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ON EXTENSIONISTS REPORT ADOPT ALDERMEN

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ter an Interesting and Rather Ex-citing Rearing Given the Antis and the Extensionists at the Court House, the City Fathers adopt Re-port of Sub-Committee Recom-tending the 2 1-12 Mile Limits for g the 2 1-2 Mile Limits for ater Charlotte—The Antis Pre-a Strong Formation—Exten-ists Depend Upon Previous Dis-ion and Sentiment and Win Out A 31 ne Interesting Tilts.

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The board of aldermen, after ring given the anti-extensionists

and extensionists, at the court house last night, adopted the report subat a recent meeting by the neral committee on extension, this report recommending the 2 1-2 mile for the limits of Greater Char-The meeting was one of the most interesting mass-meetings ever abounded throughout, but there was an undercurrent of intense earnestness on either side and the audience, which was larger at the end of the meeting than at the beginning, was on its tip-toes. Everyone had the freedom to express his opinion, and everal gentlemen expressed theirs in no ambiguous terms.

It was an interesting crowd. Gathered in the jury box on the left of the judge's desk was the board of aldermen. Ranged on one side of the bar were Messrs. T. C. Guthrie and J. D. McCall, attorneys for the anti-extensionists, Col. W. W. Phifer, Mesars, C. W. Johnston, Parks Hutchison, T. J. Davis and other antis. On the other side of the bar sat Judge Armistead Burwell, Messrs. Samuel Wittkowsky, E. L. Kcesler, T. L. Kirkpatrick, T. M. Shaw and others, Keesler, T. L. "Greater Charlotte." Out who favor in the audience were suburbanites, and a few indifferent on-lookers.

THE ANTIS TAKE FIRST TURN. Mayor McNinch called the meeting to order shortly after 8 o'clock, and stated that as Mr. Guthrie, for his lients, had made the formal request for the hearing he should be heard first. Mr. Guthrie had been diligent for his clients. Most of them were present with him and he followed his purpose by putting them on the stand to tell how extension would effect the board could only recommend a them and what their opinions were certain limit and he did not see the concerning the extension of the lim-

Mr. C. W. Johnston, president and manager of the Highland Park Manufacturing Company, which owns a large cotton mill at North Charlotte much valuable real estate in that vicinity, stated that he was opposed to extension because the persons and enterprises taken in would be taxed by the city and little benefits would be derived from such action by the "We already have our fire decity. partment, sewerage, etc., and the city would give us no more," he declared. He thought it unfair for the city to extend its limits and make the people outside share in the bonded indebtedness of the city. He said the proximity to the city was of no advantage to him and had never been.

Mr. S. Wittskowsky interrupted to "Who paid for the road leading ask: to North Charlotte and your mill?" "I paid between \$3,000 and \$4,000

of it." Mr. Johnston replied. "the county furnished the rock and the township constructed it." Keesler: "Isn't it a fact that the

old waterworks was moved from the site you have in order to accomodate you After some quibbling and explana-

might cause his concern to discon-tinue the manufacture of certain by-TOP products here and utilize them at oth-er plants instead. Mr. Wittkowsky asked: "Will a

tax of one cent on the rothar work a hardship on your concern?" "I didn't say it would," explained Mr. Thompson, but we don't want to pay an additional tax of \$5,600 or so if we can help it."

MR. COLE OBJECTS STRENUOUS-LY.

Mr. Thompson surrendered stand to Mr. E. A. Cole, who is at the head of the Cole Manufacturing Company, east of the city. He opposed extension on the grounds that an unjust taxation would result. He said he had located his plant so far out that he thought he was safe from the extensionists for many years. He said the city couldn't give adequate returns for the taxes it would receive.

"You've changed your mind recently, haven't you?" asked Mr. Keesler, Mr. Cole replied that he had given the matter more serious thought and was convinced that any extension now would be ill-advised.

THE FARMERS HEARD FROM. Capt. J. H. McClintock and Mr. Charles F. Wadsworth were put up to say that farming lands outside the present limits would not be benefited and that the extra taxes would work a hardship upon the owners of such lands. Their statements concluded the evidence for the antis,

THE EXTENSIONISTS TAKE A BOUT. The mayor now gave the extension-

ists an opportunity to come back at the antis. Mr. Keesler, who, as chairman of the sub-committee of the chairman of the sub-committee of the general extension committee, had conducted the case for the pros, was called upon. He said that he did not regard it necessary to put up any witnesses. "The matter has been dis-cussed thoroughly for weeks," he said, "and the very air is pregnant with the idea of extension." He stated that, without any witnesses or any further argument he was willing to submit the matter to the board of aldermen, and he asked if the antis would be willing to do this and then

would be willing to do this and then the city. abide the result without any further Mr. Guthrie, for the antis,

would not acquiesce. Alderman Ross arose here and stated that he didn't see any use in listening to argument. He thought use of even that.

JUDGE BURWELL QUOTES REA-SONS FOR EXTENSION.

Judge Burwell arose to explain his position and was heard with much interest. "Owing to the peculiar situation of the departments of the city administration the limits should be administration the limits should be city in the way of protection and con-extended." He said the police have jurisdiction throughout the township and furnish a degree of protection to all its residents. He said it was right that a man two miles or so out should have the privilege of calling upon have the privilege of calling upon the police. He should rave the privliege of having the health department improve sanitary conditions in his neighborhood; he should be allowed to have water connections, the bene-senting votes. Messes. Smith, Ross and to have water connections, the benefits of better schools; he should have good highways, and he should be willing to bear his part of the cost of

these improvements and conveniences. these departments, All police. health, water, educational, highways, lights, etc., would be much improved and of much greater value to the people who could get the benefit of them the limits were extended and they were all under one central head.

Mr. J. S. Myers objected to exten-sion because he thinks it would be detrimental to the manufacturing in-terests of the city. He has extensive real estate holdings in the territory within the proposed limits and he declared that he had never received any benefit from the city. THE ATTORNEYS ARGUE THE CASE

speaking of the relative incorporations of cities, said that London embraced 60 acres. That was absurd. It has 600 square miles, Some of the arguments advanced against extension here to-night are just as absurd. The anti-extensionists are like the calf that had two cows to get tis nour-inherent from. One was taken away and he calf raised a devel of a bleat. The city has been building township roads, etc., and now that you fellows outside expenses of the city you let out a devil of a bleat.

expenses of the city you let out a devia of a bleat. "Something was said about nothing having been done by the city for the outlying districts. The city has been paying taxes for improvements in this teritory when the money sould have been spent inside the city. "The people of the city pay in taxes more than \$34,000 the county road fund. It pays \$9,80 to the township road fund. The township gets \$4,500 of the county's fund, making a total of \$14,680 that we pay for road improvements in the town-ship. The city gets no rebate on any of this sum. Charlotte is the only city in the South that pays a township road tax. Oh I'm glad of it! It has made Col. Phifer and Mr. Hutchlson here rich. And Col. Myers is another vic-tim."

Myers interrupted to say that the Col. Myers interrupted to say that the city should divert this township road fund to the city street fund and Mr. Keesler declared that. "You've already milked the cow. You have roads al-ready." Mr. Myers explained that he had built one road himself. and Mr. Keesler explained further that the belt line built through the Myers place by the township with money furnished mostly by the city tax-payers, was one of the prettiest drives around the city and that the building sites along this avenue were being sold for breat big Col and that the building sites along this avenue were being sold for breat big He declared that the antis should have

made their fight in the Democratic pri-maries. "Every candidate to the State Legislature was elected on an exten-sion platform. Why didn't you put up candidates to oppose them? They are pledged, and it is absurd for a few men

THE ALDERMEN TAKE ACTION.

Mr. Keesler was the last man not a member of the board to speak. Dr. Fal-son arose to speak in favor of extension-stating that he was confident that it will

a few years the voting population just outside would be greater than on the in-side and we might not be able to extend." Alderman Dowd said that he was so Special **Governor Glenn Visits University** Special to The Observer. Chapel , Hill,

Alderman Dowd said that he was so sure that manufacturing enterprises will be benfited by the extension that he has begun work upon a \$100,000 plant within the proposed limits. "The extra tax on this property will more than overbalance the benefits I expect to derive from the city in the way of protection and con-ventences." Glenn paid the University a visit to-Glenn paid the University or four day, remaining here three or four trains. The Goverhours between trains. The Gover-nor's visit was in his official capacity. he stated that he desired to see for Hyde Pratt, whose guest he was. The new chemical building, and the plans for the library, pleased the Governor, but he agreed with Presmittee on extension, recommending the two and one-half mile limit, be adopted Carr oposing it. And with jolly good humor the meet-ing broke up and the 290 or 300 patriotic clitzens wended their way home, satisfied that Greater Charlotte is assured.

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firmative. Kemler: "Haven't you some police protection from the city at present?"

"I think not." Johnston: Keesler: "Didn't some of the mill authorities 'phone for a policeman a

few days ago and get him?" Mr. Johnston did not know. Keesler: "Haven't you got city wat er conections at one of your mills?" Johnston: "Yes, for drinking pur-

poses, and we pay \$6 a quarter for Mr. Keesler then made the point that the mill did not help pay for the construction of the plant as the tax-

payers inside the city did. In answer to a question from Judge Burwell, Mr. Johnston stated that he was opposed to any extension at all. MR. HUTCHISON EXPRESSES HIS OPINION.

The next anti up was Mr. D. P. Hutchison, who owns considerable property just outside the limits. He stated that he was opposed to any extension at all he said he couldn't see what the city has to give the prople taken in return for the taxes that will be collected. "The city has streets needing attention and it apend its money on these instead of taking in more territory to aking in more territory to made the mills. And if a tax of one He read figures showing cent on the dollar will hurt any cotimprove." that the taxable values of property in the township had increased faster than inside the city, and attributed this greater increase to the manufacturing enterprises just outside the city.

What increase has there been in the value of your property during the last 20 years " asked Mr. Kees-

ier. "The tax books will show," replied Mr. Hutchison.

Keesler: "What per cent. of taxes used for township road improvements is paid by the city?"

Hutchison: "About four-sevenths." ARGUMENTS OF MR. T. J. DAVIS.

Mr. T. J. Dayls, president and manager of the Elba Manufacturing Company, whose plant is just outside the present limits, said that he had elected that site because he wanted to escape city taxes. He said that extension would work a hardship on his company because of the increased taxes. He offered as another argu-

taxes and the proportion of the city's debt to be borne by the people to be taken in, Mr. Davis thought extension Fould work a hardship and be a gross injustice to the business interests in

the territory in question. "Don't you know that the per capital indebtedness of Charlotte is

Davis: "I have seen the statement de. Yes."

Mr. E., W. Thompson was the next W. He is district manager for the same fail million dollar plant near Dissort. Extension oil Company, which to pay more taxes," he said, "and to pay more taxes," he said, "and the fact that it attacks and de-toys the root of the whole trouble-parasitic germ which feeds upon the material which nourishes the array to pay more taxes," he said, "and the material which nourishes the array to pay more taxes," he said, "and the material which nourishes the array to pay more taxes," he said, "and the material which nourishes the array to pay more taxes," he said, "and the material which nourishes the array to pay more taxes," he said, "and the material which nourishes the array to pay more taxes," he said, "and the material which nourishes the array to pay more taxes," he said, "and the material which nourishes the array to pay more taxes," he said, "and the material which nourishes the array to pay more taxes," he said that additional taxation Material to the pay to pay the said the sai

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CASE. Messrs. Guthrie and McCall, as at-torneys for the antis, spoke briefly against the proposed extention. Mr. Guthrie simulation of the source of th against the proposed extention. Mr. Guthrie simply stated his contsipo-sition. He said that important inter-ests would be damaged and that there city would be damaged and that there in consequence. "If you are going to extend 2 1-2 miles, why not make it five miles? And, if five, why not go to the Ca-tawba river and have a river front?" he asked. Mr. McCall said that Charlotte did not begin to grow until the manu-facturing enterprises began to de-velop, and he argued that extension would be against the important to the importance of the place. Mr. McCall said that charlotte did not begin to grow until the manu-facturing enterprises began to de-velop, and he argued that extension

would be against the interests of these enterprises. He declared that there are large areas of farming lands within the proposed limits that

will receive no benefit from the city in 25 years, MR. WITTKOWSKY TELLS SOME THINGS.

Mr. Wittkowsky answered Mr. Mc-Call's argument. "The cotton mills have not made Charlotte." he declar-

nanu- that they are not my close friends or de-de- not qualified."
The injunction matter of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company against the city officials of Asheville, scheduled that the che and before Judge Pritchard at 10 che at the che and before Judge Pritchard at 10 che at the che at the before Judge Pritchard at 10 che at the che at the before Judge Pritchard at 10 che at the che at the scheduled that the che at the and fought out. The Hospital Trust Company desires that the city agree to a change or modification of the telephone franchise whereby the power to reduce rates or interfere with the rates of the local company friends in Asheville and has Buncombe county will regret to learn that Register of Deeds A. B. Fortune is critically 11 at his home. 36 Patton avenue, and that grave fears are ontertain. e not many emphatically. "Charlotte the mills. And if a tax of one any cot-WE GUARANTEE SATISFACTION. J. A. Brogdon, of the National Sign Co., Dayton, Ohio, writes under date of oct 12, 1906: "Nosena is the only pre-paration I have ever used that reliaves my affection so specdily and pleasantly. I am getting the first real pleasure out of breathing that I have experienced since I contracted catarrh six years ago. Money would not buy my tube of ton mill, it were better that that mill had never been born." He cited that the argument of "Truck Farmer," who had written in the papers

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streets. "The die is cast." declared Mr. Wittkowsky. The decision is already made. Bring them in. I was in favor of only the 2 1-2 mile line, but 'Truck Farmer' has convinced me that should incorporate the entire 14. 61

township." col T. L. Kirkpatrick ventured the opinion that the question of extension had already been settled and that the only thing to come up now is the de-gree. He said that the question had Is Kirkpatrick ventured the gree, H been an issue in the Democratic pri-maries and that the membérs of the Legislature had been elected on a plat-form that declared for extension.

ment that the city is unable to keep its streets in repair at present and it should not take in the suburbs and improve its streets from taxes paid from them. He thinks the idea that extension will enhance the value of the property in the territory to be taken in is absurd. Because of the content of the property in the territory to be taken in is absurd. Because of the content of the property in the territory to be taken in is absurd. Because of the city's MR. KEESLER WARMS UP.

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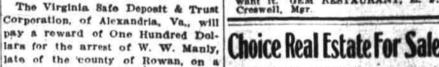
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