

SALOON HOURS MOVED AGAIN

At Last Night's Meeting of the Aldermen.

Eleven O'clock the Closing Hour, Six the Opening.

A Long Discussion of the Subject—"Aston Street"—Collecting Water Rents—Prolonged Session of the Board.

There was a large number of visitors at the meeting of the board of aldermen last night and a full attendance of the board. The matter of changing the name of Willow street was again brought before the board, this time by Col. James M. Ray, who represented those whose wishes were to be consulted in the matter. After very little discussion it was moved and carried that the street hereafter be known as Aston street.

Dr. Crawford relieved the board's mind of any uneasiness which might arise from a report which was circulated in Baptist Hill section of the town that there was a woman there who had come from Greenville, S. C., and who was thought to have small pox.

Captain Patton read a paper presenting some facts relative to the treatment of the woman who was stabbed by a pitchfork, and who was placed in jail. Dr. Crawford and Mr. James stated that the woman had been well treated and Alderman Scott and Burnett, saw no violation of the City Code, save the absence of the Matron.

Captain Patton spoke of the failure of the authorities to punish those who conducted the houses of ill repute in the city. Police Captain Fitzpatrick stated that numerous such arrests had been made, but continued failure to convict them had rendered the arrests and confinement, useless.

A license granted to B. M. Sheppard to keep a restaurant on North Main was transferred by special request to Florence Wood.

Alderman Burnett then offered the following resolution: Resolved, that the hour for opening the saloons in the city of Asheville from and after January 1st, 1905, be 6 o'clock a. m. and that the hours of closing be 11 o'clock midnight, Saturday night.

The matter being open for discussion Mr. McKissick spoke in behalf of having long hours in his hotel, inasmuch as all his hotel trade was night trade, that the guests were out riding and driving during the afternoon, and that if wines could not be supplied for suppers and the guests would go elsewhere. He expressed a willingness rather to open at 6 p. m. and close at 12 p. m. than to conform to the city's laws.

Dr. C. W. Byrd then arose and presented a petition signed by over 600 of Asheville's best women. He spoke of the harm done those who, if the saloons were closed early, would go home to their families, but who, if they could, would stay up all night and drink. Early closing would put a stop to these midnight rows and the police court would in a month notice a diminution in the arrests.

"It is not the business of the aldermen to consider," he said, "whether or no the saloon keepers are making money, but to work for the best interests of the city. Long before eleven o'clock the visitors are housed and warm and the citizens are the ones to suffer. The hotels are not the places that do the great harm. If they are to be open to their guests solely, they should not be limited to early hours. Have not the aldermen the same authority to legislate against long saloon hours as the state legislature and other bodies to legislate against long hours in the cotton mills and factories? Saloons, as it is, are kept open three hours later than the business houses. The most prosperous cities have early closing hours."

Judge Carter stated that the liquor saloons of Asheville were making no money, that a majority of the night drinkers were the visitors, and that it was a source of revenue that did not materially affect the citizens. He spoke of citizens being higher here than anywhere else.

Rev. McInnes, pastor of St. Matthias church, spoke, as he said, in behalf of the most unfortunate people in Asheville, the poorest and those who furnished the most trouble. He referred to "Greasy Carriers" and the recent and continued trouble the authorities have had with the drunken negroes. He cited several instances where trouble had been caused by drink, and urged that unless the saloons were closed early, the streets would, in the future as in the past, be crowded with drunken negroes until he could safely pass through without running the risk of being insulted; that the city would have to feed the negroes in the jail and support their families.

Mr. L. P. McLeod desired that only justice should be given the saloon keepers, and that they should be treated proportionally as other business men of the city. He stated, as did others, that the charges for license here were much more exorbitant than in other places. In Richmond they are \$80; here they are \$1,200; in New York \$300.

Mr. Duff Merrick spoke of the men who went into this business and who had invested all the way from \$5,000 to \$30,000, entered into it with no idea of being closed down upon; that they could not withdraw

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their capital at once. A reduction in the city's revenue was to be considered, too. Dr. Byrd and Judge Carter spoke twice on their respective sides.

Alderman Burnett's motion was then put and carried.

There was an application to change the front of the store above the Battery Park bank, which was granted.

J. K. Palmer, who pleaded physical inability, was exempted from poll tax.

The strip of land belonging to the McDowell's, part of which is to be used for a switch for the Asheville and Biltmore street railroad, was accepted at \$75.00 and Mr. Craig was instructed to draw up the papers.

Alderman Scott reported for the water and sewer committee and advised a duplicate steam pump at the water works. He stated that during high water the power is sufficient, but when a dry spell comes extra power is needed. It was thought that it was advisable to raise the dam three or four feet higher, so as to increase the power and lessen the expense of fuel. It was probable, too, that sufficient power could be gotten by such an elevation in the dam, to furnish the city with lights. Quite a general discussion followed and the probability of damaging the lands of Mr. Whitson was mentioned legitimately.

The matter of retaining Water Superintendent Roberts to carry out the law in regard to collecting water rents was discussed. Mr. McKissick stated that since a metre had been placed in the hotel, the pressure of the water had been decreased so much that the water would be of little service in case of fire. His request that an elbow, to be used in case of fire only, be put in was granted.

Mr. W. P. Pegram called the attention of the board to the crossing opposite the Baptist church, and a double crossing was ordered. Crossings were also ordered at the intersection of Spruce and Eagle streets and at Branch Road avenue, opposite Mr. Cruse's.

John A. Campbell reported an approximate estimate of the funds the city might expect from taxes.

Tax list 1897	\$68,876 90
Collected to Dec. 30	\$40,821.92
Discounts for Sept.	\$1,200.68
	42022 60
Balance on hand	\$26,654 30
Estimates for insolvents, removals and exemptions	\$ 3,500 00
	23154 30
Estimated balance on special	6500 00
Balance to be collected	\$29,654 30

The following bills were ordered paid: B. W. Decker, \$18.00; Dr. Carter, \$5.00; T. C. Smith, 60c; Locke Craig, \$50.00; W. Robertson, \$1.50; C. C. McHard, \$1.00; Mrs. V. J. Ball, \$9.50; McAdam Printing Co., \$1.75; J. A. Tennant, \$2.41; Asheville Supply and Foundry Co., \$5.43; Duckett, \$10.00; Cleveland, \$10.00; B. L. Shopping, \$305.47; Dr. A. Crawford, \$23.00; Cowan & Straley, 15c.

Mr. McKissick stated that if the city would give him permission, he would improve the condition of Haywood street between the postoffice and Flint street by scattering cinders over it. Such permission was granted.

The fire committee was instructed to purchase a new wagon for the hose wagon.

A motion was put and carried to the effect that the action taken at the call meeting to borrow \$5,000 be rescinded. A new motion was then taken to the effect that \$10,000 be borrowed with which to meet the interest on the city's debt. This being carried, the board adjourned.

Weekly cash statement, December 30, 1897. Cash received:	
J. A. Campbell	\$3,420 90
W. A. James, jr., fines	24 50
W. H. Bird, sanitary	24 90
M. E. Roberts, water	34 50
Geo. H. Starnes, scales	7 35
Cash on hand Dec. 23	4,985 75
	\$751 71

CASH DISBURSEMENTS.	
Street department	\$ 168 12
Water department	158 63
Fire department	41 46
Sanitary department	172 45
Police department	498 18
Market department	25 00
Salary department	41 87
	\$1,045 64
Cash on hand	6,465 97
	\$751 71

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ANNUAL STATEMENT

Town of Victoria, N. C., Jan. 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS.	
By balance on hand Jan. 1, 1897	\$ 42 32
By taxes collected for year 1896	698 21
	\$740 53

DISBURSEMENTS.	
To annual statement publication	\$ 2 00
To notice amendment of charter and election	3 00
To bill, repairing main road	300 63
To life pipe bill	97 40
To D. H. Webb, repairing side road	22 53
To H. F. Grant, rebate Oakland Heights tax	23 00
To W. S. Jones, repairing Swanannoa bridge	39 90
To judge and inspector of election	23 50
To freight bills, bridge lumber	53 95
To bill of bridge lumber	143 40
To deposit in wrecked bank certificate	53 30
	\$741 73

H. N. LOCKWOOD, Town Clerk.

POSTSCRIPTS.

The government is about to invite proposals for furnishing stamps for four years from July 1, 1898. The number required is about 5,000,000,000 annually.

It is officially announced that the recent famine in India cost the treasury \$200,000,000, while loans to agriculturists and suspension of taxes, mainly repayable, absorbed another \$2,000,000,000, irrespective of charitable contributions, approaching \$1,700,000.

The water famine in Kansas has assumed a serious aspect. Dozens of towns are hauling water by rail for thirty miles. Emporia's water supply has been exhausted. Yesterday evening the reservoirs were drained. For the past few months a centrifugal has been used to pump water over the rifles, and the Neosho river has been drained for six miles above the waterworks dam. The last one of the pools were pumped dry today, and only two feet of water is in the reservoir. The Santa Fe and Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroads have been shut off and no water can be had for the engines. There are only a few wells in the city and every cistern has been drained.

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STATE NEWS FROM RALEIGH

The District Attorneyship Now Definitely Settled.

State Convention of County Supervisors of Public Education.

James Young, the Negro Politician Who Holds a Place in the Agriculture Department Will Probably Resign.

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—The end of 1897 has come, and with the publication of this letter begins a new year, and with the letter goes the best wishes of your correspondent for a bright and prosperous year for the Gazette.

It is definitely settled that Claude Bernard is to be the district attorney, thus knocking out Charles Cooke, Thomas McArgo and others. Of course the putting in of Bernard leaves a place as solicitor general of the eastern districts vacant, and there will be a scramble for his office.

There has been a large amount of property either built up or improved here during the last three years, and yet there is no increase in the tax valuation given that in any way meets the amount expended.

Senator Sharpe of Iredell, has been a very frequent visitor at the railroad commission office for several days. It is now learned that Charles C. Logan, who is clerk to the commission in the work of legislation, does not suit Chairman Caldwell because he is an anti-bucktailer, while Caldwell is one of Butler's chief backers. The board has today been in secret session to consider the case of Fagan vs. Sharpe, and it ended in discharging Fagan and electing Sharpe.

The Stanley county people say they have never repudiated the \$100,000 Yachin railroad bonds. They say that the railroad men gave the county the stock subscribed for and that they were paying \$6,000 interest on something intangible.

Judge Purnell appoints J. W. Wolfe of Beaufort, Caretaker county, United States commissioner.

This morning the state convention of county supervisors of public education met here. There were thirty counties represented.

An oil portrait of the late Rev. Charles F. Deems has been presented to the university by Mrs. H. R. Falson, of Falson's.

Osborne J. Spears wanted the district attorneyship, but he cannot get it. The assistant district attorneyship is said to be at his disposal.

James Young, the negro politician, who holds a place in the agricultural department, will probably resign. This, it is said, will be done because J. Smith becomes commissioner in place of McWhorter.

B. F. Montague has resigned as one of the board of directors of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute. Many will be glad of this.

Senator Marion Butler came here today. Lieutenant Governor Reynolds is also here. It is said that Speaker Hixman is to be married in this city in a few days.

BUSINESS CHANGE.

Arrangements are being made for the transfer of the business of W. N. Ownbey to P. L. Byard. The papers have not been drawn up as yet, but terms have been arranged and Mr. Byard has gone north to further his plans. Mr. Byard is a prominent young business man of Delvernon, Pa., and has considerable experience in the grocery business. He expects to enlarge the business and will cater to the very best trade. Mr. Ownbey's services will be retained.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The following real estate transfers were yesterday recorded:

E. G. Carter to T. B. Lyman, lot on Detroit avenue.

John F. Grider to Jennie Deak, 1-2 acre land on West Chapel road, \$50.00.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

License was issued yesterday for the marriage of John Obisholm and Lucy Hawkins, colored.

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THE A. AND S. BONDS

Attorneys for the Commissioners Explain Why They Brought Suit to Test Their Validity.

Editor of the Gazette: In view of the action taken last night at the meeting called for the purpose of organizing a board of trade, in reference to the suit instituted by the board of commissioners for the purpose of testing the validity of the bonds issued by this county to pay the county's subscription to the capital stock of the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad company, and since such action was evidently taken hastily and without full knowledge of the facts upon which the commissioners acted, we deem it proper that we should briefly state the position of the commissioners with reference to this matter, and therefore ask a small space for that purpose.

The supreme court has recently, in the case of Stanley county commissioners vs. Snugg, treasurer, decided, as the commissioners believe, that the outstanding bonds of this county are invalid and void. The commissioners are in no way responsible for the decision of the court, and the invalidity of the bonds, but they believe that any other course than that which they have taken would be a plain violation of their official and sworn duties. They think that it is their duty to let the courts pass upon the matter and thus relieve them of all responsibility. The law protects a public official, when in good faith, but under a mistake of facts, pays out public money improperly, but the commissioners believe that if they were, after notice of the invalidity of the bonds, to pay out the people's money upon them, they would be guilty of misappropriating the public money entrusted to them.

The constitutional and statutory provisions respecting these bonds are plain and are a part of the public literature. If these provisions have not been complied with and the holders of the bonds have seen fit to take the risk which they assume, whether they bought the bonds without requiring a careful compliance with the constitution and laws of the state, they can blame no one but themselves and the county, instead of the tax payers of Buncombe county, must suffer the consequences. It is true that a majority of the qualified voters of the county voted for this county in 1876, remember that as an inducement to the people to vote in favor of the subscription to the capital stock of the Spartanburg and Asheville railroad company, it was stated that the dividends upon the stock to be issued to the county would pay the interest upon the bonds, and that the stock would pay the principal of the bonds at maturity. They also remember that the road was mortgaged soon after the county's bonds were issued, that in a little while the mortgage was foreclosed; that not only was the county's stock rendered worthless, but that many contractors and laborers lost what they had contracted for, and that the county, under the circumstances attending the making and foreclosure of the mortgage were such as to indicate that it was made for the purpose of defeating the contractors who built the road and the county whose bonds had been obtained largely by the representations mentioned.


The county has already paid upon these bonds about \$125,000, and if the bonds are valid obligations of the county it must pay at least \$200,000 more. A large number of the tax payers of Buncombe county demand that some action be taken to test the validity of the bonds be taken, and those who oppose such action cannot object to the commissioners placing the responsibility of saying whether the bonds are valid or invalid upon the courts. The commissioners realize that a man in dealing with his private affairs is free to act as he may choose, regardless of legal obligations, but they feel that they, as public servants, have no right to pay out the money of the people contrary to law. They know of no moral obligation which compels them to do something which is not warranted by law.

We have deemed it proper to thus give the public the facts of the case and the position of the commissioners, and with this we will leave the matter with the people of the county, and decline to discuss it further through the public prints.

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