had been offered at \$20,000, plus interest on the \$20,000, when it was bought at the figure of \$10,000 by the Southern Real Estate, Loan and Trust Company from the H. G. Springs' estate. The combined plot is about 99 by 196 feet, ample for a structure containing 12 rooms, with halls adjoining at least two alternate apartments, and all appointments which go to make up a first-class structure. The site, at the northeast corner of West Trade and Church streets, in a section of block of independence square, opposite the magnificent grounds of the First Presbyterian church, and on a direct line, within 5 minutes' walk of the Southern depot, where a new structure is also to be erected as soon as possible.

A number of the gentlemen made short talks about the project, saying that the city needed such a hotel as was contemplated, that it would be a help, rather than a hindrance to the hotels here now being projected, or not in the future; that several prospective lessees had communicated with some of those interested in the project, and one combination, that of Messrs. Cobb and Robert Erwin, of Greensboro, who operate the two leading hotels there, offer to pay a rental of 10 per cent. gross, or 6 per cent. net, on an investment of not less than \$150,000 in a Charlotte hotel, and the lessees furnish it at a cost of from \$25,000 to \$40,000. It was quite the sense of the meeting, however, that Messrs. Cobb and Erwin's offer, while considered with gratification, would not necessarily be accepted, for the stockholders, while not disposed to make close terms with a lessee, intend to receive bids and accept whichever is the best.

Mr. Charles N. Evans stated that the Cobb-Evans interests extended to a chain of tourist hotels, at Pinehurst, and in the Sapphire region, and they were fully persuaded that there was a fine tourist patronage they could furnish a Charlotte hotel—a patronage which the city has now in the most inconspicuous way.

In order that all that could be done to put the enterprise on a fair and popular basis, the meeting was declared open to any other properties besides the old court house site, and two others were formally submitted, the one being the Cramer property, at the corner of South Tryon and Second streets, a plot 200 by 173 feet, for \$40,000. It finally developed, however, that the majority of those who had subscribed would insist on the old court house property on account of the price, as well as other considerations. As one gentleman put it, the old court house property was the site chosen by capital already subscribed, and this was at last definitely decided upon.

Mr. Dunn moved that the capital stock be not less than \$100,000. Upon the adoption of this motion, subscriptions were received to make up what was needed. In a comparative short order, the great part of the difference between the stock originally subscribed, \$82,500, and the minimum total which had been set, was made up. It was a very interesting scene when the secretary announced that only \$3,500 was needed. For a moment the big reception room of the club looked, as one man aptly put it, like the New York Stock Exchange. There were men standing in their eagerness, and little groups would cluster about until at last one man would say, "Oh, all right, then," just like a "sold" or "bought" cry on "the floor." To Master Walter Williams Hook, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Hook, belongs credit for the last \$300 subscription.

There were, as the largest subscribers, the following: The Southern Real Estate, Loan and Trust Company, \$17,000; Col. William C. Holt, \$7,000; Mr. C. Gresham, \$5,000; Mayor F. M. Brown, \$5,000; Mr. W. R. Burwell, \$5,000; Mr. J. A. Jones, \$4,000; Mr. R. A. Dunn, \$3,000; Mr. W. F. Dowd, \$3,500. There were a large number of subscriptions of \$2,000 and \$1,000. Following, besides those named, is a complete list of the stockholders: S. B. McNinch, J. N. McCausland & Co., T. W. Hawkins, Charlotte Steam Laundry, J. A. Russell, W. C. Dowd, Parker-Gardner Company, John R. Pharr, James W. Wadsworth, Z. T. Smith, George Stephens, Burwell & Cansler, D. H. Anderson, R. H. Jordan & Company, Dr. E. C. Register, G. H. Atkinson, C. L. Alexander, Dr. E. L. Gibson, E. E. Cochran, D. B. Alexander, Clarkson & Duls, D. E. Hutchison, C. N. Evans, H. L. Adams, Jones & Tillet, J. H. Weddington, C. O. & Willis Brown, Model Steam Laundry, A. H. Washburn, L. A. Dodsworth, J. M. Harry, D. A. Tompkins, W. M. Long, Wadsworth, J. S. Myers, C. M. Patterson, J. H. Wearn & Company, J. H. Little, F. B. McDowell, Carolina Manufacturing Company, Walter Williams Hook, C. M. Carson, Rath McMichael.

Mr. E. E. Witherspoon, of Salisbury, is in the city.

PLEASURES OF SOCIETY.

One of the most delightful and elaborate events of the season was the reception and card party given yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Warwick H. Payne, of Atlanta, Ga., by Mrs. James Wade Conway, at her residence, No. 84 North Tryon street. The decorations were potted plants, palms, ferns, smilax and cut flowers, with red and white carnations in profusion.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Conway, assisted by several friends, received the guests in the front parlor. Mrs. Payne, who was only recently a bride, looked charming in her wedding gown, an imported creation of heavy tulle, with a bertha of rose point lace. Mrs. Payne is pleasantly remembered here by her many friends, as Miss Randle, of Montgomery, Ala. She was a visitor here last week.

Mrs. J. P. Wilson and Mrs. Lawrence A. Dodsworth presided at the punch bowl, which was beautifully decorated with smilax, white carnations, and green and purple grapes. Progressive euchre was enjoyed at 12 tables. The score cards were unique, having the compliments of the season and an emblematic sprig of holly upon them. The guest of honor, Mrs. Payne, and her husband, were the guests of the evening. The number of "hone hands," and for each one received an extra bunch of holly was appended to the back of the card. The chief prize was won out-and-out by the guest of honor, Mrs. Payne, and it was a pretty net bowl. The consolation went to Mrs. J. A. Solomon. Miss Lucy Oates won the "hone hand" prize, and to each of the ladies who played for her, Mrs. J. A. Solomon, Mrs. Earle S. Peggam, Miss May Courtenay Oates and Miss Lottie Gray—the gracious hostess presented a little souvenir pin.

Refreshments were: With a hot plate, oyster patties, tongue sandwich, olives, salted almonds, and beaten biscuit with hot coffee. Then ices were served in the form of fruit and flowers. The natural color scheme being carried out with cake in pink and white blocks.

Following were the guests: Mrs. F. D. Sampson, Mrs. Harris R. Wilcox, Mrs. Walter W. Watt, and her visitors, Mrs. Wilson Wright, and Miss Agnes Laddson, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. George L. Best, Mrs. Luke Seawell, Mrs. J. Lee Kolner, Mrs. Charles C. Hook, Mrs. R. M. Miller, Jr., Mrs. Paul Chatman, Mrs. Sadie M. West, Mrs. Mayberry, F. Card, Mrs. J. R. Holland, Mrs. H. A. London, Jr., Mrs. E. W. Mumford, Mrs. T. S. Mallory, Mrs. W. C. Lovejoy, Mrs. Charles E. Hooper, Mrs. I. W. Catlin and her visitors, Mrs. Thomas J. Green, Mrs. M. B. Wadsworth, Mrs. Harvey Lambeth, Mrs. E. W. Melton, Mrs. Max G. Hunter, Mrs. A. L. Smith, Mrs. R. E. B. Cox, Mrs. Grace Adams, Mrs. Frederick Glover, Mrs. J. E. Murphy, Mrs. J. A. Solomons, Mrs. Louis N. Schiff, Mrs. C. Rosenthal, Mrs. T. M. Shelton, Mrs. J. E. Relliey, Mrs. E. B. Dickson, Mrs. Hugh A. Murrill, Mrs. C. M. Robertson, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. H. W. Dixon, Mrs. R. Lockwood Jones, Mrs. John F. Yorke, Mrs. Chas. Green, Mrs. John M. Scott, Mrs. C. M. Hearden, Mrs. Thomas Wetherill, Mrs. W. A. Zwer, Mrs. W. T. Jordan, Mrs. H. A. Klueppelburg, Mrs. Hirsinger, Mrs. G. T. Buxton; the Misses May Courtenay Oates, Dora Allen Sater, Lottie Caldwell, Lucy Oates, Lottie Gray, Johnnie Dickson, Agnes and Grace King, Helen Mulhory, Hall, Dowd, Georgia Lowe, Kelly and Craig.

The Woman's Club held a most interesting meeting yesterday at the Carnegie Library, where Mrs. A. Lockwood Jones presided and the subject of discussion was, "Should Women be on School Boards?" Leaders in the discussion, which waxed exciting at times and was always interesting, were: Mrs. C. B. Stephenson, Mrs. L. W. Faison, Mrs. L. A. Halliburton, Mrs. F. C. Abbott and Mrs. Jones. Much of the success of the meeting was due to the ruling of Mrs. Jones, who is an excellent parliamentarian. There was a fine attendance and every one took part in the debate. Upon the call for a vote, it was found to be unanimously in the sense of the club that women should serve on school boards. Several of the debaters said moreover, that they would serve if elected to such positions.

At the meeting Mrs. J. Renwick Wilkes resigned as vice president and Mrs. J. A. Dorrice was elected in her stead. Mrs. C. B. Stephenson was elected correspondent for The Keystone, the organ of the Woman's Clubs. The educational section of the club will meet with Mrs. F. C. Abbott today.

The Virginia Date Circle will meet with Mrs. J. L. Chambers on Tenth avenue this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. T. J. Green, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Faison, and were here for the Kelly-Abernethy marriage, returned to their home at Hickory last night.

The Cranford Book Club will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock with Miss Lily Long, at the Presbyterian College.

Miss Nell Watkins will entertain Tuesday at a salmagundi party in honor of more than a hundred of her girl friends.

The following invitation has been received: "Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stowe request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Carrie Lizzie.

Mr. Robert Bailey Suggs, on Wednesday evening, December the twenty-eighth, at six o'clock, Presbyterian church, Belmont, North Carolina.

Miss Stowe is a cousin of Dr. James P. Stowe and has many friends in this city.

The following invitation will be of great interest: "Mr. and Mrs. John Lord Boatwright request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Octavia Hortense.

Mr. Robert Howell Gwaltney, on the evening of Wednesday, the twenty-eighth of December, nineteen hundred and four, at six o'clock, Four hundred and four Orange street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Both Miss Boatwright and Mr. Gwaltney have many warm friends in this city, where Miss Boatwright has visited her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Tallafiero. She is a young woman of great personal charm, and has scores of friends throughout the State. Mr. Gwaltney is the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, now of Hickory. He is one of the most popular young men in the State, being widely known for his athletic ability in his college days at Wake Forest and at the State University, which coupled with a modest manner and fine qualities, makes his deserved success in business life gratifying to all who know him. Their many friends in Charlotte wish the young couple all happiness.

Miss Lily Rhyme, of Mount Holly, is visiting Miss Carrie Marshall Brown. Miss Brown entertained charmingly a number of friends last evening at her home on East avenue.

CAROLINA COAL.

Interesting Comment on Development of the Coal Industry in the Vicinity of Walnut Cove.

Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, of the Observer has just returned from a trip through Forsyth, Rockingham and Stokes counties. In speaking of what he had seen of interest in that section of the State, he said: "The coal mine at Walnut Cove seems to be assured. Mr. D. M. Evans, a coal mining expert, who has worked in the coal fields of West Virginia and Virginia, is now opening a tunnel near the railroad station of Walnut Cove. He and a friend went to Walnut Cove last October, and prospected for coal and found what they claim to be four workable veins of anthracite coal, measuring from three and a half to six feet and nine inches through. It is said that these veins extend from Germantown to the Dan river, running east and west, a distance of ten miles.

"While at Walnut Cove the other day, I was escorted to where Mr. Evans and hands were at work by Pinnix Bailey, a young fellow, who seems to be very much interested in the development of coal mines in his neighborhood. In general terms the village seem to be very much elated over the prospects of getting out the coal in profitable quantities. I saw where Mr. Evans and his corps of hands were at work and the coal was being taken out in good quantities. Mr. Evans is representing the Southern Anthracite Coal Company, organized for the express purpose of working these fields, and has leased the lands of Messrs. Cabelle Hainston, Peter Hainston, W. A. Lash and Mrs. E. V. Newman.

"Mr. Evans and friends claim that the coal at Walnut Cove is as good as the anthracite of Pennsylvania, and if they are right, it means a great thing for that section of North Carolina."

DEATH OF MR. J. W. TILLINGHAST

Salesman for the Steiff Piano House Passes Away While a Visitor in Fayetteville—The Interment in Eastover, S. C. The Fayetteville correspondence in yesterday's Observer told of the death in that town of Mr. J. Wilkins Tillinghast, a representative of the Steiff Piano Co. Mr. Tillinghast made his headquarters in Charlotte and had rooms at home of Mrs. Sallie E. Asbury No. 301 North Tryon street. He had been with the local Steiff Piano House for several months in the capacity of salesman and tuner. He left last one day last week for Gibson, where Mrs. Tillinghast joined him, coming from a trip to Georgia. He left for Fayetteville to spend Sunday with relatives, intending to return with his family and make his home in Charlotte. Mr. C. H. Wilmoth, of the Steiff Piano House, received a letter from him a few days later saying he was sick at the house of a relative, and a second letter told of his removal to a hospital. The next news told of his death at 2 o'clock Monday morning.

The dead man was in the habit of consuming a great quantity of cigarettes and he died from heart failure brought on by excessive smoking. He is survived by his wife and a little daughter about 12 years of age, who is a gifted musician and performer on the violin. She played at the piano auditorium in this city several times last summer and many people will remember her remarkable work. The remains were taken for interment to the home of Mr. Tillinghast's father, in Eastover, S. C.

Will be Heard Tuesday. The case of the Gastonia Banking Company will come up before Judge J. L. Webb, in Shelby, next Tuesday. It was heard before Judge W. R. Allen, in Lincoln, last Monday, at which time the defendant company was to appear to show why the receivership should not be made permanent, but was continued. The bank is now taking up claims and it is probable that the receivership will be dismissed.

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