

MAKE WAR ON CHARTER

RESOLUTIONS OF LAST NIGHT

Several Hundred People Assembled at Court House to Express Opposition to the Two Sections of the Charter Relating to the Election of the Mayor and the Manner of Raising Revenue For the Improvement of the Streets—Discussion Quite General—Opinion Expressed That It Would Amount to a Confiscation of the Property of Poor Men in the Suburbs to Make Them Defray All the Costs of Improving Streets—Committee to Go to Raleigh.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the people of Charlotte in mass meeting here assembled that we favor the election of our mayor by the direct vote of the people, and our Representatives in the Legislature are respectfully requested to so change the charter as submitted by the board of aldermen as to preserve this time-honored right to the people of this city."

"Resolved, That the voters and tax payers of the City of Charlotte in this mass meeting assembled oppose as unwise and unjust the attempt to incorporate in the city charter provisions which will burden the property owner against his will with additional assessments for permanent street improvements."

"Resolved, That they recommend the adjustment of the municipal taxing power to be made by the city government so as to bring about fair, just and equal taxation upon all, to the end that each shall bear his or its just proportion, in like manner as they receive municipal protection, privileges and benefits."

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that when the charter submitted to the General Assembly shall be amended as pointed out in the resolutions heretofore passed by this meeting it will meet with the approbation of the people of this city, and our Representatives in the General Assembly are respectfully requested to make the amendments suggested by the resolutions of this meeting and then have the said charter enacted into law."

The resuscitated banner of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, flaunted so often and with such effectiveness by the supporters of both sides in the prohibition and anti-prohibition campaign of last spring, was dragged forth again last night to inspire contenders for the popular election of the mayor, and range again with eloquence which depicted Mecklenburg as the cradle of liberty and declared that the sons of such a soil would never surrender the blood-bought privilege which was the heritage of their fathers to them.

The meeting was animated from first to last although it is extremely doubtful, with the exception of three or four speeches, if the temperature was as high as some had anticipated. Beginning almost as quiet as a love feast, the speakers of the evening gradually elevated the collected spirits of the gathering, until at times it became so roarious, that order, however, was good as it ever secured at any public meeting where all have equal rights.

Mr. W. H. Hall asked Mr. J. B. McCall to introduce the main part of the evening. Mr. McCall amended this lapse in language by nominating Mr. Frank R. McNinch, who was at once elected and ruled firmly throughout the meeting, finally at the last delivering a stirring appeal in which he stated of unsuspected depth and strength, urged that a large number of citizens go to Raleigh to fight for their convictions and to demand their amendment.

The chairman stated that the meeting was open to all citizens who desired to be heard on any pertinent matter. "This is a local and I think a laudable purpose," he defined the generally understood two-fold objections entertained to the proposed charter as drafted, the first being reference to the election of the mayor and the second to the giving of power to increase the burdens of property owners for street improvements.

Then the business was attacked. Among the speakers of the evening were Messrs. D. B. Smith, P. C. Whitlock, E. S. Williams, J. W. Faison, J. E. Hinescutt, J. W. Faison, G. W. McManaway, T. L. Kirkpatrick, G. M. Hall, Cameron Morrison, T. G. M. Hall, J. G. Baird, W. W. Pifer, G. W. Pifer and J. Frank Flowers. Mr. Smith's opening speech presented the resolution demanding the preservation of the right of the people to elect the mayor directly.

Mr. P. C. Whitlock followed, addressing his audience as "You public cases, two-by-four lawyers, wind-fammers, you ignoramuses who don't know what you want and have it sense enough to vote for what you do want." He objected that this new plan would destroy a principle that had required ages to develop, that the mayor would never exercise the right of veto over those who put him in power, that disgruntled aldermanic candidates for the majority might try to tie the hands of the winner.

One of the best Pictures yet at Edisonia to-day and to-morrow.

own much property, but, by God, I've been standing for about a year with one eye on the sheriff and the other on my little home, and as soon as I take one of the sheriff I have to fix the position for a man to be in."

Dr. G. G. McManaway was called for, whereupon a bit of repartee passed between him and Dr. Faison, the former reminding Dr. Faison that that gentleman had voted for string netting road tracks down here, the remembrance of which knocked some of the enthusiasm out of him.

Mr. Duls presented his resolution, he thought the committee, in their search for a compromise, had overlooked the fact that the majority of the people are poor, barely owning their homes if at all and the power to make them pay for all street improvements if exercised, would injure them, oppress them, and bring some in and said he preferred to know what the subject was before speaking.

At this juncture Mr. Cameron Morrison offered his resolution. He spoke strongly against the taxing power referred to saying that it went beyond any such authority authorized by the Supreme Court, so far with North Carolina cities and towns, and he demanded equality in bearing the burdens of the city.

Major Baird thought the provision would be a burden on the property holders, colored. Kirkpatrick agreed with Mr. Morrison that there should be equalization of taxes, but didn't want the wheel of progress in the way of street improvements turned back. The resolution was finally passed by a vote of 110 to 10.

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Mr. G. G. Scott thought the people should be given the charter draft, would do well to formulate some plan, otherwise if they protest and their protest is heeded, there will be no more improvements for the next 100 years.

Mr. Hinescutt by this time had got the floor again and wanted to know if the city ain't able to fix these streets up here, how in the name of God can we folks out in the suburbs do it? (Cheers) When any other point to which he objected was explained by the statement that a majority of the property owners must favor the improvements he was satisfied, saying merely, "Well, that's all right. That's according to the law handed down to us from Almighty God—that the majority shall rule."

THIS IS ASH WEDNESDAY.

Season of Lent to Commence To-Day—Significance of the Period—The Observance in Charlotte.

This is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent, the most solemn period in the Church calendar, a season of special fasting, prayer, almsgiving and acts of self-abnegation. The great festival of Easter terminates the Lenten season and falls this year on April 11th. It is observed by Catholics, Episcopalians and Lutherans.

Lent is a season known and observed in the Greek and Latin Churches as early as the fourth century. It remains in a passage, though not free from difficulties, mentions that the custom of keeping a fast before Easter Sunday was quite old even in his day, but that no uniformly observed custom up to that time had been established, some thinking they ought to fast for one day, others for two days, and still others having different peculiarities.

In Tertullian's day the Good Friday fast was strictly observed, but it is indicated that Christians ought to commemorate a religious fast all the time during which the Lenten season was taken away from the calendar, that in 1170 the period of abstinence extended over six weeks and that in some other places, which he does not specify, the custom was to begin the fast seven weeks before Easter.

The season commemorates the forty-days fasting of our Lord in the wilderness, ending with His crucifixion on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter morning.

The Lenten services at St. Peter's Episcopal church today, Ash Wednesday, will be as follows: Morning prayer and penitential office and holy communion at 10, and evening prayer and address on the prayer book to be given Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons at 5 o'clock.

WOULD DOUBLE THE SERVICE. Seaboard Should Continue Train No. 52 From Atlanta to Monroe on to Charlotte—The Convenience of Such Arrangement.

A change of schedule has been suggested which would greatly add to the railway facilities of Charlotte as far as the Seaboard Air Line system is concerned. As is well known, train No. 52 leaves Atlanta, Ga., at 8 a. m. and arrives in Monroe at 5:45 p. m., where it remains overnight, returning leaving Monroe at 10:55 a. m., and arriving in Atlanta at 8:45 p. m. If this train were continued to Charlotte in the afternoon, instead of being stopped at Monroe, it would permit travelers to arrive in the city early in the evening. As the case now stands, travelers have to wait for the midnight train which is hardly late the result being that they barely reach the city until the wee small hours of the next morning.

A Charlotte traveling man was heard to remark yesterday, in connection with a discussion of train service, that he frequently had to make Waxhaw and that on account of the fearful train service and awful delays, he simply hired a horse and buggy in Charlotte and drove through the country. In this way he said he saved some seven or eight hours.

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