

POLICEMEN FEEL THE CUT CHRISTENSBURY STILL CHIEF.

Executive Board Re-Elects Chief of Police at Same Salary and Also Sergeant Youngblood—W. H. Pitts Succeeds Sergeant W. H. Irvine, However, Who Falls of Election to the Force—Salaries of Sergeants Reduced From \$70 to \$65...

Holding its second meeting on consecutive days, the executive board of the City of Charlotte yesterday afternoon dealt with the police and sanitary departments of the municipal government. Mr. Thomas M. Christensbury was again elected chief of police, there being no other applicant...

The number of policemen was reduced from 24 to 21 in the interest of economy. Besides the chief and the two sergeants, the others elected were Messrs. W. B. Orr, desk sergeant, at an unchanged salary of \$70; J. M. Earnhardt, night turnkey, at a salary of \$55, reduced from \$65; J. T. Manley, driver of the patrol, and junior at \$50, this being a reduction of \$5 from the previous salary...

No changes were made in the sanitary department, but this is but "the calm before the storm." The board has in mind radical changes in the way of cleaning up the city and it is merely keeping the mind in final made-up. The latter will probably be a matter of some weeks.

MR. IRVINE POPULAR. Everyone who knows ex-Sergeant Irvine will see him leave the police force with genuine regret. There has not been and is not in the local service a man whose citizenship is savor of higher tone, or who commands more implicit confidence. In all his more than 14 years' service as policeman and in other capacities there has never been the shadow of a charge against him...

Mr. J. M. Harry appeared before the board when it was called to order to urge the annulment of the \$10 a month decrease in salary voted yesterday in the case of C. M. Berryhill, keeper of Elmwood Cemetery. The change was from \$75 to \$65. Mr. Harry said the man is on duty 16 hours a day for seven days in the week; is the only one who knows anything about the cemetery and the city could not afford to lose his services...

While in sympathy with Mr. Harry's contention, theoretically, the board was unable to take its eyes off the huge deficit facing the city. The same feeling, said the mayor, is entertained in all the departments and is every case similar arguments could be made. Evidently the board did not relish the idea of setting the precedent of reversing one of its decisions in the matter of reductions just when it is avowedly embarking on a career of expense-cutting in so far as this can be accomplished without impairing the efficiency of the service...

The mayor then began to show figures at Mr. Harry, showing the considerable excess of the cost of maintaining Elmwood Cemetery over the receipts therefrom and the desirability of putting it on a paying basis, unless the people of Charlotte are going to stop paying taxes on about 12 1/2 per cent. of the city's assets and then demanding \$1.50 for every \$1 paid in. The cost of grave-digging cannot be raised any higher, as it is already a severe tax on the poor...

Mr. Harry, having presented his case, withdrew and the matter was not taken up again. There are certain psychological laws governing the decisions reached by all deliberative bodies and it was easy to see that the avalanche of opinion reversal necessary to the raise was not even moving with the slow initial speed of a glacier.

The police department was taken up. The election of the chief was deferred. Mr. M. M. Murphy, chairman of the police department, read a list of applications for positions as patrolmen. Among those applying were John R. Bell, E. T. Byers, J. T. Childers, J. G. Childers, M. E. Crowell (for desk sergeant), Wade Franklin Foll, John W. Ford, C. F. Flowers, Thomas J. Gribble, W. A. Hunsycutt, C. S. McLaughlin, J. H. Mills, J. Kendall Ward, Lewis Bennett, A. C. Welsh, Alvin E. Cates, Samuel A. Cook and...

SOMETHING IN A NAME. "Here's a man," said Mr. Murphy, pausing, "who certainly has the name of a policeman. Dennis F. O'Brien. Don't you think we ought to elect him on his name?"

"His name is New York and get a job," interposed Mayor Hawkins. "It certainly looks like Murphy ought to vote for O'Brien," said Mr. Murphy, thoughtfully, half sotto voce.

But there were not jobs enough even for the present policemen, so none of the applicants got in.

After the election of patrolmen and sergeants from the ranks of these, the position of chief of police was taken up.

A THRILLING RESCUE. How Bert R. Lean of Cheno, Wash., was saved from a frightful death is a story to thrill the world. "A hard cold," he writes, "brought on a desperate lung trouble that baffled an expert doctor here. Then I paid \$10 to \$15 a visit to a lung specialist in Spokane, who did not help. Then I went to Calgary, Alberta, without benefit. At last I used Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me and now I am as well as ever."

was taken up. There was no application other than that of the incumbent and he was chosen. The sanitary department was then taken up and discussed at length. It was decided to continue the present officers temporarily until the board can plan out an entirely new system. Adjournment was then taken. The action in the case of the police department ends the agony for quite a number who have been on the anxious bench. There have been rumors of liquidation—rumors of possible changes which have been sufficient to bring about a state of suspense. It is regretted by all that it was felt necessary to reduce either force or salaries, but the board is the body charged with the responsibility of meeting the situation and it is proceeding according to its best judgment. Nothing could be more harmonious than it in all discussions. It is finely representative of the most substantial phase of Charlotte life. Desk Sergeant W. B. Orr, with the exception of the chief of police, is the only official elected yesterday whose salary was not reduced. This illustrates the attitude of the board toward him and his work. He is regarded as easily one of the most capable men in the employ of the department, being well qualified, familiar with the legal procedure and accurate and painstaking in his accounts and other work. Chief Christensbury has made a conscientious, straightforward official, as he is that sort of a man.

WILL MAKE INVESTIGATION.

Committee Appointed to Examine Accounts of Late Administration Likely to Furnish Some Spicy Reading.

The action of the board of aldermen Tuesday night in appointing, at the instance of Mr. Plummer Stewart, a committee consisting of himself and Messrs. P. C. Whitlock, J. C. Hunter and E. R. Smith, to investigate the ways and means of certain accounts incurred by the former administration has directed attention to several skeletons of the past which some had thought were buried for all time. Particularly is there one here for 1875-85, an appropriation towards the expenses incurred by the Municipal Convention, which will occasion some "Runcombs" talk, and especially one item of \$192 to R. K. Blair which will afford a splendid rest in this bill of \$73.95 as other items as "George Hibbard, mayor of Boston, \$150, an extra stenographer, \$35, auto service, \$30, etc." While no definite announcement ever appeared as to the \$192 account, it is generally believed to have been for the liquidation of a municipal banquet given at the Selwyn Hotel while the convention was in progress. However that may be, the committee will investigate it and doubtless submit a few remarks which will furnish some spicy reading.

Other accounts investigated will be the appropriation of \$300, June 15, 1908, for the State Democratic convention, \$417.50, September 4, for the same purpose, \$200 for the State Republican convention, and one or two other minor bills. All bills were for entertainment purposes, the city contributing a portion towards the expense of properly entertaining the guests. There is a question as to the legality of any contributions made by a municipality but this will not figure in the present investigation. There will be, however, doubtless some little agitation in the direction of the \$192 account, which rumor has been preparing to "shell the woods" on.

THE YACKETT YACK.

The 1909 Annual of the University Takes High Rank Among the Publications of Its Class.

Compiled and created on by far the most expensive scale in its nine years' history, The Yackett Yack, the State University annual, has appeared in a form which would be creditable to any institution in the United States. Its aim as set forth by the editors has been more than attained: "To present University life in all its phases and activities." To the editor-in-chief, Mr. Henry Plant Osborne, and his staff of some score associates, are due the praise, together with the business managers, Messrs. Benjamin Leonidas Banks, Jr., and Thomas Joseph McMane. Every department has been handled in masterly style—no work of the novice is here.

The book is dedicated to one of Carolina's successful alumni, Hon. Walter Clark. The introductory article is a biographical sketch of Chief Justice Clark by Mr. N. W. Wallace. One of the most interesting features is a brief characterization of each of the seniors, accompanied by an excellent photograph. An article worth reading is "The University Man as Conceived by Three Seniors." By it is afforded a clear conception of the high ideal that each student has created for himself. Another readable article is "The Non-Fraternityman." Here is set forth his views on the subject of organization. A number of clever poems brighten the pages—especially good are some from the pen of S. H. Lyle, Mr. A. C. Hutchison, Jr., of this city, contribute generously to the excellent cartoon work. In the neighborhood of a thousand copies have been sold at \$2 each.

MRS. A. J. GREEN DEAD.

Respected Lady of Monroe Dies at Home of Son in Charlotte After Prolonged Illness—Funeral in Home Town To-Day.

Mrs. A. J. Green, of Monroe, died yesterday afternoon at 5:40 o'clock at the home of her brother, Mr. W. T. Hart, No. 411 East Fifth street, after a long and patiently borne suffering. She was 49 years of age. Surviving are her husband and one son. The remains will be conveyed to Monroe on the early train to-day. The funeral services will be conducted at her residence there this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. George H. Atkinson, of Albemarle, will conduct this. He was formerly her pastor. Mrs. Green was a member of the Monroe Presbyterian church and was a devout Christian.

Three brothers, Messrs. S. B. Hart, of Monroe; W. T. Hart, of Charlotte, and Dr. J. E. Hart, of Wadesboro, survive, together with one sister, Mrs. Preston Smith, of Monroe.

Pharmacists to Be Invited to Visit Charlotte.

Charlotte has its eye on the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association which meets on the 23d of this month at Greensboro. Through the Greater Charlotte Club, the mayor, the clubs and the hotels the courtesies of the city during the meeting of next year will be offered to the druggists. Mr. J. E. Shell, of Lenoir, is president, and Mr. T. W. Vaughn, of Durham, is the secretary of the organization. It is not improbable that the association will accept the invitation from the city. As already stated, invitations are out to the State Building and Loan Association meeting this week in Raleigh, and also to the national association which convenes soon.

STEPDAUGHTER WANTS \$10,000.

Mrs. J. G. Smith and Husband Sue Mrs. Jennie L. Teeter For \$10,000 Damages Alleged to Be Due Because of Deterioration of Value of Property.

The case of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith against Mrs. Jennie L. Teeter, consumed all of yesterday at the present term of civil court. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are suing Mrs. Teeter, who is the stepmother of Mrs. Smith, for \$10,000 damages which she claims are due her as her portion of her father's estate which was left to his second wife during her life time. The claim of damages is based on the grounds that the property left to Mrs. Teeter, consisting of 440 acres of land, in Crab Orchard township, had been greatly reduced in value by the cutting of timber and the clearing of the property. Mr. W. F. Harding represented Mrs. Teeter, and by placing 12 or 15 of Crab Orchard's best farmers and citizens on the stand, in part convinced the jury that the value of the property had not been decreased by the cutting of timber, etc., but that the value of the defendant's care, the property had increased in value from \$500 to \$1,200. This increase in the value of the property, so the witnesses stated, was due entirely to the improvements made by Mrs. Teeter. There still remains on the property over 200 acres of timber land and many houses have been erected by the defendant since the death of her husband 15 years ago.

Judge W. J. Montgomery, of Concord, and Judge Armistead Burwell represented Mr. and Mrs. Smith. All of the witnesses were examined yesterday and the speeches of the three attorneys finished before court adjourned.

Judge W. B. Council will this morning charge the jury in the case and a verdict will doubtless be arrived at shortly after they are closed.

CHARLOTTE U. C. T.'S RESPOND.

Well-Known Organization Donates \$50 to 20th of May Committee to Make Up Deficit.

Charlotte Council, No. 297, United Commercial Travelers, has contributed \$50 to the central committee of the 20th of May celebration, to help make up the deficit consequent upon that event, which has been pending for the past several weeks. Mr. Clarence O. Kuester, chairman of the finance committee, yesterday received the following letter: Dear Sir and Brother: At the regular meeting of Charlotte Council, No. 297, United Commercial Travelers, held at their council chamber on Saturday evening, 5th instant, a resolution was passed, unanimously donating \$50 to your committee to aid you in the shortage incurred for the 20th of May celebration, and the undersigned committee was appointed to hand you check for the above amount. Yours fraternally, G. SHANNONHOUSE, E. B. LITTLEFIELD, L. N. SCHIFF, Committee.

C. C. & O. Excursion Still a Live Question.

Whether or not free excursion will be run from Spruce Pine or some other point up the C. C. & O. Railway to Charlotte will be decided within the next few weeks. If the plan materializes it is likely to do so within six weeks. The Greater Charlotte Club is behind the scheme, which it proposes to give the business people of that section a chance to get acquainted with Charlotte. Their expenses will be paid here and a night's lodging given them. Definite arrangements have not been made. The pulse of those who are to back it have not been sufficiently felt to justify a prediction.

Sermon to Firemen.

Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt has been engaged to preach the annual sermon to the firemen next Sunday morning at St. Peter's Episcopal church. This day is the shortest day as memorial day and it is customary for all departments to choose a minister in their respective towns to preach the annual memorial sermon. All the volunteer firemen and all who have at any time served in the department are cordially invited to attend the service.

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WILL SPEND A MONTH HERE. Rev. E. Grier Carson to Have Temporary Charge of the A. R. P. Churches at Groveton and Villa Heights. The following is from The Gastronia Gazette: "Rev. E. Grier Carson left Saturday for Charlotte, where he will have charge temporarily of the A. R. P. churches at Groveton and Villa Heights. He will spend the month of June with these congregations and will go the 1st of July for a month to the church at Pittsburg, Kan. Mr. Carson was graduated from the Erskine Theological Seminary last week. He preached his trial sermon at the spring session of the First Presbyterian here last month. He is a son of Mrs. and Mrs. John B. Carson, of the Pisgah neighborhood, and a brother of Revs. John W. and R. W. Carson, both of Mississippi. He is a young man of promise and his many friends will watch his career with interest."

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