

COMMISSION HAS LONG SESSION

Monthly Meeting of the Board Last Night Was Interesting and Long Drawn Out.

RADICAL CHANGES PROPOSED IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioners Parker and Fletcher Recommend Eight-Hour Shifts, Etc.—Details of Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Asheville police commission last night in City hall was a long drawn out affair and one which is causing considerable discussion on the streets today.

Among the most significant paragraphs in the list recommendations are those prohibiting a member of the police force to run for office in primary or general election while a member of the force.

After much consideration and investigation, we regret to report that the police department is not giving that satisfaction to the people of Asheville which we hoped it would.

We find a very general and in some instances, severe condemnation of some members of the police force for the active part which they have taken in politics, and a feeling that the discipline and efficiency of the police department have suffered and that the interest of the citizens of Asheville have been neglected because of such political activity.

We find a very general complaint that the town is not properly patrolled, and that instead of guarding the town generally undue attention seems to be given to certain localities.

While we recognize that the public cannot always judge the work and efficiency of policemen from what is seen, we regret to say our investigation compels us to admit that much of the criticism now being made of the police department is justified by existing conditions.

We believe that better and more efficient police service will be had, and better discipline can be maintained, by the adoption of the following changes, which we recommend:

1st. We recommend the adoption of a rule that no member of the police force shall, while a member of the force, become a candidate for office or take any active part in politics.

2d. We recommend that the office of sergeant be done away with and that the chief and the clerk of the police court shall attend to the matters at headquarters during the day and that the first part of the night, and that the night janitor shall answer phone calls and attend to matters at headquarters the remainder of the night.

3d. We recommend that the present force be divided into three squads with a captain over each one; one squad to contain a captain and six patrolmen and to be on duty from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon; another squad to contain a captain and six patrolmen, to be on duty from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until midnight; and the other squad to contain a captain and six patrolmen and to be on duty from midnight until 8 o'clock in the morning.

The only additional cost to the present payroll of the police department which would be caused by these changes would be \$5 a month more for the additional captain and such sum as may be paid in the clerk of (Continued on page 2)

R.F.D. CARRIER HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Caught in Beaverdam Creek During Deluge of Rain—Damage to Crops by Rains.

The rain yesterday in the Beaverdam and Haw creek sections of the county is said to have been one of the heaviest deluges that has descended upon that part of Buncombe for many a day.

Sam L. Ray, R. F. D. carrier on route No. 1, who travels the Beaverdam section, had a narrow escape from drowning in Beaverdam creek during the storm.

The rains and thunderstorms in this section have been quite general lately and have done much damage to crops. In some of the western sections there the wheat is ready to be cut, it is being so wet farmers have also been unable to work corn.

WATKINS AND ALLISON CASES FOR AUGUST TERM

Allison Will Set up Plea of Self Defense—Minor Cases on Docket—Jury List.

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners this week a jury was drawn to serve at the next term of Superior court which convenes here August 1 for a term of two weeks.

The Allison case will probably be reached at the August term. Mr. Allison says that he will claim self-defense.

Those drawn for the first week as jurors are T. B. Redmon, B. H. Black, L. K. Case, G. W. Black, T. C. Folsom, W. H. Miller, J. H. Luther, W. B. Brown, J. A. Gwaltney, G. W. Lance, O. B. Bell, S. R. Parker, S. E. Arrowood, W. H. Westall, C. E. Gray, W. F. Rice, J. C. Ducker, B. J. Ownbey, C. E. Bryson, A. J. Curtis, A. J. Bell, J. M. Capps, J. B. Hewes, M. V. Moore, E. R. Hewitt, B. L. Sans, J. E. Dockery, W. W. Turner, D. W. Minshimer, William M. Whelan, T. F. Middleton, V. M. Wright, T. A. Brown, T. L. Maney, B. P. Green, G. L. Moffett, C. E. Brookshire, B. Campbell, V. G. Sorrels, Thomas Bell, R. Howland, J. A. Masters, E. A. Hampton, J. M. Black, W. Hum, E. B. Jeffers, R. S. Harris, D. P. Ford.

Second Week—August 8. J. W. Brown, N. Johnson, J. H. Lange, T. J. Ingle, N. L. Fruy, E. B. Brown, J. W. Rutherford, J. E. Street, J. H. Case, E. E. Collier, J. C. Heninger, W. J. Robinson, H. J. Walls, J. E. Harris, W. A. Davis, W. P. Watkins, John Machin, D. S. McKinney, L. M. Mason, E. P. Stevman, R. F. Garrison, J. B. Merrill, A. L. Stockton, S. C. Brink.

Recommends \$3,170,000 for Royal Family's Keep. London, July 7.—The select committee of parliament to consider the civil list for King George V. recommends \$3,170,000 yearly for maintenance of the royal family. This is \$5,000 in excess over the allowance made during the last reign.

Baptist Young People's Union. Saratoga, July 7.—The eighteenth international convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America opened today with nearly 1000 delegates present from Baptist societies in the United States and Canada. The sessions will continue through Sunday.

Alleged Opium Factory. St. Louis, July 7.—An alleged opium factory was raided today and its owner, Joe Sing, a Chinaman, is being held by revenue officers.

MR. PAYNE GETS SOME VINDICATION

Anyway, the Acting Secretary of the Treasury Says Customs Receipts Were Very Large This Year.

Washington, July 7.—A statement prepared by the treasury department by direction of Acting Secretary Hillis shows that with customs receipts for the fiscal year 1910, amounted to three hundred and thirty-three million and forty-three thousand dollars.

Secretary of the Treasury, MacVeigh left the city this morning for the summer. He first goes to Phoenixville, Pa., where he delivers an address. Later he goes to Dublin, N. H., his summer home.

RATES UNREASONABLE THE COMMISSION FINDS

Ruling on Complaint Against Norfolk & Western and Other Carriers Involving North Carolina Points.

Washington, July 7.—Sometime ago complaint was filed with the interstate commission by the corporation commission of North Carolina against the Norfolk & Western railway and other carriers, alleging discrimination against Winston-Salem and Durham by railroads and alleging discriminatory and unreasonable rates to these points from Chicago, east St. Louis, Cincinnati and Louisville, through Lynchburg and Roanoke.

The commission holds that complainants' charge of discrimination was not sustained, but the present class rates of the Norfolk & Western from Roanoke and Lynchburg to Winston-Salem and Durham are unreasonable; and that existing class rates via the same route from Cincinnati to Winston-Salem and Durham are unjust and unreasonable.

The commission ordered a reduction in through freight rates to Winston and Durham, N. C., from Roanoke and Lynchburg, Va. It amounts to about nine cents a hundred pounds on class freight, and from four to eight cents a hundred pounds on hay, grain and packing house products.

HAD TAKEN 187 BALLOTS AT 1; NO NOMINATION

Deadlock Over Democratic Congressional Nomination in Fifth District Holds on.

Special to The Gazette-News. Greensboro, July 7.—After taking 187 ballots the fifth district congressional convention was still deadlocked when recess was taken for an hour for dinner at 1 this afternoon, there having been very little change in the vote.

The perspiring delegates were sticking to their respective candidates, Major Charles M. Steadman of Greensboro, Judge E. B. Jones of Winston-Salem, Gen. B. Royator of Oxford and Dr. George A. Mobane of Rockingham, with no indication of a break in the ranks.

JUDGE M. H. JUSTICE WILL BE RENOMINATED

Special to The Gazette-News. Marion, July 7.—It is conceded that Judge M. H. Justice will be renominated for a place on the Superior court bench from the Fourteenth district here this afternoon. Ellis Gardner of Yancey county will probably be nominated for solicitor.

It is said that Mr. Spalshour agreed to withdraw and that Judge Justice will be renominated by acclamation. The fight for solicitor lies between Gardner and A. Hall Johnston of Marion, the former in the lead.

Forecast until 8 p. m. Friday for Asheville and vicinity: Continued unsettled weather, with showers and thunderstorms tonight or Friday. For North Carolina: Partly cloudy, with local thunderstorms tonight or Friday. Moderate south and south-west winds, with squalls.

Philadelphia, July 7.—Declining the offer of a police magistrate to free him if he would promise to discontinue attempts to speak in public, James Eades How, the "millionaire hobo," was today held under \$500 bail to keep the peace.

Swanson May Succeed Daniel

Richmond, Va., July 7.—It is the general belief that in due time Governor Mann will appoint ex-Governor Swanson to fill out the unexpired term of John Warwick Daniel in the United States senate. Congressman Flood, Speaker Ford of the house of delegates and others have also been men-



EX-GOVERNOR SWANSON.

The appointment will be for the remainder of the present term. Senator Daniel was re-elected for the ensuing term of six years beginning next March. Claude Augustus Swanson was born in Pittsylvania county, Va., March 21, 1862. As a boy he clerked in a store, entered college and graduated as a lawyer. He was a member of the congress for two terms and was then elected governor of Virginia.

LANGFORD'S MGR. ACCEPTS OFFER

Woodman Has Asked Johnson to Put up Forfeit for Proposed Langford-Johnson Fight.

New York, July 7.—Joe Woodman, manager for Sam Langford, has telegraphed that he has accepted the offer of Jack Johnson to meet Langford for a \$20,000 side bet, and asks Johnson to post the forfeit for the match on his arrival here Monday.

A WARNING TO NEGROES FROM GOVERNOR HADLEY

He (Also Offers \$300 for Arrest and Conviction of Every Person Engaged in Charleston Lynching.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 7.—Governor Hadley has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of every person engaged in the lynching of two negroes at Charleston Sunday.

In an interview the governor warned the negroes that they must not provoke race riots on account of the Johnson-Jeffries fight.

"Negroes have no occasion to feel any sensation over the result of that fight," said Governor Hadley. "It is of no significance that a negro prize fighter whipped a worn-out prize fighter, who had impaired his constitution by illness and disipation. Jeffries no more represented the white race than does Johnson represent such men as Booker T. Washington or Prof. Dubois while I propose to do all I can to protect negroes and punish acts of violence against them, negroes must understand that only by their own conduct can they secure the respect of people."

Denounced from the Pulpit. New York, July 7.—Moving pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight were denounced as criminal from the pulpit of the Church of the Divine Paternity, where the annual convention of the Young People's Christian Union is being held. Resolutions were passed protesting against exhibition of the fight films.

Only Two Kentucky Cities Will Allow Them. Cincinnati, July 7.—Reports show all important towns in Kentucky that in only two, Covington and Frankfort, will Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures be allowed.

Barred by Lynchburg. Lynchburg, Va., July 7.—Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures are ordered barred from exhibition here.

Will Not Exhibit in Montreal. Montreal, July 7.—Moving picture shows here will not exhibit pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight. They advocate destruction of the films.

Summer Hotel Burned. Blue Ridge, Va., July 7.—Blue Ridge Inn, a summer resort hotel, is destroyed by fire and the loss is estimated at \$40,000.

UNFAITHFULNESS OF HER HUSBAND

This Caused a Chicago Woman to Kill Her Husband, Little Daughter and Herself.

Chicago, July 7.—Mrs. Henry Mulsaw, goaded to desperation by the alleged brutality and unfaithfulness of her husband, a street car conductor, shot and fatally wounded him and their three years old daughter, then killed herself, taking carbolic acid.

Mrs. Mulsaw left letters declaring she had been a good and faithful wife, but that Mulsaw spent his spare time with other women.

WATTERSON BELIEVES HIS SON IS INSANE

Is Willing That the Wayward Youth Be Placed in Asylum—Editor Cast Down.

Kingston, N. Y., July 7.—When Colonel Henry Watterson of Louisville, Ky., arrived here last evening he did not go near his son Ewing, who is in jail charged with shooting Michael J. Martin, a Saugerties saloon keeper, but conferred with William D. Bringer, his counsel. He was in communication over the telephone with District Attorney Cunningham, who later said that his attitude will be in accord with that of the colonel, if the present situation remains unchanged.

This statement in conjunction with the fact that no application has been made for the release of Ewing Watterson on bail is taken to indicate that Colonel Watterson believes his son insane and that he will approve of an application by the district attorney to examine into his son's sanity.

Colonel Watterson left his attorney's office much depressed, and took a train for New York. He would make no statement. The examination of his son on charges of felonious assault will take place tomorrow.

DELEGATES GET AWAY TO THE BARACA-PHILATHEA MEETING

Annual Gathering Will Be Held at Jamestown, N. Y.—Those Attending from Asheville.

A party of Baracas and Philatheas of Asheville and Spartanburg left here this afternoon on No. 12 to attend the world-wide Baraca-Philatheas convention at Jamestown, N. Y., which will be held July 9-13. Last year Asheville had the honor to entertain the Baracas and Philatheas and it proved one of the best attended gatherings of the year.

Aside from attending the convention a side trip to Niagara Falls is planned. The delegates will join a party at Knoxville and will travel in a special Pullman by way of Cincinnati and Cleveland to Jamestown. The party from Asheville consisted of P. R. Allen, Paul B. Brown, Lester Weaver, Edgar Moore, Miss Mabel Stokely, Miss Kathleen Ware and Miss Marjorie Scott. D. E. Braswell of Tarboro joined the party here, as did Dr. R. E. Neighbors and son and four others of Spartanburg.

The Baracas and Philatheas in Asheville are an enthusiastic body of young men and women, and have made considerable growth during the past year. Practically all of the churches have Baraca and Philatheas classes, while a live city union is also one of their organizations. In this, each class has representation. The big city union will be held here after the return of the Jamestown delegates on July 18 in Central Methodist church, when the reports of the various officers and committees will be made and the annual election of officers will take place.

DECISION ON WHITE FLOUR IS VINDICATION FOR WILSON

Contention That Bleaching Is Injurious to Health Upheld by Court at Kansas City.

Washington, July 7.—The legal decision rendered at Kansas City, maintaining our contention that bleached flour that contained something injurious to health and was adulterated within the meaning of the law, is a vindication of Secretary Wilson's position from the start of the litigation," declares Solicitor McCabe of the department of agriculture.

"When the people learn that superlatively white flour contains poison in the form of nitrogen peroxide, injurious to health, they will not clamour for it."

MR. BRITT WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE

Cannot Make Race for Solicitor, Owing to the Illness of His Wife and His Official Duties.

To the editor of The Gazette-News: Please allow me to say through your valuable paper that under no circumstances will I be a candidate for solicitor of the Fifteenth district this year. I make this statement in response to numerous letters and personal solicitations urging me to make the race. I am deeply grateful to my friends for this further mark of their confidence and good will, but I could not, in justice to myself and family, accept the nomination. Every moment of my time that can possibly be spared from my official duties is demanded at my home on account of the protracted and distressing illness of my wife. Very respectfully,

JAMES J. BRITT. Washington, D. C., July 6, '10.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT MAKES A STATEMENT

Denies That He Expressed Any Opinion About the Poindexter Senatorial Contest.

New York, July 7.—Colonel Roosevelt yesterday gave out at The Outlook office the following statement in reference to the visit to Sagamore Hill Tuesday of Representative Poindexter, of Washington:

"Colonel Roosevelt will see very many senators and congressmen, assemblymen and other public officials representing all phases of public opinion. He declines to be responsible for any statements excepting those which he himself makes. He has said nothing and intends to say nothing as to any contest for a nomination. If he had anything to say on such a subject it will be over his signature. All that Mr. Roosevelt said in this case was that he was pleased to find that as he had expected from Mr. Poindexter's past record, Mr. Poindexter was in hearty sympathy with Mr. Roosevelt's views as to conversation and similar subjects. Mr. Roosevelt expressed no opinion about the senatorial contest, and Mr. Roosevelt believes Mr. Poindexter is not responsible for the statement which has appeared. Certainly in so far as these statements have quoted Mr. Roosevelt except as above indicated, they had no foundation whatever in fact."

Colonel Roosevelt's statement was called forth by the fact that he took exception to special dispatches from Oyster Bay last night in which he was quoted directly as saying that he would support Mr. Poindexter in his contest for a seat in the United States senate. Colonel Roosevelt stipulated that he must not be directly quoted as saying that he had decided to support Mr. Poindexter and feels that he was misrepresented in the special dispatches which quoted him as having said in so many words that he had promised his aid to the congressman. The colonel did not deny today either in his statement or otherwise that he would give this support.

MANEUVERS AT GETTYSBURG WITNESSED BY GOV. MANN

Regulars and Maryland and Virginia Militia out all Day in Sham Battle.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 7.—Governor William H. Mann of Virginia, witnessed the morning field exercises of regulars and Maryland and Virginia national guardsmen in the United States camp of instruction. Both bodies of troops were out all day in sham battles and field maneuvers. Governor Mann was given the governor's salute upon his return to headquarters by the third United States artillery.

The regular troops were given complicated battle problems and the citizen soldiers of the two states worked out problems in attack and defense.

Fuller Funeral Party Leaves Boston. Boston, July 7.—The body of the late Chief Justice Melville Weston Fuller of the Supreme court of the United States, and the funeral party accompanying the body left Boston at 11:30 this morning in a special car attached to the regular express for Chicago. Among the better known members of the party were Governor Hughes, and Associate Justices McKenna and Holmes.

Foundation for Durable Peace. St. Petersburg, July 7.—The Novoe Vremya in a leading article expresses great expectation from the Russo-Japanese convention. The Vremya considers it the foundation for durable peace in the far east.

Ewing Watterson Jailed. Kingston, N. Y., July 7.—Ewing Watterson, the son of Col. Henry Watterson, waives examination on the charge of shooting Michael J. Martin, a saloonkeeper, and is committed to jail to await the grand jury's action.

CLAMOR TO SHAKE HANDS WITH NEGRO

Johnson, the Champion, Showered With Flowers upon Arrival in Chicago.

MANY WOMEN FAINTED AS RESULT OF GREAT CRUSH

Cities Throughout Country Continue to Take Action Adverse Relative to Fight Pictures.

Chicago, July 7.—A welcome such as no other negro has received here was accorded Jack Johnson, returning to his home here today. A large crowd of negroes met him at the train, cheering lustily. His ride home through the "black belt" was an ovation.

"If a white man wants to meet a black man in the prize ring and gets licked why that's his business. Anybody the permit you want is up to the chief of police."

With these orders Mayor Busse yesterday frowned on a request for permission to hold a welcoming parade for Jack Johnson upon his return here tomorrow. The delegation seeking the permit wanted a brass band and an escort of police.

They next appealed to Police Chief Stewart. "Nothing doing," remarked the chief. "I don't think such an affair should be dignified by an escort and a band. If you want to have a few automobiles at the train its all right. It isn't a public occasion."

As to the exhibition of motion pictures of the fight, the mayor said that what other cities were doing would not influence him. "Anyway, we'll cross that bridge when we come to it," he added.

Johnson Won't Fight Again for a Year. Grand Island, Neb., July 7.—"Just say for me that Langford hasn't got a chance," said Johnson to a reporter for the Associated Press. "I'm not going to fight again for one year. I have put up five fights in rapid succession. I believe I am entitled to take some time before going into the ring again."

"I am going to Europe and fill some of the numerous contracts I am receiving and that I have here now."

Wyoming's Governor Won't Allow It. Cheyenne, Wyo., July 7.—Governor Brooks last night said that he would not permit Johnson and Langford to fight in Wyoming; neither would he allow any other big prize fight in the state.

If Sam Langford, the Boston fighter, will put up a side bet of \$20,000, heavyweight champion, Jack Johnson will fight him in Cheyenne during the great frontier celebration in the latter part of August or a month later.

Johnson made a statement today when his train pulled in from Reno en route to Chicago.

For half an hour Johnson was given the greatest friendly demonstration he has received since the fight. A crowd of more than 5000 including a thousand negro soldiers of the Ninth cavalry from Fort Russell almost mobbed the champion's private car, the crowd greeted the champion with wild yells and whistles.

Flowers were showered on him and the crowds forced their way into Johnson's car to shake hands with him. A number of women in the crowd fainted as a result of the crush.

"There is no show for the fight here during the Cheyenne frontier celebration," said the governor when told of the talk about a Johnson and Langford match.

"Wyoming laws forbid it, and I will see that the laws are enforced. Personally, I am not opposed to the sport, and I would enjoy seeing the match, but the laws forbid such fights. When I took the oath of office to uphold the laws I meant it."

Picture Syndicate Will Fight Picture Boycott. Philadelphia, July 7.—That the moving picture syndicate, owning the Johnson-Jeffries film, will resort to the courts of the several states to determine their right to produce the pictures was indicated here yesterday when one of the best known moving picture men in the country who has a big interest in the syndicate said that agitation against the displaying of the pictures would be fought. He said that too much money had been invested by the syndicate which represents twelve different interests to stand by and see the fight pictures prohibited without making a contest to determine the right of city authorities to stop the display. The pictures, it was further announced, would be placed on public view in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and several other cities on July 18.