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Special to The Observer. Statesville, Feb. 22-A marriage which was quite a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties occurred at Taylorsville Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when Miss Della Matheson became the bride of Mr. J. C. Connelly.

Not a Bit.

Durham Herald.

REVOLTS AT OLD STEEL.

Your only hope, said three doctors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit, Mich., suffering from severe neural trouble.

IS FRANCHISE PERPETUAL?

ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEETING.

Special Aldermanic Committee to Consider Transfer of Franchise to Charlotte Gas and Electric Company Postponed Action For Several Days-May Not Meet Again Until After Charter is Ratified-Messrs. Maxwell and Preston, Representing Certain Citizens, Interrogate the Committee as to Apparent Haste in Getting Rid of the Proposition-Asked That Action Be Postponed Until the New Charter Becomes Effective-Nature of Present Franchise Subject of Much Speculation.

THE NEW RESOLUTIONS.

The following is the text of one of the resolutions in the nature of an amendment which was presented by Colonel Rodman:

Whereas, On the 23rd day of November, 1887, permission was granted into the Charlotte Gas Light Company, to lay its mains in the City of Charlotte, as appears by records of the City, Book 1852 to 1863; and

Whereas, on the 7th day of February, 1898, the Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company was granted certain rights and privileges, as appears from the records of the City of Charlotte, Book B, page 223; and

Whereas, the Charlotte Gas Light Company, on the 17th day of July, 1899, conveyed its property unto the Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company, as appears by deed recorded in Book 159, page 256, of the Register of Deeds of Mecklenburg county; and

Whereas, the Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company proposes to sell unto the Charlotte Gas and Electric Company, that part of the property used in conducting a gas and electric light business upon such conveyance being executed.

Permission is hereby granted of the Charlotte Gas and Electric Company, its successors and assigns, to purchase the gas and electric plant of the Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company, and to continue to carry on that business in the City of Charlotte, in the same manner and subject to all of the conditions and restrictions that are now imposed upon the said Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company, in connection with the said business.

A GENERAL GRANT.

A more general grant was sought through the medium of this further resolution brought in by Colonel Rodman, who said he carried it in as one which one of the two committees adopted:

Permission is granted the Charlotte Gas and Electric Company, its successors and assigns, to purchase the gas and electric plant of the Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company and to continue to carry on that business in the City of Charlotte, in the same manner and subject to all the limitations and restrictions that are now imposed upon the said Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company, in connection with the said business.

MR. MAXWELL SPEAKS.

After the reading of the proposed agreements, Col. W. C. Maxwell arose and secured the floor.

"I am here, Mr. Chairman," said he, "presenting a number of citizens."

"Would you mind saying who they are?" inquired Colonel Rodman.

"Not at all, sir. I am here in behalf of Mr. J. H. Wedington, Mr. John Henry McAden and others who secured the services of Mr. Preston and myself."

"I suppose," he continued, "that there is a man in Charlotte who questions the right of the company to lay its gas mains and operate this business. It is not thought, however, by a large number of citizens that this is the proper time for the agitation. The city is now in the hands of the men and a special committee have labored, will be acted upon before your next regular meeting. Why is such hasty action sought in this matter?"

"I think the board is already committed against any such grant by its recent action in providing for allowing no franchise to run longer than 30 years. If the board is already agreed upon such a course, why have these special meetings to discuss the agreement proposed by the Charlotte Gas and Electric Company? This board will lay itself open to severe criticism if it follows any such course as this."

MR. PRESTON HEARD FROM.

"I want to say 'Amen' to everything Mr. Maxwell has said," declared Mr. E. R. Preston, who is active in opposition to the proposed transfer.

MAKES MUCH DIFFERENCE WHETHER THE BOARD PASSES THIS AGREEMENT OR NOT.

Why such haste, why such insistence, why such urgency, then? The citizens simply ask this committee to wait until the new charter becomes effective before further considering this matter. Give them a chance to be heard! You have heard the other side. The action of the board has no doubt been laboring over these agreements for weeks. Give Mr. Maxwell and myself a few days to make some researches into the many records of the city, and the corporate laws of the State.

MAYOR EXPLAINS MEETINGS.

Mayor Franklin asked for the privilege of explaining the meetings to which reference in the nature of a quasi-criticism had been made. He said that he was first approached about ten days ago by city attorney McRae who said he had seen a matter which the gas company wanted brought before the board. He thought it best to go to a committee. The mayor said he saw Mr. T. Allison in the restaurant a few days later and advised him to bring the matter before the attention of the board at one of its regular meetings. It was not until the meeting of the board was informed, because of the absence of Colonel Rodman from the city and a few days ago Mr. Allison asked him to step over to the office of Colonel Rodman. The gas company's attorney then asked him to call the meeting at once, if possible, which he did. The mayor declared strongly that he had no interest in the matter one way or the other, but he felt that it was not the board's duty to be censured if anybody had any criticism to get rid of.

COLONEL RODMAN ANSWERS.

Said Colonel Rodman, arising to answer Messrs. Maxwell and Preston: "After investigating the affairs of the company and its intentions relative to the extension in its service and after looking into the question of securing money to prosecute the work in mind, it was determined that it would be best to sever the business from the street railway business of the Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company. As a lawyer, I was of the opinion that the transfer is not necessary, but in the interest of ease in handling bonds, it is advised. Had I anticipated that the matter would have created so much excitement among the people, it would never have been brought before the board. I had conceived the idea that only an interest in the city could be opposed to such a transfer and I shall not even suggest that this interest is behind the opposition to the movement on the part of my clients."

"My understanding is that our company has its franchise in perpetuity. I don't understand that I am attacking the Charlotte Power Company. That is not my business. I am trying to see that the best interests of the people are served."

A PERPETUAL CHARTER.

"Colonel Maxwell says he doesn't see any harm in the resolutions presented, but I don't think such a step ought to be taken now because the new charter prescribes a time limitation to the existence of franchises. We have a charter granting us perpetual rights. We have the right to lay gas mains and to operate a gas business. Do the citizens want to say to us that at a certain time we must tear up our system of pipes and turn over our plant to others? That's what seems to be meant by the speeches here this afternoon."

"We would like to have this permission, gentlemen of the committee, in order that we may be enabled to better serve the people of this city. If the committee thinks it unwise to grant us permission to separate our business, we will submit and withdraw the resolutions."

In dwelling on the rate for gas, Colonel Rodman said he had ascertained that 55 per cent. of the gas used was for illuminating purposes and 45 per cent. for fuel purposes. This question having arisen at a previous meeting.

City Attorney McRae said he only wanted to say that if the company now holds a perpetual franchise, the resolutions proposed would continue to give it this right. He did not care one way or the other about the matter except as legal adviser for the city. The Legislature, he said, has the right to repeal the charter of the company and in that way it can be stopped from doing business in the city.

"Colonel Rodman," asked Mr. McRae, "did the Charlotte Gas Company transfer its franchise to the Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company?"

"I find no deed on the records at the register's office," he said, "and on motion of Mayor Franklin the meeting was adjourned to convene at the call of the chairman."

FESTIVITIES AT CHAPEL HILL.

Junior Week a Time of Much Pleasure Among the Students-Play by Dramatic Club, Gymnasium Exhibition, Receptions and Dances Enjoined.

Special to The Observer. Chapel Hill, Feb. 22-In instituting Junior week last February the class of 1909 made an estimable contribution to the pleasure of university life. It will be of interest to Charlotte people to know that the prime mover in the establishment of this annual occasion was a Charlotte boy, W. George Thomas. The era of good feeling which this occasion inaugurated found splendid expression last week in the festivities conducted under the auspices of the class of 1910.

Junior week was ushered in Thursday afternoon by the gymnasium exhibition. Under the direction of Dr. R. B. Lawson, physical director, and Mrs. C. D. Wardlaw, assistant director, the gymnasium squad gave an exhibition of rare gymnastic skill.

Thursday night the University Dramatic Club presented to a large audience "The Hero of the Gridiron," a college farce comedy in five acts. Those making up the cast of characters were: E. F. C. Morrison, F. C. Kelly, D. Stowe Crouse, R. D. Eames, L. deK. Belden, J. B. Farrior, J. P. Waters, R. E. Tucker, A. B. Deans, B. H. Yelverton, Henry C. Smith, J. E. Reeves, R. B. Reeves.

The play was well received. The local hits on the faculty, students and the citizens of the town never failed to bring down the house. Much credit for the success of the play is due to the coach, Mr. L. W. Parker, an instructor in the university. Manager B. L. Banks intends to take the club on the road.

Immediately after the performance the senior class gave a reception in the library to the Junior class, the professional students, the members of the faculty and the visiting young ladies. The University Orchestra furnished music for the occasion. Delightful refreshments were served.

Friday morning the annual celebration of Washington's Birthday was observed by the Dialectic and Philan-

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thropic Literary Societies. This celebration was moved up so as to fit in with Junior week. Mr. O. C. Cox, of the D. I., presided over the exercises, which were held in Gerrard Hall. Dr. C. Alphonso Smith made the speech of the day. His subject was "The Ministry of Poetry," and he treated the subject in a masterful way.

At 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon the ten academic fraternities gave a dance to the Junior, senior and professional classes. This Pan-Hellenic Cotillion was led by John Hall Manning, assisted by Louis Belden and W. C. Harris.

Friday night the festivities were brought to a brilliant close in the Junior promenade. This was led by J. Earle Crosswell, assisted by D. R. Kramer and Robert Deane.

FROM COWBOY TO PRESIDENT.

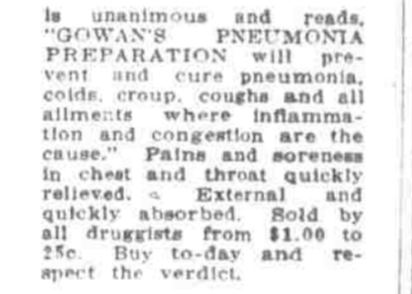
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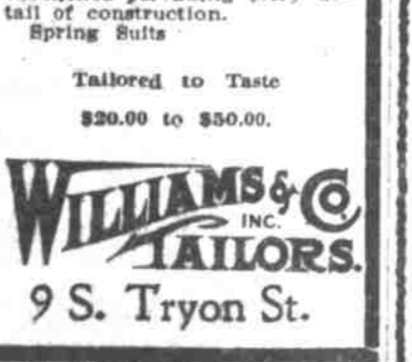
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