

CONVICTS FOR THE CITY.

Board of County Commissioners Serves Notice That the Funds Required to Be Paid Over to the City by the County Will Be Paid in Labor as Soon as Agreement is Reached—Convicts Will Work City Roads.

At no distant date Charlotte people will have the pleasure of watching a big body of county convicts at work within the city limits. It cannot be controverted that the macadam just within the corporate limits is in worse condition to-day on the average than that of any other locality of the county. This is to be accounted for by the heavier traffic, the roads per mile in and about the city being used ten times as much as those farther out. It is therefore very proper that the county commissioners should assume at least a part of the expense of their maintenance.

According to an act of the last Legislature, the board of county commissioners is required to make a more equitable division of the taxes levied and collected within Charlotte township by having the convicts work the road force within the corporate limits in such manner as the board of public service of the city may designate. Should the commissioners not do this then it will become incumbent upon them on or before the first day of February or the first day of March next to pay over to the treasurer of the city the sum of \$9,000. The law also applies to the board of township trustees of Charlotte township, the only difference being one of degree rather than of kind. Should the board of township trustees not have a certain amount of work done within the corporate limits, then they would be required to pay over a sum of not less than \$3,000.

At the last meeting of the board of county commissioners this matter was discussed in full. After considering the subject in all its phases, the commissioners deemed it better to pay in work rather than in cash, and this decision was embodied in the following resolution, copies of which were submitted to the board of public service of the city and the city board of aldermen:

"Whereas, Chapter 691 of the public laws of 1907, authorizes the board of commissioners of Mecklenburg county for the purpose of building and repairing highways and bridges, to employ a certain number of convicts or other public works within the corporate limits of the City of Charlotte as the board of public service of the said city may designate and to defray the expenses of said convicts out of the funds collected from the taxes aforesaid.

"It is therefore unanimously ordered by the board that the convicts to be employed in the construction of highways shall work an equitable portion of the time during the current year beginning with the first of July, 1908, upon such highways or other public works within the corporate limits of the City of Charlotte as the board of public service of the said city may designate and that the expenses of such work shall be defrayed out of the funds collected from the taxes levied in Charlotte township, under Sections 8 and 59 of Chapter 50, of the Public Laws of 1901.

"It is further ordered that a copy of this resolution be served upon the board of public service of the city of Charlotte."

WILL MAKE SALAD OIL. Swift & Co. Lets Contract For Erection of Another Building at North Charlotte Plant—Will Make Salad Oil From Cruder Products.

Mr. J. D. Grandy, one of the best known contractors in the city, has been awarded the job of putting up the new building at the Swift & Co. plant in North Charlotte, of which mention was made in The Observer last week. This new building, as then stated, in general architectural scheme, will be similar to those already standing. It will be of superior brick, four stories in height and about 40 feet long by 30 feet wide. It will be used for pressing and storing salad oil evolved from the cruder of refined products. The building has a capacity of five presses but only three will be installed at present. Four cold storage tanks will also be placed in the building each one capable of holding 10,000 gallons of oil. Salad oil of winter oil as it is frequently called, is used as a substitute for olive oil and in the manufacture of other substitutes. It has many and varied uses. The North Charlotte plant of Swift & Co. is one of the most complete in the country. It is not the largest but for up-to-dateness of equipment and general utility has no superior anywhere. Situated in the very heart of the cotton seed oil belt, where conditions are most favorable, the success of the enterprise has been assured from the start. As the territory is developed, it is the purpose of this great corporation to add other departments. A soap factory is said to be but a question of time and a fertilizer factory by no means a remote probability.

WANT SINGLE MEN ONLY.

Colonel Smith Introduces Resolution to the Effect That Hereafter Only Single Men Be Elected on Fire Department.

Col. A. L. Smith, chairman of the fire committee of the public safety board, introduced a resolution at the regular meeting of the body last night to the effect that hereafter the board select only single men on the fire department. This brought forth considerable discussion, being strongly opposed by Mr. J. I. Blakely. Vice Mayor Wadsworth cautioned slowness just as the resolution was about to be put to a vote and Colonel Smith withdrew it. There is no doubt at all that the motion would have carried by a safe majority.

Colonel Smith succeeded in getting a resolution through looking to the election of firemen only from within the old limits of the city hereafter, as he said it puts men to a heap of trouble and very often keeps them from coming to fires at all if they live in the suburbs. His other motion was made in the interest of efficiency in the department, his contention being that the single men were making more diligent than married members of the fire department.

City Engineer F. L. Stutts was re-elected unanimously for another term of office in the department and Assistant Engineer E. Graham was also given his old position. Mr. J. H. Wallace was elected first foreman and will be transferred to No. 2 department to have charge in the absence of Chief Orr from the city at this time. Mr. W. B. Glenn was made the other foreman. These matters were left over from the last meeting.

A request was presented through Mr. George A. Page from former Policeman Clifford Bell asking for his salary during his suspension. This was turned down. A request also came from ex-Assistant Chief of the Fire Department W. S. Charles, asking that the city pay his physician's and hospital bills during his absence from duty with a broken arm. This was referred to Colonel Smith, R. E. Smith and E. W. Berryhill as a committee to confer with the city attorney in order to ascertain if the city was either morally or legally liable for the amount, which is about \$50.

The report for the past month from the fire department showed ten responses to alarms and a total fire loss of \$1,325. The report from the police department showed 185 cases tried during the month with 101 convictions. The total receipts in fines and costs was \$15,80, of which \$8,950 was remitted to the city treasury.

There were present at the meeting the following named: Vice Mayor J. W. Wadsworth, and Messrs. A. L. Smith, Erskine Smith, E. W. Berryhill, W. R. Robertson, J. I. Blakely and G. A. Page.

FOR THE CITY POOR.

Clinchfield Coal Corporation Donates Car Load of Coal to City Poor Which the Southern Agrees to Haul Free of Charge—Two, Generous Deeds.

The poor of the city will have cause to thank the Clinchfield Coal Corporation and the Southern Railway this winter should the snows be deep, fuel be scarce and clothing be scanty. The Clinchfield Coal Corporation, which is president, and Mr. H. S. Morris, of this city, agent, has tendered to Mrs. E. C. Register a car of coal for the service of the city poor and the Southern Railway has generously consented to haul free of charge from the mines to this city. Mrs. Register will act as distributing agent and Mr. J. L. Sexton will serve as custodian and keeper of the car. The car, which contains from forty to fifty tons, is now on the way and should arrive soon.

Highland Park Mills Running Well.

Of the mills in this section, those of the Highland Park Manufacturing Company are running on fully as well as any other. While other plants have been shutting down at more or less frequent intervals, these have been operating as if conditions were altogether normal. A splendid office building is being erected and finished at Mill No. 1, which would do credit to any of the mammoth textile corporations of the North. Mr. Charles Johnston is president of the Highland Park Manufacturing Company and Mr. J. L. Spencer, treasurer.

It Pays to Advertise.

The value and reach of judicious advertising was evidenced by the experience of Simmons & Co., real estate brokers, of this city, this week. This progressive firm issues regularly a pamphlet indicating the location of properties which it has for sale. A letter was received yesterday from a Mr. E. Mitchell, of London, England, enclosing a clipping from this periodical, and asking for prices, terms, etc., of the property indicated.

Monday Week Criminal Court Convicts. Monday week, August 17th, is the date appointed for the beginning of the next two weeks' term of criminal court in this city. Judge M. H. Justice presiding. In the county jail are 42 prisoners awaiting trial. Chairman W. M. Long, of the board of county commissioners, is always in need of more convicts to work the roads. If all signs do not fail, it is likely that the convict road force will be considerably augmented within the next few weeks.

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JAKE ON THE WARPATH.

Report of His Recent Speech to Republicans in Kings Mountain.

The following from The Kings Mountain Herald tells about the recent speech of Col. Jake F. Newell to the Republicans at that vicinity: "Hon. Jake Newell delivered an address in the opera house Saturday night to a large audience. There were many Republicans present, but in the audience was a large number of Democrats who went out for mere amusement and it is needless to say that they got their money's worth. His address Saturday night was up to his usual standard. He pictured the Republican party as the only hope for eternal salvation and the Republican leaders as wingless angels without spot or blemish, while he characterized the Democratic party and Democratic principals as originating in inferno. He paid glowing tribute to Roosevelt and extolled Taft for taking his speech to his boss for approval. He accused the Democratic party of producing the civil war and the panic of '32, but kept quiet on the full dinner pail and the present day panic.

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Rev. Dr. Orr in Charge of Asheville Meeting.

The following is from The Asheville Citizen: "The management of the Y. M. C. A. is planning to have a large mid-summer meeting for men in the auditorium next Sunday. Rev. W. W. Orr, of Charlotte, a prominent evangelist of note, has been engaged to take charge of the meeting. Rev. Orr was approached for the work some time ago but his engagements were so numerous in advance that the meeting was put off

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