...ing of Wednesday, February 11, 1903.
...day, Alderman Davis in the chair.
...ers Appointed by Mayor Pro Tem—Liquor Prescriptions and All Of the Permit When the Cash ...ed Over—Interesting Report from Street, Fire and Police ...ittees, But Board Resolves ...commend to Commissions and ...Reports as Information.

...ghty, lively, loquacious was the ...called meeting of the board ...aldermen yesterday afternoon. ...ts were had from nearly every ...ttee of that body and nearly ...precipitated a discussion ...adoption. Uncertainty as ...precise limits which separate ...isdiction of these committees ...the different commissions of the ...prevailed for quite awhile, until ...settled, by the acceptance of ...the reports simply as a source ...ormation for future use if de-

STORES GET LICENSES.

...roll call found the following ...en in their seats: Messrs. Dav...kin, Garibaldi, Griffin, Hart, ...od, Henderson, Klouse, Mc-... Scott, Shoemaker, Kirkpat-... T. Smith, Shelor, with May-...Winch in the chair. The latter ...ided to Capt. Franklin.

...first matter which came up ...e granting of license to the ...individual drug stores which ...plied for permits to sell li-...n prescription. These were ...een City Drug Company (col-...Messrs. W. L. Hand & Co., ...l and Shepard, Charlotte ...Company, J. P. Stowe & Co., ...& Dunn, C. R. Mayer & Com-...Ashson Drug Company, Blair ...R. H. Jordan & Co., B. S. ...Mullen's Pharmacy, Hawley' ...cy, and J. L. Eagle, colored. ...were granted license, the vote ...n the applicants as a whole. ...m of the license came in for ...rable discussion, and it was ...decided to leave this matter to ...nce committee, which will ...n appropriate legal form. Ac-... to the ordinance adopted ...day night the licenses may be ...t any time any for any rea-...the Aldermen, and this will be ...d on the documents.

...man Wadsworth then submit-...chairman of the finance com-...a brief report from that de-...t. This covered the month of ...showed that up to the pres-...account was overdrawn to the ...of about $260. The report ...nimously adopted. Next the ...of the committee on streets ...ed for. It was submitted by ...n McDowell and was interest-...spicy. It was as follows:

...T OF STREET COMMITTEE.

...of appointment by the ...chairman of the street com-...took charge of that depart-...proceeded without undue de-...come acquainted with its reg-...practices, rules of governance ...assets thereto belonging. Ob-...soon convinced me that the ...perintendent of the former ...s unfitted by training or ex-...for the position he occupied, ...onal investigation showed me ...live stock was depleted by ...e, the wagons badly worn and ...and gearing in keeping ...mules and wagons.

...ty quarry was also running ...responsible head, but carry-...dly number of laborers upon ...oll. That defect has, however, ...ely remedied by a competent ...being installed, and we have ...believe that satisfactory re-...arise from the reorganization ...ries of the stock and imple-...the street department prop-...we assumed the direction of ...gies are thus presented:

...STOCK.

...f mules, good condition, . 4
...t mules, fair condition, 7
...f mules, no good, ... 2
...13
...o good, 2
...f wagons, fair condition, 4
...6
...f sets of wagon harness, con-...medium, 6
...f steam road rollers, 1
...street sprinklers, good con-... 2
...street sprinklers, poor con-... 1
...shovels, medium condition, ...36
...picks, approximately, ..50
...feet T. C. pipe, 20" ..50
...bushels of corn, ..75
...lbs. hay, 1,000

C. A. SPRATT.

...TARY DEPARTMENT.

...mules, fair, 8
...wagons, medium, 4
...sets of harness, medium, 4
...horses, good condition, 1

...atts is the city engineer and ...the inventory because the ...rintendent failed to do so,) ...is inventory was taken I ...three mules were unfit for ...they were put at a public ...for treatment. I have pur-...pair of splendid mules for ...use, and have also ordered ...prinklers.

...RY AND TOOLS AT CITY ...ROCK QUARRY.

...boiler and engine.
...usher and fixtures.
...power, single drum hoister.
...r and 1 dirt car.
...ll and fixtures.
...steam ejector.
...ll bits.
...ll bits.
...mers.
...hammers.

...hest of tools necessary for ...g steel.

T. J. ABERNETHY,
Manager.

...fter the municipal election ...rted to me by several si-...d by as many trustworthy, ...ens, that the city was en-...tract work for developing ...of a land company, ...woods back of the old ...n Mills, in the western ...e city, while a private cit-... opposite side of West ...t, and owner of the old ... was improving his indi-...y without such public as-...

...tely proceeded to the ...fter witnessing the unsan-... ordered all the employes ...

...e on 15 cents a day. The ...as the body is benefited by ...eating. There's no health ...

WHY WORK WAS TERMINATED.

In view of the agitation upon this subject, I deem it a duty to explain the reasons for so summarily terminating the work thus begun, and also for apparently repudiating an agreement entered into between the street chairman of the proceeding board and the principal representative of an important realty company.

The city engineer was asked by the former street chairman to make an estimate as to the cost of laying out and grading a roadway or street through this company's property. The engineer estimated that it would take fully $1,000 to make even a passable roadway, and the former street chairman agreed that the city would bear the burden of $750, and was content that the land company, which was to receive the benefit of the expenditure, should only be responsible for $250, or one-fourth of the amount to be expended. We were of the opinion that the terms were one-sided and unfair to the city, and that it was not the true province of the street department to grade a road along a hillside, and through a wilderness of woods, to an indefinite point when there were no residents living anywhere along the route.

The superintendent of the streets says that the work had already cost the city $440 in wages alone, when he was ordered away and he has not yet estimated the cost of a large drain pipe, placed upon the company's property, which was not stipulated in the so-called agreement.

The city has barely enough money to meet daily expenses and provide for the proper running of its various departments, without diverting its funds and forces to do contract work for private parties at a serious financial loss; nor do I concede that any official or dignitary has the right or power to bind this municipality by any such terms. And I am informed by members of the old administration that the former street chairman was never empowered, either by the board of aldermen, or a majority of the members of the street committee, at any meeting, to enter into the agreement he signed.

Whether the land company has gained materially by the trade is a matter that does not concern the board of aldermen, or the public. The all-important query with us is—of what boot was it or will it be to the city? The city has spent upon a private enterprise probably $500 or $600, and as yet received not a dollar in return. Viewed as a plain business proposition, the position is untenable and falls far below the standard of an ordinary, well-considered, commercial transaction.

CANNOT AFFORD MISTAKES.

By reason of a recent change in the city charter, the practical working of the street department wil henceforth be vested in a public service committee, composed of six citizens, to be elected by the board of aldermen. Whether this measure was conceived by crafty politicians for the purpose of multiplying offices and thus strengthening a faction or partisan machine, or whether it was designed in sincerity and for the lofty idea of aiding in the management of public affairs, are questions that do not concern us as city officials and guardians of public trust. Time and a fair trial will only determine whether the law will be permanent. We cannot afford to make a mistake at this juncture, and I believe that this board is broad and patriotic enough in the selection of such an important committee, to cast aside partisan bias and the influence of favoritism, and name men of judgment and conscience for the public safety.

An alarm bell should be sounded to awaken the people of Charlotte from lethargy and arouse them to a sense of sanity in municipal goverment. It is time to call a halt in hysteria, take stock in our common firm, and by the elimination of optimists, political pensioners and illusionists, resolve that our homes and holdings shall be transmitted un-mortgaged to posterity.

To accomplish results rapidly, effectively and economically, I think that, when pavements of a durable character are to be laid, the work should be done by contract altogether, as contractors have the advantage of experience in such matters, and could be held responsible for defective work. I would also recommend that heavy excavations in laying out new streets, be let out by contract, as the city is not equipped with the machinery necessary for moving large volumes of earth from one point to another. Our appliances for such purposes are obsolete and out of use.

The committee, in deference to the wishes of the estimable lady who donated the land, have decided to name the new street, leading from Morehead to Vance, "Ransom Place," as a memorial to the late Senator Ransom, one of the State's greatest statesmen.

AN ENGINEER NEEDED.

When the various committees elected by the board shall have organized, we deem it of the highest importance that they meet together, and select jointly an engineer of tested experience, whose services could be apportioned pro rata among the different departments. Enlarged Charlotte needs the talent and foresight of such an official in avoiding costly mistakes and in properly shaping the future.

This report was adopted.

POLICY AS TO CHARITIES.

The report of Alderman Hart on charities brought up the question of the future policy to be pursued in re-

...ment, and it was with the passionate ...ardent of the suppliants.

Mr. Garibaldi made the report of the department of sewers. He said the city engineer had been sick for a few days, but the place had been temporarily filled. He added that a saving of 15 or 20 per cent. was being effected in the ordering of sewer pipes.

Alderman Charles Williams reported that the city plumbing offices were in bad shape. He recommended that an inspection fee of $1 be collected from all plumbers and an equal amount for the inspection of all openings and the like. This report also carried with it a recommendation that $100 salary a month in addition to the use of a horse and buggy, be paid the plumbing inspector. This would be a raise in salary of $300 a year. This report was received, as information. The suggestions were referred to the ordinance committee.

FOOD DEPARTMENT.

Alderman Thomas J. Davis responded to the call for a report from the food inspection department. This committee favored the payment of Dr. Fisher a salary which would enable him to give his entire time to the work and also that he be provided with an assistant, and that the department of food inspection should be put under the board of health. This report was received.

Next came the school department, represented by Chairman Henderson. It developed that by the extension of the city limits the municipality takes over the school property in Dilworth, Seversville, Belmont, Elizabeth, Groveton and Myers' Park.

The standing of these schools is as follows: Seversville has two teachers, a valuation of $500 and no debt; Dilworth, six teachers, a valuation of $15,000 and a debt of $10,012; Elizabeth has one teacher, a valuation of $97.25 and no debt; Belmont has five teachers, a valuation of $4,500 and no debt; Groveton, one teacher, a valuation of $500 and no debt; Myer's Park, one teacher, a valuation of $1,073.28 and no debt. The total showing of the school property thus acquired is a valuation of $21,670.43 and a debt of $12,012.40. On motion, this property was formally accepted by the city. Under the new charter, property cannot be accepted unless the value equals the indebtedness.

When the report on public buildings was called for, Alderman Wadsworth stated that the total income from these was $192.50 last year.

FOR TWO MORE FIRE STATIONS.

One of the most interesting discussions of the evening was precipitated by the report and recommendations of Alderman Scott, of the committee on the fire department, which was next read. "We have taken," said Mr. Scott, "an itemized inventory of the property of the department. We find that the most important property now in its possession are 11 horses, 9 in good condition and two in fair condition. The total property is valued at $21,000, of which $8,000 is invested in and represented by the fire alarm system. The department as a whole is in excellent condition and little outlay will be required to put what we have at present in apple-pie order.

The committee wishes to congratulate the chief and his men for the good condition in which the department is.

"There is urgent need," continued Mr. Scott, "for two new stations to be erected as soon as possible—one in Dilworth and one in the First ward. An auto chemical car for quick runs should be made bought, as well as a supply of hose for the old station. We find that there are now seven call firemen—a system supposedly carried up from the village days. These should be, in our opinino, discharged and four firemen be added. We recommend the appropriation of $22,500 for the two new stations, $1,750 for hose, $3,500 for the chemical car. This with the amount necessary to run the plants next year will bring the total amount needed up to about $58,000. The department should be relieved of the task of sprinkling the streets."

THE DOCTORS DIFFER.

"I oppose the motion to adopt this report," said Alderman Maxwell. "I do not believe in instructing these commissions which we have placed in charge of the various departments of the city government. No such expenditures as these are justifiable."

"I agree with this view," added Alderman McDowell. "We can't make so sweeping a recommendation as this. There are the other departments which must be considered and which must come in for their share."

Others held that since the board of aldermen stands back of the commissions and furnishes them the money, it is even mandatory upon this

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EVERY MAN HIS OWN DOCTOR.

The average man cannot afford to employ a physician for every slight ailment or injury that may occur in his family, nor can he afford to neglect them, as so slight an injury as the scratch of a pin has been known to cause the loss of a limb. Hence every man must from necessity be his own doctor for this class of ailments. Success often depends upon prompt treatment, which can only be had when suitable medicines are kept at hand. Chamberlain's Remedies have been in the market for many years and enjoy a good reputation.

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