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CITY FATHERS MEET.

HOLD QUITE AN EXTENDED SESSION.

After Much Discussion by Vote of 4 to 2 the Board Decides to Hold Two Men to Look After Water and Lights.

The "City Fathers" held an adjourned meeting on Tuesday night to complete the organization of the new administration.

The new Treasurer, E. S. Ford, H. O. Bissett, the newly elected Clerk, and Chief High tendered their bonds, which were unanimously received and each took the oath of office.

There was considerable discussion in regard to the question of retaining one or two men to attend to the Electric Light and Water Works Plants. Commissioner G. W. Ford contended that one man could do all the work, while other members of the Board argued to the contrary. Finally after discussing the matter for several hours, in order to bring the question to a vote J. B. Thomas made a motion that only one man be employed. A vote was taken and resulted as follows: For only one man: Ford and Thomas. For two: Bailey, McKinne, Griffin and Hill.

An order was then passed that Mr. Beck, the Electrician be requested to make up a statement showing the expenses of water and electric plants since their establishment up to date, and that he be relieved of any other duties for the next thirty days, in order that he may have ample time to get up said report.

In the meantime J. M. Person, the Engineer at the Power House, is to look after both plants.

The question of dispensing with the services of the man in charge of the fire house and horse was brought up and after an explanation from Commissioner Bailey to the effect that he could not see how this would prove beneficial to the town, this matter was passed over.

The Mayor named the following Committees, the first named in each case being the Chairman:

Light—Bailey, McKinne, Thomas.
Water—Ford, Hill, Griffin.
Finance—McKinne, Ford, Thomas.

Auditing—Griffin, Hill, the Clerk.
Building—Hill, Griffin, Ford.
Ordinance—Bailey, Griffin.
Street—Bailey, Ford, Hill, Griffin.
Sanitary—Entire Board.

The Times commends the action of the Board in starting out with the determination to have full reports from the Light and Water Plants, and now, if the Board will enforce the requirements of the charter, in having the Treasurer to make and publish an annual statement of expenses, in order that the people of the town may see where the money has been spent, it will save both it and the Treasurer embarrassment and at the same time, perform a most important duty.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE TAR HEEL DEMOCRATS.

With references to the settlement of the judgeship contest the Associated press says that the President was for a long while in consultation with the Senators and Representatives from the State regarding the availability of the various candidates.

"This statement is obviously true. Republicans must ere this have been impressed with the fact that it was purely a Democratic affair, and the wonder is that they harbored the hope, at any stage of the proceedings, of a different ending of the contest. Not that the President declined to give ear to Republicans. On the contrary he was good enough to give Mr. Duncan, the man who took a very conspicuous part in his nomination at Chi-

cago, an audience of perhaps two hours' duration last Friday night, but it was doubtless noted that when Mr. Taft got ready for business he sent for Messrs. Simmons and Overman, and while Republicans were heard, as we have before remarked, it was Democrats who had the last word. It was during yesterday forenoon that Messrs. Simmons and Overman called and very naturally endorsed a Democrat, and the Democrat got the job during the afternoon. In point of fact, our Democratic friends, doubtless under the guidance of the astute Mr. Simmons, have apparently played the game most successfully all the way through. While Republicans were at the White House sending up a foolishly futile prayer for recognition, Democrats, not engaged in giving directions to Mr. Taft at the Washington end of the line, were just as busy as bees down about Raleigh in arranging a successor for Judge Connor on the State Supreme Court bench. It is just at this point that one easily grasps the element of humor, and Mr. Taft must have found the situation vastly amusing. Democrats understood the Presidential mind. Last week the Greensboro correspondent said that telegrams were received there by Democrats from former Governor Aycock, asking for support of Judge Allen, as Judge Connor's successor, and it was just at this critical moment, while Democrats were burning electricity in behalf of Judge Allen, (having got things fixed at Washington) that Republicans were arranging at the national capital to make their last stand in the last ditch. They were appealing to a court whose decision had already been docketed with the Democrats.

"We take it that Messrs. Hicks, Seawell, Skinner and Timberlake and the rest of the Republicans understand that their position in the scale of humanity has definitely been fixed. They may know some law, but they are lacking in tone and temperament, that subtle atmosphere denoting the finished product of civilization. They occupy a plane so low that a Republican President, in casting about for judicial timber, felt impelled to pass them up and take a man for the most desirable position he will ever have to give out in this State, who had voted against him, and them. There is nothing much they can do about it, seeing how they have been weighed by a Republican President, but having been made to realize where they stand they might strive to prech to higher ethical and intellectual standards. Should they pursue such a course, ridding their systems, meanwhile of the hook-worm, they may yet fit themselves for a position of importance and dignity, under a Republican administration.

"It has been asked in an obvious spirit of levity, whether Mr. Kitchin is likely to appoint a Republican as successor to Judge Connor. Republicans, we are persuaded, will find that this is not exactly a laughing matter. Mr. Kitchin could not appoint a Republican, should he have the inclination, and be true to his oath of office. He has been told on the highest possible Republican authority, that Republicans of that part of the State, at least, are unfit to hold judicial positions. Should the Governor exercise less care in such matters, than the President?

"Representative Grant, of Davie county, recently remarked that if Mr. Taft expected to appoint a Democrat in this judgeship matter, he should make Josephus Daniels Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Mr. Daniels was warranted in declining the honor very promptly, without thanks. Mr. Taft has done greater things for Mr. Daniels than that. By his attitude toward his party in this State, the President affords Mr. Daniels justification for his attitude toward Republicans, who

have always been classified by him as revenue doodlers and stamp lick-ers, with rare exceptions wholly lacking in respectability. He now has ample warrant for making this attitude permanent, and should any Republican murmur under this abuse he will be estopped when the Raleigh News and Observer directs attention to similar attitude occupied by the Republican President of the United States. As we have before remarked, Mr. Daniels is clearly in line for felicitation from a growing list of subscribers who doubtless share his opinion of the general worth of the Republican party in this State."

Ex-Judge W. S. O. B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, does not conceal his condemnation of the action of President Taft in giving the high office of Judge of the Federal court in the Eastern District of North Carolina to a Democrat. Some of the ablest Democrats in the State had endorsed Judge Robinson as they had endorsed other Republican aspirants under the belief that the vacancy would be filled by the appointment of a member of the party that elected Mr. Taft to the presidency.

"What do you think of Mr. Taft's refusal to appoint a Republican as Judge, after he said he would name a Republican if he could find a suitable one in the Eastern District," was the question put to Judge Robinson.

"I think," said the ex-judge, with emphasis, "that it was a direct insult to every Republican lawyer in the district. I now see no reason why any self-respecting gentleman should join the Republican party in North Carolina.

"I do not hesitate to say that I shall relieve my sons from any filial obligation either to join or remain in the party. If it were not for the fact that I am so dishonored and disgraced, so far as a Republican President can disgrace or dishonor me, I would quit the Republican party and join the Democrats or the next best party if there be any such thing.

"My respect for the office of President of my Nation prevents me from speaking of Mr. Taft as my inclination now would prompt me to do.

"I resented with due respect the slurs that were cast upon Mr. Taft when he was spoken of so disparagingly by Democrats of high standing last year, but I rather think they were right in the estimate they then placed upon him.

"I say this without one word of criticism of Judge Connor. He is an honorable gentleman, a lawyer of ability and has no superior upon the bench of any State in the Union. He has more than once expoused my cause with warmth. He has rejoiced with me in my good fortune and was with me in my great sorrow. I would be more than a churl if I did not follow Scriptural injunction as to Judge Connor and rejoice with those who rejoice.

"But I can say that I still have a burning contempt for President Taft. If I could use the vernacular of the black guard, I'd say "Damn him," and thus in some degree corroborate Mr. Taft's estimate of my character."

Judge Robinson in the above expresses vigorously in public what all other self-respecting Republicans in North Carolina are saying "between me and you."

Attention Old Veterans.

The members of R. M. McKinney Camp No 1527 U. C. V. and all old Veterans in good standing are hereby notified to meet in the Court House at Louisburg on Tuesday June 1st 1909, at 11 o'clock a. m.

All veterans are requested to be present as business of importance to all will be transacted.

H. C. KARNY, Com.
J. G. CREEKMOSE, Adj.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mrs. J. S. Lancaster spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mr. E. S. Green went to Charlotte to take in the 20th celebration.

Miss Jesse Mustian, of Henderson, is visiting her father, Mr. J. W. Mustian.

Miss Sallie Pleasants returned Friday from a visit to her people at Aberdeen.

Mr. B. P. Fuller, of Franklinton, was a pleasant caller at the editor's sanctum this week.

Mrs. J. T. Ellis and Miss Florence Page, of Aberdeen, are visiting at Mrs. Sarah Pleasants'.

Miss Helen Crenshaw returned this week from a visit of several weeks to friends in Denmark, S. C.

Mr. D. F. McKinne and family returned Friday of last week from a visit to their people in Iredell and Johnston counties.

Miss Bessie Sutherland, who has been spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. R. C. Williams, returned to her home in Virginia one day last week.

Rev. F. A. Bishop returned last Friday from a visit of two weeks to the Eastern part of the state. He reports Mrs. Bishop as much improved in health.

Capt. W. C. Jones, a representative of the Carolina Chemical Company, spent several days in Louisburg last week. He is a brother of Mrs. R. H. Davis.

Among the recent visitors to Louisburg are Rev. J. B. Boyd and family, of Polkton, and Mrs. E. G. Pusey, of Woodleaf, N. C. They were guests of Dr. D. T. Smithwick.

Captain B. F. Carpenter, who is still on the "sick list" returned from a short trip to Durham on Tuesday, where Mrs. Carpenter is visiting her parents. She expects to return the last of this week.

The many friends here of Messrs. O. C. Gregory and Thos. A. Person, of Greenville, N. C., were glad to shake their hands this week. They came up in Mr. Gregory's automobile on Tuesday and returned yesterday.

Notice Guards.

There will be a drill at the Armory in Louisburg on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, and every member is urged to be present.

By order of
CAPT. C. H. BANKS.

Commencement Exercises.

The following is a programme of the commencement exercises for the Louisburg Female College which begins on Sunday next:

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD.

11:00 a. m. Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. L. P. Howard.

MONDAY, MAY 24TH.

6:30 p. m. Alumnae Banquet.

TUESDAY, MAY 25TH.

10:00 a. m. Meeting of Board of Trustees.

4:00 a. m. Art Exhibit.

8:30 p. m. Junior Musicale.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH.

10:30 a. m. Literary Address.

Hon. J. H. Small.

12:00 m. Graduating Exercises.

8:30 p. m. Annual Concert.

Threatening Gun Caused Death From Heart Failure.

Shelby, May 17.—Charlie Walker, of this county, met his death today under most remarkable circumstances.

He had for some time entertained a grudge against automobiles, es-

pecially a certain one driven by a young man of Shelby, Mr. Rash Thompson. The young man with his car carried Dr. T. E. McBrayer, wife and three children to Fayette, and passed Mr. Walker, who was plowing a mule near the road. The mule was frightened by the machine, but was not unmanageable. The tragedy occurred as the automobile party were returning home. When within about two miles of Shelby, on the same road they met Mr. Walker again, this time driving the mule to a buggy. When Walker saw the machine he got out of the buggy and pulled the mule and buggy directly across the road, thus obstructing the passage. Mr. Thompson requested him to come on and pass, he having already stepped the car. Mr. Walker refused to move, but urged Thompson to pass him. This Thompson attempted to do, but just as the machine began to move Walker raised a gun he was carrying in his hand and aimed it at the automobile party. Just as he did so he fell in his tracks and without a struggle died. Dr. McBrayer got out and examined him and found that he died of heart trouble. The gun was a breach-loader and loaded. Walker had three shells in his pocket and had told some of the people in the neighborhood that he intended to kill Thompson if he passed him again in an automobile. It looked like an act of Providence that saved the party. Walker was a tenant on the land of Mr. George Sperlin and had the reputation of being a quiet, well behaved citizen. His conduct is inexplicable, as Mr. Thompson, from all reports, was exercising caution and care in the management of his machine.

MR. W. P. NEAL IS DEAD.

Died Last Saturday After an Illness of Several Months.

In the death of Mr. W. P. Neal, which sad event occurred at his home last Saturday evening about 7 o'clock, Louisburg has lost one of its best and most highly esteemed citizens. He had been in poor health for several months, and while his death came as a shock to some it was not unexpected to those nearest him. Having been born 48 years ago, and reared in this vicinity he was known by almost every person in this section, and to know "Perry" Neal was to know an honorable, straightforward gentleman. He was quite a factor in the business interests of Louisburg, being a member of the firm of W. P. Neal & Co., and while he will be greatly missed in many other spheres of life he will also be missed as a business man. In his dealings with his fellowmen he was the soul of honor and his friends and friendships were sacred to him. He was prepared to live and he loved to live. He loved his family and he loved his church—was exceedingly kind and liberal to both.

It is sad at any time to stand beside the bed of the dying and watch life's ebbing tide drifting the loved one slowly, perhaps, but surely into the great ocean of eternity, but when there comes the whispering from parched lips: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me," it brings a balm to the wounded heart. Thus closed the life of this noble man.

To the broken-hearted mother, wife and little children, who sit in sorrow where his footsteps shall never again find echo, we extend sympathy.

When they have drained the cup may the peace that passeth all understanding come to them from one who cares for each little sparrow that falls.

The funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock

and the procession to the cemetery was one of the largest seen here in years. The services were conducted by Rev. John London, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and the following were the pall-bearers: W. H. Ruffin, J. M. Allen, P. A. Reavis, S. C. Vann, Wm. Bailey and J. W. King.

The floral offerings were beautiful and most appropriate.

A Tribute to Mr. G. W. Davis.

Mr. G. W. Davis departed this life at his home on Wednesday morning of May the 5th, 1909. He was sick only a short time. All that loving hands and skilled physicians could do was done to keep him with us longer. But the time had come for him to rest from his work, which he did well. He was ready to go into eternity when the command from his Lord came. He realized that his days were few in this land of sorrow and trouble, when he remarked to one of his friends: "I have heard Mr. Thompson preach the last sermon I will ever hear." Mr. Davis will be sadly missed in our church service and Sunday School at Bethlehem, it will never be the same place again; he leaves a vacant place that will never be filled as he filled it. It can be truly said that the world was made better by his life. Gentle, quiet, and brave was his life, always doing good and helping to uplift his Master's work. As a business man he was among the best in the State. The popularity of this good man was attested by the large crowd that came to pay the last tribute of respect to our friend. In the death of Mr. Davis, Bethlehem Church lost one of its best members. He was always ready to help others on the way to Heaven. "To see to think that we shall see his sweet face never again in our church, or his home, and store, and around Arcola. But this sorrow is for just a short while, ere 'tis long; we, too, will answer to the call of our Master, and go home to join in the happy throng of kindred and friends that have gone before to that land of the blest, where there will be no more parting, no more weeping, nor sorrow, or pain, but will forever praise the Lord. Rev. B. C. Thompson conducted the funeral services. His remains were tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery at Arcola, on Thursday evening.

Mr. Davis leaves a heart broken wife, one son and five daughters to mourn their loss, and a host of relatives and friends. May the God of peace comfort them in this, their sad hour of bereavement.

Tboun art in that land of the blest,

Enjoying a quiet and peaceful rest.

Soon we shall take our ease

And fly to that bright and happy home in the skies.—E. and L. D. in Warrenton Record.

Latest News.

The Seaboard had a \$100,000 fire at Portsmouth last Saturday—their warehouse and a number of loaded cars being burned.—J. H. Mullen, the suspended Chief of Police of Raleigh, is now "down and out," the Police Commission having decided that he was guilty of the charges against him regarding the failure to turn over fines.—H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil capitalist died suddenly in New York, from apoplexy on the 19th.

Notice Rural Carriers.

In accordance with notice heretofore given the adjourned meeting of the R. F. D. Carriers in Franklin county will be held in the Court House Saturday afternoon, May 22, at 4 o'clock, sharp. Every carrier in the county is urgently requested to attend, as matters of importance, both to the Carriers and the Service, will be discussed.

C. T. NICHOLSON, Pres.
J. E. WILDER, Sec.