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EPISCOPALIANS IN COUNCIL.

Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church Organization--List of Delegates--First Day's Proceedings.

MORNING SESSION.

The sixty-first annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of North Carolina met in St. Peter's Church, in this city, yesterday, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and after prayer by the Bishop, upon a call of the roll of clergymen, the following answered to their names:

Rt Rev Thos Atkinson, D D, LLD, Rt Rev Theodore B Lyman, D D, Revs T M Ambler, R W Barber, Geo H Bell, A A Watson, C T Bland, C O Brady, B S Brent, D H Buel, D D, J Buxton, D D, W S Bynum, Nelson Cobb, Harding, Nathaniel Harding, Lucien Holmes, N Collin Hughes, E N Lyner, J Worrall Larmour, M M Marshall, D D, F J Murdock, George Patterson, Edward R Rich, A S Smith, George B Wetmore, William R Wetmore and Edward Wooten.

The Lay Delegates were Messrs J G Martin, K P Battle, Thos F Drayton, W H Williams, John Wilkes, T M Ferrell, F R Rose, R S Huske, T B Hill, George Roberts, H A London, R S Tucker, J Bachelor, T B Lyman, Jr, J S Henderson, S F Lord, F Phillips, S B Cheshire, R M Johnson, John M Little, W H Harriss, A J DeRosset, R E Calder, W A DeRosset, S L Fremont and J W Atkinson.

The Secretary reported that twenty-six of the clergy were present, and lay delegates from eighteen parishes, whereupon the Bishop announced that a quorum was present and declared the Convention to be duly organized.

On motion, the Convention adjourned for Divine service. Morning Prayer was read to the lessons by the Rev. Jarvis Buxton, D D, the Bishop of the Diocese pronouncing the absolution. The lessons were read by the Rev J H Stringfellow, of the Diocese of South Carolina, the Creed and Prayer by the Rev A H Boyle, of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, and the Litany by the Rev Charles S Hale, of the Diocese of Western New York. The ante-Communion Service was read by the Rt Rev T B Lyman, D D, the Bishop of the Diocese reading the Gospel. The sermon was preached by the Rev Edward R Rich, rector of the church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, from the Epistle General of St Jude, 3d verse: "That ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." After the sermon, the Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, who was assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rt Rev, the Assistant Bishop, the Rev Dr Buxton, and the Rev J H Stringfellow.

After services, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, for the transaction of business, and,

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of President, and on the second ballot, the Rev A A Watson, D D, was elected.

Pending the election, Rev. Dr. Marshall submitted the following resolution:

That visiting clergymen from other dioceses, and clergymen belonging to this diocese, but not entitled to seats in this Convention, and candidates for the holy orders, be invited to take honorary seats in the Convention.

Under this resolution, the Revs A H Boyle, of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, John McCullough, Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina, James H Stringfellow, of the same Diocese, E Dolloway and Charles S Hale, of Western New York, W G McKenney, of the Diocese of Long Island, and E A Osborne, a candidate for the orders of this Diocese, were invited to seats.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Secretary, and the Rev J Worrall Larmour, was re-elected by acclamation.

As soon as the result of the election of President was announced, the Convention adjourned until 5 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Upon the assembling of the Convention, the Bishop called the body to order, and announced the following standing committees, viz:

On State of the Church—Rev D H Buel, D D, Rev N Collin Hughes, Rev G B Wetmore; Messrs T B Hill and W L DeRosset.

On Finance—Rev A A Watson, D D, Rev George Patterson, Messrs S L Fremont, G H Roberts and J W Atkinson.

On Elections—Rev A S Smith, M M Marshall, D D, and F R Rose.

On New Parishes—Rev W R Wetmore, Israel Hading and H A London.

On Canons—Rev Dr Buxton, Rev Messrs Ambler and Rich, and Messrs W R Cox and J G Martin.

On Unfinished Business—Rev T J Murdock, J E C Smedes, and S F Lord, Esq.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which, on motion of S L Fremont, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Rev Dr Marshall presented the report of the Committee on the Division of the Diocese, and moved that the resolutions accompanying the report be made the special order for Thursday, 31st inst., at 11 o'clock. Carried

Report of the Special Committee on Division of the Diocese.

Resolved, That there are within the limits of the present Diocese of North Carolina, a sufficient number of Parishes and Clergy, and a sufficient support for two Bishops, so as to comply with the requirements of article V of the constitution of the General Church for the erection and admission of New Dioceses

2d. That the welfare of the Church in North Carolina demands the erection of a new Diocese within the limits of the present Diocese as early as possible.

3d. That any scheme, looking to the division of the Diocese under the government of one Convention is impracticable, if not inconsistent with the present legislation of the General Church.

4th. That the Diocese should be divided by the boundary line, to wit: Beginning at the Virginia line and running with the Western lines of the counties of Northampton, Halifax, Nash, Wilson, Wayne, Sampson, Bladen and Columbus, to the North Carolina line.

The Committee further reported among others the following:

Resolved, That with the consent and approval of the Bisnop, a new Diocese to be known as the Diocese of Raleigh, shall be erected within the limits of the present Diocese of North Carolina.

2d. That the said new Diocese of Raleigh shall consist of all that part of the State of North Carolina, lying West of the present western boundary of the following counties, viz: Northampton, Halifax, Nash, Wilson, Wayne, Sampson, Bladen and Columbus.

3d. That the deputies elected to the General Convention from the Diocese of North Carolina, be hereby instructed to take such action as is necessary, and propose to secure the consent of the General Convention, at its next meeting, for the erection of the new Diocese aforesaid.

M. M. MARSALL,
E. R. RICH,
R. H. BATTLE, JR. } Com.

The Rev. Geo. Patterson presented the report of the Trustees of the University of the South, situated at Suanee, Tennessee, showing that Institution to be in a highly prosperous condition.

The Rev. Dr. Marshall presented the report of committee appointed under the resolution of Col. S. L. Fremont, introduced into the Convention of last year, in regard to the appointment of an historigrapher.

The Committee then adjourned until 9 o'clock on Thursday morning.

The Mails.

The Mails close and arrive at the City Postoffic follows:

CLOSE.

Northern through mails	5:15 P M
Northern through and way mails	8:15 A M
Mails for the N. C. Railroad, and routes supplied therefrom	5:15 P M
Southern mails for all points South, daily	6:30 P M
Western mails (C. C. R. W.) daily (except Sunday)	6:00 A M
Fayetteville, and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays	1:00 P M
Fayetteville by C. C. R. W. daily, (except Sundays)	6:00 A M
Onslow C. H. and intermediate offices every Friday	6:00 A M
Smithville mails, by steamboat, daily, (except Sundays)	2:00 P M
Mails for Easy Hill, Town Creek, Supply, Shallotte and Little River, every Friday at	6:00 A M

ARRIVE.

Northern through mails	12:15 P M
Northern through and way mails	7:15 P M
Southern mails	9:00 A M

Mails delivered from 8:00 A. M. to 7:00 P M., and on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 A. M.

Stamp Office open from 8 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 6 P. M. Money order and Register Departments open same as stamp office.

Stamps for sale at general delivery when stamp office is closed.

Key Boxes accessible at all hours, day and night.

Mails collected from street boxes every day 4:00 P. M.

LOCAL NEWS.

New Advertisements.

SHERIFF & Co—Wilmington City Directory

S. JEWETT—Standard and Popular Novels.

A. SHAIER.—Collars by the bucket full—25 cents

See new advertisements on fourth page.

The weather is quites warm in the day but quite chilly at night.

There is a cry for rain now from every portion of this thirsty land.

The Monroe excursionists have gone home and left us all disconsolate.

The Spring term of Sampson county Superior Court convenes on Monday. Judge Seymour will preside.

It looks bad to see a dog preceding his master down the street and calmly turn into the first saloon he appreaches. It shows there is something wrong somethimg lacking, a deplorable tendency on the part of the dog.

Germania Lodge, No. 4, K. of P., of this city, are to have another pic nic at the Wilmington Gardens next week. If this occasion equals the last in the pleasure it afforded to those who were present then none of those who go will regret having been present.

See new advertisement of Messrs. Sheriff & Co., in this issue. The work of taking the names for the new Directory has been completed and those who haved moved or desire any change made in their names or residences are requested to give notice of the same.

Raleigh *Observer*: Mr. John E. Crow, of the firm of Binford, Crow & Co., of Wilmington, arrived in the city yesterday, having been summoned by telegraph to the bedside of his sick brother, Mr. C. C. Crow. We are pleaseb to learn that the condition of Mr. Crow was much improved last evening.

A Compliment Properly Placed.

The W. & W. Railroad, says the Goldsboro *Messenger*, is fast getting to be the very best equipped railroad in the South. "Improvements" seems to be the order of the day with its managers, and with such able and clear-headed officials as Col. Pope, the General Passenger Agent, who as a Railroadist has few equals in the country, and Capt. Divine, the efficient corps in subordinate, to say nothing of its able the road is prosperous in spite of the general stagnation in trade circles.

Yesterday's Excursion.

The excursion yesterday to Smithville and the forts under the auspices of St Paul's Episcopal Church was one of the most delightful we have ever attended. There was a good crowd and every one seemed bent upon making the day one of great pleasure. The ladies of the church were vieing with each other in making their guests comfortable while Messrs. R. H. Grant and R. E. Heide devoted their whole time to the biddings of the ladies and children. Capt. Pratt, of the steamer, was very clever and made many friends for himself.

County Poor House.

H. E. Scott, Esq., who had kindly consented to take charge of the inmates of the Poor House for the past seven or eight years—for a consideration, has retired to the shades of private life to enjoy the benefits of the private fortune amassed by him while enjoying the emoluments of a public office. The *Star* dubs him "Dr." and, by the way, what was it that the *Star* had to say a few days since about the title of "Doctor" indiscriminately bestowed?

Mr. J. F. Garrell succeeds Mr. Scott in the management of this institution.

A New Lodge of Good Templars.

Cape Fear Lodge of Good Templars was organized last night at Brooklyn Hall by Mr. Ramsay with the following officers:

W. C. T.—J. F. Jones.
W. V. T.—Miss Callie Taylor.
W. C. —Wm. Beech.
W. S.—Geo. McDougel.
W. T.—Miss Alice Jones.
W. F. S.—Wm. Barlow.
W. M.—R. H. Moore.
W. I. G.—Miss Lucy Taylor.
W. O. G.—S. L. Smith.
W. R. S.—Miss Ella Alderman.
W. L. S.—Miss Susie Toft.
W. A. S.—Miss Barlow.
W. D. M.—Wesley Sanders

Proposed Change of Schedule.

Says the Raleigh *News*: There are rumors of a change next Sunday in the schedule of trains on the North Carolina Railroad. Under the contemplated arrangement the train going west will leave Goldsboro at 10:50 a. m., leave Raleigh 12:36 p. m., reach Greensboro 5 p. m., and Charlotte 9:45 p. m.; going east leave Charlotte about 3 a. m., leave Greensboro 7:20 a. m., leave Raleigh 11:39 a. m., and reach Goldsboro at 2 p. m.

Under this arrangement the present Southern connections of the Richmond & Danville Railroad at Charlotte will be maintained, while on this end of the North Carolina Railroad close connection will be made at Goldsboro with both the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad and the Atlantic & North Carolina. The connection both ways with the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad is one which has been long desired but which has never before been effected. Under this proposed schedule passengers can leave Raleigh at noon and reach Wilmington for supper; take breakfast at Wilmington and reach Raleigh for dinner.

The Peace of a Household

Is often dependent on the culinary and domestic skill of the housewife. Ladies know this, and by using DOOLEY'S YEAST POWDER insure themselves the most perfect bread and pastry possible. Its use is economy also, for every can is absolutely full weight, and it is so strong and pure as to demand the use of a much smaller quantity than usual.

It is not what people eat, but what they digest that makes them strong. It is not what they gain but what they save that makes them rich. It is not what they read but what they remember that make is them learned.

Transfer of the City Government--Inauguration of the New Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Quite a large crowd assembled at the City Hall this morning to witness the swearing in of the new Board of Aldermen, which, in accordance with an act passed by the late Legislature, amending the charter of the city of Wilmington, took place to-day. A few minutes before 12 o'clock the venerable and patriarchial looking City Clerk and Treasurer entered the City Court Room bearing in his hands the certificate of election of the new Board of Aldermen, the oath of office that he was to administer to them, and the other necessary papers required for the occasion. Walking up to the desk, usually occupied by the Mayor, the Clerk, Mr. Servoss, then [illegible] Aldermen for the city of Wilmington in the month of March last. After reading over the names of the Aldermen-elect, the Clerk then requested the gentlemen to walk inside of the bar of the Court Room and take their seats as their names were called. He then read the certificates of election as follows:

First Ward—F. W. Foster, Jas. A. Lowery.

Second Ward—Henry G. Flanner, Chas. D. Myers.

Third Ward—L. H. Bowden, H. Von-Glahn.

Fourth Ward—John Dawson, H. Vollers.

Fifth Ward—Isaac W. King, Jos. C. Hill.

After the Aldermen had taken their positions as requested by the City Clerk (who acted as Chairman until the organization of the new Board was completed), the oath of office was administered by Justice Gardner to the entire Board of Aldermen, who were then required to register their names severally, subscribing to the aforesaid oath on the journal of the city.

Alderman Flanner then moved to complete the organization by going into an election for Mayor. Motion was put and carried.

Alderman Foster nominated Hon. John Dawson for Mayor in quite a complimentary speech. Alderman Hill seconded Mr. Dawson's nomination.

Alderman Myers nominated Dr. H. G. Flanner for Mayor. Alderman Hill moved that the nominations close and that the election be made *viva voce*. The Chair declared that unconstitutional. Alderman Hill then withdrew the motion.

Alderman Foster moved they go into an election by ballot. Motion put and carried.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Myers and Foster as tellers to conduct the election and count the votes, which resulted as follows:

John Dawson received.....6 votes.
H. G. Flanner.....3 "
H. Vollers.....1 "

Hon. John Dawson was then declared duly elected Mayor of the city of Wilmington for the ensuing term of two years. Upon the announcement of the result there were manifestations of applause and cries of "Hurrah for Dawson," from the crowd gathered in the Court Room. The police officers, however, checked the demonstration and the business proceeded.

Alderman Hill moved that a committee be appointed to conduct the Honorable Mayor-elect to the chair. The chairman *pro tem.* appointed Messrs. Bowden and Foster, who thereupon escorted his (new) Honor to the head of the Aldermanic Board. Mr. Dawson then proceeded to speak as follows: "Brother Aldermen," Mr. Servoss, chairman *pro tem.*, interrupted. Mr. Dawson said "Allow me to say something. I want to make a speech," and commenced his oration again. Our venerable patriarchial friend again interrupted. This time he spoke loud enough so that the old—we mean new Mayor—could hear, (the old gentleman being a little hard of hearing.) "You must first take the oath of office," bawled Mr. Servoss. "But I have already sworn," says the new Mayor. "But that was only as Alderman," repeated the venerable Secretary and Treasurer. "Now you must swear in as Mayor." "Is *that* so?" says the new Mayor. "It is, indeed," nodded the venerable Chairman, pro tem. "All right," says the new Mayor, and then he swallowed the second oath. After which our venerable Secretary and Treasurer and Chairman, pro tem, gracefully bowed himself down and yielded up the Chair, whereupon Mr. Dawson made one of his short and characteristic speeches, thanking the Board for the honor they had conferred upon him, and promising to discharge the duties of his office with an eye single to the interests of the community, and without regard to party ties or affiliations.

Alderman Foster moved that the outgoing Mayor be notified of the organization of the new board and his presence be requested at this meeting. Motion put and carried.

The Mayor then appointed Aldermen Flanner and Foster a committee to wait upon the ex-Mayor. The committee retired to the Mayor's office across the hall of the building and soon returned accompanied by ex-Mayor Canaday whom they escorted to the Mayor's desk, the Mayor rising and receiving him. Mr. Canaday then spoke as follows:

MR. MAYOR:—Allow me as the retiring Mayor to congratulate you on your [illegible] to the honorable position [illegible] mington after your absence of nine years. I wish also to congratulate this honorable board in making so good and wise a selection, and the citizens of Wilmington on their Mayor. I hereby turn the government of the city of Wilmington over to you and this board feeling assured from your past record and long experience as Mayor that I could not have the honor of leaving the government of this city in better hands. I wish you and your honorable coadjutors a very pleasant, happy and prosperous administration.

Mr. Dawson replied thanking Mr. Canaday for the compliments, &c., again pledging himself to discharge his duties faithfully in the future, as he thought he had done in the past. At the conclusion of the Mayor's remarks he resumed the Chair, the ex-Mayor being asssigned a seat near by on the left. The regular order of business was then proceeded with.

Alderman Flanner moved that the City Clerk and Treasurer be authorized to advertise through the city papers that all applications for positions under the City Government, must be sent in to the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer. Motion carried.

The Mayor then appointed Aldermen Flanner and Foster, an Executive Committee to examine the books and papers of the city. After some little discussion, it was finally decided by the Board to adjourn until next Thursday, when an election would take place for City Clerk and Treasurer, and Chief of Police. The Mayor then turned to the City Clerk and told him that he would be in attendance at the City Court room to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, but that he hoped there would be nothing for him to do. After a few jovial remarks by his (new) honor, and a general laugh all around, the meeting was declared adjourned.

The Last Meeting of the Old Board.

The old Board of Aldermen held their last meeting at the City Hall yesterday afternoon, they having been called together by the Mayor:

The report of the Auditing Committee was presented, stating that they had counted and destroyed the city coupons, amounting to $3,690 29, which report was received and approved.

The Mayor then presented his report, embracing the four years of his administration, from the 12th of May, 1873, to the 12th of May, 1877, together with the report of the Treasurer, Marshal, Chief of the Fire Department, and other reports of the various departments, which were received, approved and ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

The several members of the Board then respectively returned their thanks to His Honor, the Mayor, and to their fellow members for the kindness and courtesy which had uniformly characterized their relations as an official body, and expressed their regrets that the time had arrived when these relations were to be severed; the Mayor in return reciprocating their kind expressions and good wishes.

The meeting then adjourned.

Sensible Advice.

You are asked every day through the columns of newspapers and by your Druggist to use something for Dyspepsia and Liver complaint that you know nothing about; you get discouraged spending money with but little success. Now to give you satisfactory proof that GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER will cure you of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint with all its effects, such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart-burn, Water brash, coming up of food after eating, low spirits, &c., we ask you to go to your Druggist and get a Sample Bottle of GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER for 10 cents and try it, or a Regular Size for 75 cents; two doses will relieve you.

The Grand Lodge of the order of Knights of Pythias will meet with Centre Lodge in Raleigh, on the first Wednesday in June.

PLEASE NOTICE.

We will be glad to receive communications from our friends on any and all subjects of general interest but:

The name of the writer must always be furnished to the Editor.

Communications must be written only on one side of the paper.

Personalities must be avoided.

And it is especially and particularly understood that the editor' does not always endorse the views of correspondents, unless so stated in the editorial columns.

Mr. George Myers has taken pains to demonstrate to us that he has now in store a lot of the best Fulton Market beef ever brought to this city, and it is just as good all the way through the barrel as it is on top. We have tried it and know all about it.

The Thermometer.

From the United States Signal Office at this place we obtain the following report of the thermometer, as taken this morning at 7:31 o'clock:

Augusta, 62; Charleston, 69; Corsicana, 73; Galveston, 79; Indianola, 77; Jacksonville, 77; Key West, 78; Mobile, 71; Montgomery, 71; New Orleans, 75; Norfolk, 73; Punta Rassa, 74; Savannah, 74; St. Marks, 71; Wilmington, 68.

by which they passed from Republican control into the hands of the Democrats, was effected very quietly and without the least undue excitement. As the proceedings published by us elsewhere will show immediately upon the formation of the new Board a ballot was had for Mayor and this resulted in the choice of Hon. John Dawson, a gentleman who nine years ago resigned the same position to make way for Ex-Mayor Neff, the first Republican who ever held that position. Mr. Dawson was elected on the first ballot by a clear majority, and this election was immediately made unanimous.

The new Mayor of the city is no stranger to any of our people and needs no introduction from us. For more years than we have numbered has he been a resident and a merchant of this city and the esteem in which he has always been held is best evidenced by the fact that, before, during and since the war has he held the same position that he now fills, the highest in the gift of the people of the city.

Harbor Master's Report.

Capt. B. G. Bates, Harbor Master at this port, makes the following report for the month of May:

Arrived—steamers, 10; barques, 7; brigs, 4; schooners, 13; total, 34; aggregate tonnage, 13,057; foreign tonnage, 3,451.

The pilots' reports of soundings for the month, taken at low water mark, are as follows:

Bald Head Channel, 10 feet; Western Bar, 11 feet 6 inches, and rip, 7 feet; New Inlet Bar, 9 feet, and rip 9 feet.

Ex Mayor Canaday.

By the municipal changes of to-day we bid an official farewell to this gentleman. For four years past he has filled the office of Mayor of this city and although we have been his political opponent during all that time yet we cannot but give expression here to the fact that so far as our closest observation has extended Mr. Canaday has filled the position gracefully, equitably and honorably. We believe that he has done his duty to the best of his ability and his opportunities and that although he has led the opposition element in politics in this section for several years past yet that he has remembered and has conscientiously endeavored to carry out the obligations of the high municipal office which he has held. And this sentiment, we are happy to say, is shared by many of Mr. Canaday's most active political opponents in this city.

Mr. Canaday has our best wishes for his future success in all save his political undertakings.

Meteological Summary for May 1877.

From Mr. Seyboth, U. S. Signal Officer at this point, we have the following report for the month of April:

Highest barometer, 30.405 inches; lowest barometer, 29.577 inches; monthly range of barometer, 0.828 inches; highest temperature, 89°; lowest temperature, 42°; monthly range of temperature, 47°; greatest daily range of temperature, 28°; mean of maximum temperatures, 73°3; mean of minimum temperatures, 55°7; mean daily range of temperatures, 17°6; total rainfall or melted snow, 2.36 inches; prevailing wind, southwest; total number of miles traveled, 5,835; maximum velocity of wind, 22 miles per hour; number of cloudy days, other than those on which rain fell, 3; number of days on which rain or snow fell, 10; mean monthly barometer, 30.037 inches; mean monthly temperature, 64°5 (or nearly 6° below usual average); mean monthly humidity, 66 per cent.

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