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BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN REGULAR SESSION

NOTHING UNUSUAL CLAIMED THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD. PERMISSIONS GRANTED TO A NUMBER OF CITIZENS.

Notwithstanding the very inclement weather there was a full attendance of the members of the Board and a large number of spectators at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Monday evening. Nothing unusual claimed the attention of the Board and the business dispatched was mostly routine.

Mr. J. B. Flora was granted permission to repair a wood awning of the store building on the east side of Poindexter Streets, between Burgess and Pearl Streets and being the same building which is occupied by Mr. T. C. Allan, as a fruit and confectionery store.

It was the sense of the Board that those operating restaurants and ice-cream stands since the ordinances went into effect, should be relieved of the license on such establishments for the month of July, provided the owners desired to discontinue such places.

Mr. W. J. Woodley asked that the city authorities construct a concrete or brick pavement on the east side of Road street, between Matthews street and the canal, and upon the terms named in the city ordinances. Mr. Woodley explained that there was frequent passing on this side of the street and that water often stood two and three inches deep on this sidewalk. Mr. Woodley also asked for sewerage for his property in this vicinity and explained that there was no sewerage on Road street, that the nearest sewer was on Matthews street and that it would be impossible to drain into the sewer on Matthews street because of an elevation of twelve inches within fifty yards. The matter was referred to the Sewerage Committee, as was the matter of his pavement referred to the Street Committee.

A bill was allowed for legal services rendered in the suit of the Corporation of Elizabeth City against D. B. Banks and others. The amount allowed was Two Hundred and twenty-five dollars. It will be remembered that this was a suit by the City against Banks and his bondsman to compel the payment of a forfeit for non-compliance with the Gas Franchise.

A number of citizens from the First Ward asked that additional lights be placed upon Broad street, explaining in their petition that Broad street had been improved recently and that it was now a much frequented thoroughfare. This matter was referred to the Street and Light Committee.

Mr. J. K. Wilson, attorney for the Merchants Association, presented a petition signed by a large majority of the merchants of the city, asking that no concessions be made to Carnival companies. Mr. Wilson had gone to the trouble to make research of the tax books and ascertain just what amount of property was represented by the merchants whose names appeared upon the petition. His recital of the facts was really interesting.

Mr. G. J. Spence asked that a tax be imposed upon Carnival companies and suggested a tax of fifty or sixty dollars. The whole matter was referred to the City Attorney.

The committee, from the Board of

Aldermen, which was instructed to confer with the Telephone company with respect to certain charges which had been made by Supt. Pritchard, reported no progress in the matter, and on motion was discharged with thanks. It was ordered that the City Clerk immediately notify the Telephone company to make reply to Supt. Pritchard's report at the next regular meeting of the Board, and in the event of the failure on the part of the Telephone company to make reply to Mr. Pritchard's report, then the report of Mr. Pritchard shall be sustained and the Telephone company charged with the expense of making certain improvements to the fire alarm system.

It will be remembered that Mr. Pritchard reported that the failure of the fire alarm system to give satisfaction was due to certain imperfect wiring and other causes for which the Telephone company was responsible. The contract of the Telephone company is that they will maintain, and keep in repair, the wires of the fire alarm system upon the consideration that the franchise tax of \$1.00 per phone remitted. The Board seemed to be of the opinion that since the license tax of one dollar per phone had been remitted, and inasmuch as there were now in use, in this city something like three hundred telephones, that the town was paying well for the services rendered by the Telephone company.

The Hook and Ladder Company, the colored auxiliary of the city Fire Department, was allowed an appropriation of one hundred dollars for the purpose of a vacation. It will be remembered that this has been customary for several years, and that it is an inadequate compensation for the valuable services rendered by this organization of our colored population.

Dr. C. B. Williams, City Health Officer, made complaint of numerous premises which were unsanitary to an extent as to endanger the health of the community. The Mayor, City Attorney and Health Officer, were appointed a committee to confer, formulate and suggest plans for the better enforcement of sanitation.

The Mayor and City Clerk were requested to purchase additional alarm clock keys, it being the purpose of the city authorities to make more thorough the patrol of night policemen.

Mayor Zenas Fearing made some very valuable suggestions to the Board and clearly showed that he has more interest in the office than the mere emoluments thereof. The Mayor impressed all present with the idea of a keen appreciation of his part of the duties of the office. Among the suggestions he made was that the dye water from the Hosiery mill was a nuisance and extremely objectionable if not nauseating to a large number of citizens in the north-western part of the city. He recited the fact that this water flowed through "Sawyertown" and out the north fork of Poindexter Creek and that it was a decided nuisance which should be abated. Messrs. D. M. Jones, L. W. Anderson and N. R. Parker were appointed a committee from the Board to confer with the Elizabeth City Hosiery Company with respect to abating this nuisance.

Inasmuch as the city ordinances were drafted before the publication of the Public Laws of the General Assembly of 1909 there were a few subjects of revenue named in the ordinances which were prohibited by

SUTTON CREEK NEWS

Durants Neck, N. C., Aug. 2nd 1909. Miss Lizzie Newby has returned after a pleasant visit at the home of Miss Glenna Walker of Tulls, N. C. Dr. and Mrs. Smith of Hertford, were callers at Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Perry's last Monday afternoon. They came down in their automobile and on their way home an accident occurred to the machine and they were compelled to procure horses and buggies to finish the trip home. However the break-down was not serious and the doctor came out the next day and repaired the machine and took it to Hertford.

Protracted meeting this week at New Hope Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Lowe, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Potter of Edenton.

Mr. John Harris of Winter Park, Florida is visiting in our town. Mr. Harris has many relatives and friends here, who are always glad to see him.

A successful revival service has just closed at Berea church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis first established the church here some 18 years ago and since that time has occasionally served it as pastor. Mr. Davis is considered by many to be an able minister and is a man who does not hesitate to call "A spade a spade."

Mr. L. C. Relfe is having his house covered with a patent roofing. Mr. J. A. Davis is superintending the work.

Miss Lizzie Relfe has returned after visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Newbern, at Powell's Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gray of Suffolk are visiting Mrs. Gray's father, Mr. Geo. Simpson this week.

The writer had the pleasure of conversing with Mr. John Harris of Winter Park, Florida for several hours yesterday, which he enjoyed very much. Mr. Harris went from here to Florida some thirty years ago and since then has been engaged in agriculture, dairy and poultry business. He has been successful in his undertakings and a conversation with him will readily convince one that he is thoroughly acquainted with the farming condition of our Southern States. Mr. Harris advocates less cotton in North Carolina and more devotion to stock raising, and other crops that are more adapted to the country than cotton.

Incidentally Mr. Harris remarked that he had been taking the Economist and Tar Heel for thirty years.

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A LITTLE MISS ENTERTAINS

Little Miss Sadie Mae Wood celebrated her sixth birthday last Tuesday afternoon from four until six o'clock, at the home of her parents in Hunter street.

The following little folks attended the party and helped to make merry: Misses Lucile Beasley, Florence

Anderson, Mattie Gard, Ethel Mae Wright, Cora Chaplin, Inez Chaplin, Lila Pigott, Rubelle Sanders, Alma Hayman and Selma Madrin. Masters Rishardson Sedewick, Charley Sanders, Spencer Chaplin, George Spires and Irvin Bailey.

Elaborate refreshments were served from the dining rooms. The young folks engaged in various games for amusement and a most delightful time was had by all.

The little hostess was the recipient of many nice presents in honor of the occasion. Her guests voted her a charming entertainer.

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE NOW IN SESSION

The Teacher's Institute for the counties of Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck convened in the new school building on Monday morning with a comparatively small attendance on account of the inclement weather but the attendance on Tuesday was largely increased and has grown each day since, until now about fifty teachers are in daily attendance.

The few men present reveals the scarcity of male teachers and those in attendance look so lonesome among so many fine looking young ladies that we would not wonder if even they would forsake the profession in which they present so small a minority. The teachers seem to be very much in earnest and are taking an active part in all the exercises with a view of getting all the benefit possible from the work of the school.

Supt. Little has been fortunate in his selection of practical instructors for this work and no doubt our boys and girls in the schools of the counties represented will be greatly benefited by the inspiration their teachers will receive at this meeting.

Supt. Swift of the Greensboro Graded Schools is in charge of the department of English and Mrs. Stevens of Newbern is instructing in primary and Supt. Sheep teaches arithmetic. A. C. Webb Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., gives instruction in drawing. The general superintendent of all the institutes work of the State, Prof. J. A. Bivins will probably address the teachers at some time during the session.

It is the policy of State Superintendent Joyner to make the work of these teachers institute more effective than formerly by having the work on a few branches emphasized and something definite accomplished at each term, rather than to attempt to cover the whole curriculum in a cursory way. This will add interest as the teachers will have new subjects presented in future sessions, and they will not feel that they are going to hear the same old subject discussed that they had heard at previous sessions.

The day has come when all teachers must have special preparation for their work; must have a knowledge of methods as well as subject matter and to those who are unable to attend Normal schools these institutes offer an excellent substitute and all teachers who expect to keep abreast of the times educationally must attend. The school law now requires that these institutes shall be held every two years and as the work is to be systematized and progressive, an opportunity is offered to all teachers to become familiar with modern methods and school committees are looking for the up-to-date teacher now and the time is rapidly coming when teachers will require professional training to fit them for their work, just as does the doctor or lawyer.

THREE BIG BARGAIN DAYS

At the Woman's Wear Store, August 12, 13 and 14, are the dates. See Circular for particulars. M. LEIGH SHEEP.

BENEFITS OF FAIRS

The object of a Fair is not pecuniary gain on the part of its managers, or any of its exhibitors. A successful Fair will pay expenses and leave a margin for further improvements, but it is conducted by a few practical and public-spirited citizens for the benefit of the many, and not for personal profit. A successful fair is one in which the people of the District, where the fair is held, take a real interest, and show this interest by their careful preparation of exhibits, and by their personal attendance. The managers give the opportunity, the people must do the rest by improving it to the best of their ability. When this is done the fair is a success and proves beneficial not in material, advancement merely of the country, but in other ways also.

What are some of the benefits? One is the educational benefit. This array of entries of all sorts from the farm, the shop, the factory and elsewhere, representing, as it supposed, the best products of the District, and the best intelligence, skill and industry of its people, is instructive to all who behold them and gives ideas that are new to many, of the variety and richness of the country, the power that lies in intelligent industry, the possibilities of development that still lie concealed in the people. It is especially instructive to the exhibitors and competitors themselves, and this is a principal benefit of a fair—the stimulus given to improvement in every kind of labor industry through the desire to excel. We learn, if we are wise, from one another, and by one another's success or failures; by comparison of one another's work. Fairs have had much to do with explaining the wonderful development, progress and prosperity of our country in material resources. In Europe they have largely assisted in solving the problem how to make a comparatively small area support a crowded population. They are a great school, full of object lessons which the humblest citizen is free to study, catching inspiration from which he goes home resolved to be better himself than he ever did before. No amount of money could ever express the value of this benefit supplied by the fair.

Then there is the social benefit. Fairs are gatherings of the people, without class or party distinctions, civil or religious, and the conditions are such as to promote the feeling of unity and common citizenship, and love of country. Under the ancient Hebrew regime, the people gathered together three times a year to hold festivals. Two of them were somewhat of the nature of fairs though possessed of a religious character. The first and best fruits of the fold, the field, orchard and vineyard were brought as offerings to the Lord. The grand benefit however, lay in the assembling of the people, and cementing anew the religious and civil ties that bound them to God and the country and one another. There is perhaps no better place, or time, than a Fair to show and to feel the interdependence of the several classes which make up the people of a land. Here especially the professional and the commercial classes may learn their interdependence to that which is devoted to the cultivation of the soil. Say what we will, and take what exceptions one may please, the bottom truth is undisturbed still, namely, that the land is the true wealth of a nation. The city should know that there is great

place called the country, and that the city, mighty and exalted thought it be, must go down, if the land goes down. Did space permit, it might be shown how well-conducted Fairs tend to the benefit of the people in other directions. Enough has been said in the columns of this paper to set every one to thinking how he or she may best contribute to make the Albemarle Park Fair a great success—a true success—a means of developing and enriching this goodly land inherited from our fathers, and the gift of our God.

OFFICERS OF THE ALBEMARLE PARK FAIR

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Secretary Parker is making every effort with farm implement manufacturers to have a fine exhibit at our coming Fair.

Premium exhibits at the Albemarle Park Fair this Fall will be greatly increased, says Secretary Parker.

Don't wait for the Premium list before getting exhibits in order for the Fair. The committee arranging the premiums is making haste and care, fully arranging matters and will be out with the catalogue in good time.

Secretary Parker says there is bright prospects for a fine display of exhibits from South of the Albemarle.

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EAGLETS. Fresh arrival from New York Prunes, (Figs in glass.) Apriocots, peaches, apples and full assortment preserves, Jellies, jams etc.—Eagle Grocery, Phone 145.

Notice of the re-union of the Confederate Veterans of Currituck came too late for this issue, it will appear in full next week.

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