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FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE

FURTHER AGITATION DEPLORED. Mr. E. T. Cassler, of the Committee of Ten, tells something of the Charter Imbroglio in Raleigh and of How the Settlement Was Effected.

Mr. Cassler was seen by an Observer reporter to-day and stated that he was not the author of the proposition to submit the new charter for ratification to a vote of the people.

EXPERIMENT TOO DANGEROUS. "Our delegation was decidedly of the opinion that it would be altogether unwise to place in the hands of a mayor, elected by the people, the large powers and responsibilities which the charter proposed to give to a mayor to be elected on account of his business qualifications, by the board of aldermen."

COURSE ALREADY CONSIDERED. "Senator Pharr stated that this suggestion had been made by Mayor Franklin, and that he and Mr. Dowd then had the matter under advisement, and intimated that if the friends of the new charter would let the matter lie, the course of action was then had between the committee, the mayor, and the other Charlotte citizens, who were there representing one interest or another."

REGULATION CLAUSE IN BOTH. "Upon being informed of the action had at the morning conference, and having the matter explained to them, the Senator and Representatives returned for a conference among themselves, and upon their return announced their purpose to pass the new charter without amendment or change, (with the proviso that it should not go into effect until ratified by the people at the polls) and also to amend the old charter as suggested by our committee, with the addition that it should contain such regulations for the regulation of public service corporations as they should thereafter decide to incorporate into the new charter."

TOOK NO PART. "In the discussion I took no part whatever, as I was not present to represent any corporation, but in my capacity as a member of the committee of one hundred to urge the passage of the new charter."

THE SEABOARD SCHEDULE. Another Advocate of the Change That Was Recently Suggested. To the Editor of The Observer: I notice that you are lending your aid through your columns in bringing about the much needed change in the schedule of trains leaving Charlotte over the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and this is to ask that you will add this, my petition, to the railway company to give careful consideration to this matter, which means so much to Charlotte. I will not go into details since this was fully covered in yesterday's paper by Mr. Hunter.

Hung By His Finger. Newbern Journal, 2nd. Master Charles Hartling, the eight-year-old son of Mr. C. F. Hartling, met with a most excruciating accident yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. He was on the roof of the kitchen and was in the act of leaving to climb down the side of the house when his finger, ring, caught on a protruding nail in a board on the eaves and he hung suspended, his entire weight was on one finger and this had the effect of tearing the finger entirely from the hand. The bone was crushed by the flattening ring. The boy was found on the ground, the injured hand bleeding profusely from the fearful injury. His agonizing cries stirred the neighborhood but he was a plucky little fellow and bravely withstood the surgical attentions given him.

IT SAVED HIS LEG. "All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema, that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well. Infallible for Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Boils, Fever Sores, Burns, Scalds, Cuts and Piles. 50c at all druggists."

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THE GREATER CHARLOTTE CLUB will hold a meeting to-night at 8:30 o'clock at the Selwyn Hotel, which promises to be of interest.

of the charter as recommended by the committee and the board of aldermen, or its rejection altogether. "I was not asked to go to Raleigh by the street railway company, or the A. C., and therefore had no right to speak for either of those companies, if I had desired to do so, as they were both ably represented by Colonel Rodman.

"In this connection it may not be improper to state that nearly two months ago I suggested to both Senator Pharr and Representative Dowd that, in my judgment, it would be wise and proper to pass a general State law placing all public service corporations under the control or supervision of the State Corporation Commission.

"These gentlemen spoke encouragingly of the scheme, but intimated that the present Legislature was too conservative to do so, and they doubted their ability to get such a measure through at the session. As a matter of fact, I understand their doubts were well founded, as the Legislature killed a bill of this nature, introduced by Senator Lockhardt.

UNDER CORPORATION COMMISSION. "While I do not approve of the measure proposed by our Senator and Representatives, for the regulation of public service corporations doing business in the City of Charlotte alone, first—because I see no reason why Charlotte should be singled out as the only city in the State for such legislation, and second, because I do not believe that the board of aldermen is the proper tribunal to pass upon these questions, on account of prejudice and self-interest, yet I do approve most heartily of the plan of all public service corporations under the control and supervision of the State Corporation Commission. And while I feel that our Senator and Representatives have made a mistake, in thus singling out for regulation and control by the city authority public service corporations doing business in the City of Charlotte, to the exclusion of those doing business in the other towns and cities of the State, as such action will have a tendency to cause investors of capital to conclude that Charlotte is more unfriendly and inhospitable to such enterprises than other cities in the State; yet I am satisfied that Senator Pharr and Mr. Dowd were trying to do that which they thought for the best interests of the City of Charlotte and her citizens."

"In my opinion, are to be most profitably commended for the painstaking care and patience they have exhibited throughout this entire controversy, which, it seems to me, has been magnified out of all proportion to its importance. The new charter threatened nobody's liberty, nor the confiscation of anybody's property. It was a compromise measure, hit upon by the charter committee to, as far as possible, meet the conservative views of all classes of representative citizens of the city."

TOO MUCH PARTISANSHIP. "The fierce opposition to two of the main features of the charter, on the part of some of our citizens, it seems to me has created so much partisan feeling in the minds of our people that a calm and dispassionate consideration of the charter is well-nigh out of the question.

"If, however, the leaders of both factions in this unfortunate controversy will agree to stop further discussion of the matter, and quietly go to the polls and register their preference, certainly no harm will be done by submitting to the voters of the city the question of the ratification or rejection of the new charter. At the same time, this election ought to serve to settle, once for all, the question as to whether the people of Charlotte are willing to delegate to the board of aldermen the right to select a business mayor, and to carry on, by local assessment, permanent street improvements, according to the method provided in the new charter."

"It seems that we have had enough discussion on this subject to either elucidate or mystify the controversy, and that in either event further discussion would be useless; while it might prove harmful to the business interests of the city."

"If a further discussion, of an intemperate and partisan character is indulged in, it is to be greatly feared that we will gain the reputation of being the most turbulent city in the State—which reputation is not at all enviable, from any viewpoint."

Piedmont Railway Company to Improve Its Road. Special to The Observer. Thomasville, March 1.—The new engine of the Piedmont Railway Company arrived in Thomasville Saturday night and will be rigged up Monday and put into commission. It is a rather odd-looking engine, but comes highly recommended, not for speed, as it only runs at the fifteen or twenty miles per hour, but for pulling capacity. It is one of the strongest made and will handle a long string of cars over almost any kind of road with comparative ease. Active and quiet, it is just the beginning of improvements that are to be made on the road, and before the close of the year the road will be re-graded, overhauled, and made a first-class road, and will be extended to Elizabethtown, in Montgomery county, twenty miles below Denton, the present terminus, and will pass through large forests of virgin timber.

Upon this announcement, Col. W. B. Rodman, representing the street railway company, ex-Judge F. L. Osborne, representing the Southern Power Company, and Mr. M. E. Spier, representing the Bell Telephone Company, asked permission to be further heard by the Senator and Representatives, before they should finally decide upon the manner in which they proposed to regulate these public service corporations. This request was granted, and the Senator and Representatives held another meeting Saturday night, at which Judge Osborne, Colonel Rodman and Mr. Spier urged their objections to the proposed regulations of public service corporations.

"After the gentlemen were heard, Senator Pharr announced in effect that they had agreed to insert a clause in the new and old charters authorizing the board of aldermen or the executive board, to hear complaints of citizens of Charlotte concerning any inefficient service or excessive rates of these public service corporations, and upon such complaints and notice to the offending company, to pass such orders and regulations as such board might deem just and proper, giving the corporation the right to appeal its case to the Corporation Commission, where the matter should be heard de novo.

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