CHARLOTTE DAILY OBSERVER, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1909.

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS HIT HARD.

At Interesting Meeting the Board of Aldermen Imposes Tax of \$1,000 as a Prerequisite to the Sale of Near Beer or Other Drink Containing One-Half of One Per Cent. of Alcoof in its Composition-Numerou Other Changes in Revenue Act and Another Meeting Will Be Held To-Night to Fnish, if May Be, This Task Before the Monthly Meeting For June-Mr. Whitlock Says Near Beer Saloons Are Cloaks For Sale of Liquor.

"On every retail or wholesale dealer in eider (except sweet, unadulterated cider. made from apples). Near Beer, Tidal Wave Beerine. Dwenty-Three, Hop Beverage, Noxal or any drink under any name or description whatsoever containing as much as one-half of 1 per cent. of alcohol, the license tax shall be \$1,000 per annum. Provided, that no license under this section shall be granted by the board of aldermen on application duly made by the person desiring to engage in such business, and no license shall be granted for less than a year.

The incorporation of this clause into thhe proposed revenue law was the most interesting and significant act performed last night by the board aldermen in called session assembled Namerous changes of more or iess importance were made in the old revenue bill, these being noted hereafter. Mr Thomas W. Alexander was elected recorder pro tem. to act in the absence of the regular official The board adjourned at 11:30 to mee! to-night at \$ 30, when the revenue matter will be taken up sgain.

Plain-spoken were the advocates of the \$1,000 tax in their declaration that their desire was to drive the business out of the city entirely. The \$5,000 figure was mentioned by one person and \$2.500 by another, while several favored allowing the price to remain at the present quotation of 13 per year on retailers.

indirectly said that he would pay would apply for license. "Suppose he Here the city will be of does that licensing a beer saloon." declared one elected. opponent of the increase. The measure finally passed by a vote of 11 to 5 Those voting ave were Aldermon Henderson, Fore, Hall, McLaughlin, Hun ter, Anderson, Mason, E R. Smith Whitlock, Kistler, Windson those voting may being Aldermen Watson. Z. T. Smith, Phifer, E. S. Williams and Dr. J. C. Montgomery

Mr Whitlock declared that while he did not believe near beer to b intoxicating, yet he did believe that the places run by dealers in this and kindred drinks were merely cloaks to cover the sale of intoxicants, and cited comments of press and pulpit during the celebration of the 10th recently to sustain this position. Beer and its imitation resemble one another so closely that it is difficult to tell one from the other merely by inspection

Answering the secretary's roll-call were, besides the mayor, Aldermen Henderson, Fore, Hall, Watson, Z. T Smith, W. W. Phifer, Hunter, Mason, Erskine Smith, Montgomery, Kistler Wingate, Lewis, Anderson, McLaughlin, E. S. Williams and Whitlock.

Mayor Hawkins stated that he had called the meeting of the board for the special purpose of giving con-The alderation to the revenue act. committee in charge of the matter was a tentative body and its personnel might be changed. It was desired that before the first meeting in June board should have a preliminary

CHANGES IN REVENUE BILL mecessary. Later, he had changed his all who did not attain above \$55,000 had to mind, thinking that by having all pay \$55 members of the board serve on one or more committees a keener interest in aldermanic work would be generated in all.

Mr. Fore made a humerous reference to the hoodoo thirteen, and suggested the consolidation of the sewer committee with that on sidewalks and old committees as The streets on streets and sidewalks, finance, sewers, ordinances, lights, fire department, cotton platform, cemeteries,

health, police, public libraries, graded schools and public buildings. After general discussion the whole

matter was left with the mayor to appoint such committees as are necesed in this section. They will act purely in an adsary. For fruit tree or nursery agents the visory capacity.

AMENDMENT TO REVENUE BILL When the subject of compulsory ax listing was broached, Mr. Whitlock stated that in the tentative revenue bill prepared, his committee had incorporated a clause as an amendment to Section 5, which he then read. Following the mandate that the clerk and treasurer shall charge all persons a double tax on property, found by examination to be unlisted.

the amendment adds that such sum (double tax) is hereby fixed as a penalty, recoverable before the recorder, justice of the peace or other court having competent jurisdiction. after the manner of fines and penaltics imposed by the board of aldermen and it shall be the duty of the tax commissioner to bring suit in such ourts on behalf of the City of Charlotte on or before January 1, 1910. The reference to other courts of

ompetent jurisdiction was inserted to cover the cases of wealthy persons whose taxes would amount to more than \$200.

This was later passed as an amendment to the revenue bill.

TO DECIDE NUMBER POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN.

An exhaustive discussion of the police situation terminated in an authorization for the mayor to ap-One dealer was quoted as having point five men (which will be done this morning) to confer with the city's the \$1,000 tax if it were imposed and executive board and make a report at the next meeting as to the number firemen and policemen to be

It developed that the aldermen have the power to prescribe a number which may not be exceeded by the executive board in the election of firemen and policemen. The latter body is authorized to elect such of these officers as shall "have been provided for' by the aldermen. The previous hoard did not exercise this prerogative and it was clearly apparent that the aldermen had in hand no data sufficient to enable them to pass on what is really a perplexing question. Mayor Hawkins stated, frankly, that is heard was as yet in doubt as to the course it should pursue. Neither department can see how it could do its work as efficiently with less men and no way is apparent by which exlitures can be judiclously cut here.

A resolution was offered providing that, whereas, the board of aldermen a required by the new charter to draw up a set of civil service rules to govern the firemen and policemen he elected soon, the mayor should be authorized to appoint a committee of three to draw up a system of exami nations and report,

This was not acted on definitely action being deferred.

REVENUE BILL CONSIDERED. At this point the revenue bill was taken up in detail, Mr. Whitlock, chair-

The graduated license tax on dealers in cotton, fermerly based on the number of bales handled annually, was swept away and one tax of \$35 required from all.

A graduated scale was established in the case of electric light companies, previously taxed \$350 without distinction. Now only those whose gross receipts are \$159,000 or more must pay the \$250; these enumerated by the mayor are those ranking under those figures are taxed \$150.

The price for license for a fertiliser mixer or manufacturer or compounder per annum is raised from \$50 to \$100. Flying jennies are taxed \$10 a week as

formerly with an alternative price \$2.50 a day and ferris wheels are includ-

price is reduced from \$25 to \$10 a year.

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On each and every fruit stand within one block of the public square the license tax shall be \$100; on those within two blocks it shall be \$25; on those more disant than that, \$10. The first two of these are changes. Last year it was one price of \$25 to all within two blocks. Dealers in furs were removed from those in hides and bones. In whose company last year they paid \$25, and are now taxed \$10.

Butcher shops-All retail dealers in fish has had 25 years' experience in the r green meats located or doing business within the following boundaries: Be ginning at the intersection of North Tryon and Ninth street with W. Ninth street to the main line of the Southern Rallway; thence with the Southern Rallway to the C. C. & A. road, and with the C & A. road to Vance street; thence along Vance street to Caldwell street, thence along Caldwell street to East thence with East Ninth Ninth street: street to the beginning, per annum \$50. Each such dealer located or doing business without said boundaries, per annum, \$25.

At this stage the board adjourned.

WILL MEET IN CONCORD.

Sunday School Convention of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association to Meet With Second Baptist Church, Concord. Last of This Week.

The Sunday school convention of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association will meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning with the Second Baplist

church, of Concord, and continue in session through Sunday. The programme, as prepared by the special

committee, is as follows Introductory sermon, E. E. Homar

rganization uld the Teacher be a Sunday School phaphone?" S. N. Watson and H. Graphaphone?"

hell

How Should the Teaching Forces in Our Sunday Schools be Distributed?" J. E. M. Davenport and Charles C

Tengue. Should the Sunday School Live For Its Own Entertainment?" S. F. Conrad and K. W. Hogan

How Can We Keep Church Members From Sunday Schuol" J. I. Kirk and E. Hough B. Hough and the Church Elect the Sanday General Why?" (General ₿V. Should School Offigers, and Why?" discussion. Preaching Saturday night by W P Campbell Sunday II a. m. Sermon by C H Mar-

Sunday night, sermon by J E. M Day enport

& Southwestern.



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former name with that of the

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drug business, has been elected presi-

dent and will give this business his

personal oversight. The same corps

of expert pharmacists, Messrs, J. A.

Hart, A. R. Reese, and W. H. Wearn

and assistants, Messrs. William J

Skinner and Thomas H. Allen, will

continue to give the best service pos-

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Blake is one of the most capable and

bliging drug men in the business and

mediate and constant direction will

retail business under his im

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ontinue to grow.

Will Change Name of Barwell & Dunn CHARLOTTE'S GROWTH UN-FOUALED The name of Burwell & Dunn Retail Store will in the next few days

Widely-Traveled Visitor Comments on Evident Expansion and Develop-ment of Queen City-Considers Ad-VARCEINS nt Unsurpassed.

"The citizens of Charlotte really do not realize in full the tremendous ad-Dunn Company. The owners vancement which the Queen City has made in the last five years," said Dr. A. G. Payne, president of the Andes' Laboratories, of Kentucky, yesterday afternoon to a representative of The bserver.

> Dr. Payne, who has traversed neary every State of the entire South in he last six months, and who has lately been in Columbia. Asheville and Raleigh, was completely surprised at the expansion and development which has been made locally since his last visit here, about five years ago, and expressed himself at some length.

Dr. Payne, known throughout the nited States as "Payne. The Great Advertiser," coninuing, said: "The people of Charlotte who have witnessed the gradual up-building of the city are unable to realize how vast the movement has actually progressed. Blocks of vacant lots near the centre of the city five years ago are now overed with modern structures.

"Miles of newly-paved streets have een laid in that time and comparing harlotte with other places of similar size which I have visited lately I should say that it is not only the Queen City of the State, but of the entire eastern section of the South. 'harlotte has grown faster, more solliy and in more modern ways than any other community which I have visited in the past few months. Such an opinion, from an outsider, will enable Charlotte and its people to gain fresh grasp of this city's admir-

able advantages. Dr. Payne, accompanied by other members of his company, will make once we have a call for an their headquarters at the Buford Hotel while they are in this city,

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Sonthern Official Goes With Virginia Special to The Observer.

Roanoke, Va., May 26 .- S. J. Mulaney, trainmaster of the Atlanta division of the Southern Railway, has been appointed superintendent of the Virginia & Southwestern Rallway He man of the revenue committee, reading will be located at Bristol, Tenn., and

Diocese,

equaintance with it and settle tentatively as many points as possible be-fore H is formally ratified. The questions which arise in this field, said he, are very perplexing anyway, and it is often difficult to determine just what is the proper thing to be done, making it obligatory on the tax commistherefore, he had thought it besi to appoint a committee to study the sub- the penalty before January 1 was passed ject and recommend such changes as an amendment to Section 5 of Class A. seemed to its members best, the board that of the ad valorem taxes being, of course, in no way bound by the recommendations of that body. that:

The election of a recorder pro tem. "The clerk and the treasurer shall, with was an event which had been overin thirty days from the time given to looked and had not been provided for. make returns of property and polls for "I do not wish to spring the matter taxation, make out, by comparing his on you suddenly." said Mr. Hawkins, | books with the returns made to the town-"and it shall be for you to say ship assessor and by diligent inquiry from whether or not action hall be de- other sources, a list of taxable polls and ferred." a description and valuation of all prop-

Another cause which moved him to erty of every description not givsummon together the council of law- en in, with the names of the person makers was the need for fixing the supposed to be liable for poll tax who The falled to give themselves in, and shall salary of the tax commissioner. law specifies that the mayor shall charge all such persons double the tax nominate a man for that position, his with which they would otherwise be salary to be paid half by the board chargeable, unless satisfactory excuse of aldermen and one-half by the therefor be presented to the board of aldermen on or before the first day of decision is to be reached by a con- August' CHANGES MADE.

ference or adjustment between the two boards. It is necessary for him to know as soon as possible the license taxes; amount to be paid and as County Chairman Long expressed unwilling- raised from \$2 to \$10. ness to name a price without conferring first with his board. Mr Hawkins bagatelle table or table of like character favored appointing a committee to

reach an adjustment, It was later moved and carried that annum for each table-raised from \$25 to the mayor should appoint such a com-mittee. The number of committee-Bootblacks—each stand or bootb men is a matter for the mayor's discretion.

"An ordinance should be passed enforcing a penalty for failure to list which were previously taxed the same, property," Mr. Hawkins continued, are exempted from license tax. discussing this subject at some length. ordinance imposing the penalty sale dealer or agent of coca-cola, pepsifor double taxing would have to be cola, all or any other kind of soft drink passed before the beginning of the for which a higher license tax is not time in which property is to be listed specified elsewhere per annum-raised in order to be valid and effective. An from \$50 to \$75. examination of the law reveals the fact that the listing of city taxes is bill posting and sign tacking per annum Imperative and must be done at the city hall. If this is not done, according to the letter of the requirement. some one might raise a question as to stricking machine, telescopes, lung testthe validity of any extra levies.

RECORDER PRO TEM. CHOSEN. Alderman W. I. Henderson said: "If there is no objection. I place in annum-reduced from \$25 to \$10 nomination for the position of recorder pro tem. Mr. Thomas 11. Alexander.

"I second the nomination, Alderman P. C. Whitlock. said

"I'd prefer, first, to get the sense cents, a tax of \$15 for each performance of the board," said the mayor, "as to whather or not you wish to defer day: on those whose general admission is action.

Everybody voted "aye" and "no" when the question of an or 50 a day; on those whose admission diate election was put. Is over 50 cents, \$200 for each performimmediate election was put.

T'll consider Mr. Alexander in nom-"Any terms quoted first were last year for a whole day Sideshows. \$10. ination," said Mayor Hawkins. further nominations?"

None there was and Mr. Alexander was unanimously chosen. His compensation, it was stated, tax concerts

when the question was raised, will be \$5 a day for active service, this ount to be deducted from the mlary of the recorder.

In the matter of licenses for persons or Considerable time was devoted to constructing ussing the number of committees bridges, railroads, streets, sidewalks, or the board should have. The old order any other class of buildings or improveof business provides for 13. Mr. ment operations, a tax of \$5 is provided films said at first he had confor those whose business is not over \$5,000 sidered that a commission on finance and \$10 for those whose gross receipta and one on ordinances would be all are not in excess of \$10,000. Heretofore

ASPAN NO

the provisions, noting the changes and will assume his new position June 1. the aldermen voting on those proposed The provision previously referred to mak-Elected Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia ing the double taxation penalty for failure to list property collectable in re-Leesburg, Va., May 26-Rev. Ar-thur 8, Lloyd, of New York, was this corder's court, magistrate's court or oth er court of competent jurisdiction and sioner to bring suit in such courts for

The first part of the section provides

compensation directly or indirectly.

Bootblacks-each stand or bootblack, or

eat on the street, to be located by the

chief of police, as before, \$1 per month,

or \$10 per annum; stands on the inside

Every bottler by machinery or whole-

Each person engaged in the business of

l'pon each and every itinerant dealer in

ers, chance games or similar devices,

On each cement block manufacturer per

On each carriage building or repair

shop per annum-raised from \$10 to \$15.

where general admission is 25 cents or

less and reserved seats not exceeding 15

(instead of per diem as before), or \$25 a

under 50 cents and reserved seats not in

excess of 25 cents-\$50 each performance

ance or \$300 a day. In each instance the

The word "solely" is inserted in the clause exempting from the \$2.50 license

RAISES AND REDUCTIONS

This will not exempt those

"auspices" of this and that,

"for charity purposes."

'under the

buildings,

operating cane boards, knife racks,

otherwise licensed-raised from \$2.50

each circus or show under tent

-raised from \$25 to \$50.

to \$5 a day.

On

evening elected bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. He was elected on the first hallot taken at the 114th annual meeting of the diocese now in session here.

> Mr. Clarence M. Burns, Jr., cashier of the Bank of Wadesboro, is spending a few days in that city attendthe meeting of the North Caro-Ing lina Bankers' Association.



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