WEATHER REPORT

New York markets: Money on

presty at 4@6 per cent, ruling

3 per cout.; cotton strady at

e four quiet but firm; wheat-

4 m No. 3 red 91 %c; corn-spot

pdf. No. 2, nominal; rosin quiet; sated, common to good, \$2.50@2.55.

C A DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 7. inscrological data for the iwenty hours ending at 8 P. M. norratures: 8 A. M., 37 degrees y 40 degrees: maximum, 53 dea minimum, 27 degrees; mean, 40

benfall for the day, .00; rainfall PURECAST FOR TO-DAY. MARINGTON, Dec. 7.-For North prine Fair Tuesday; rain at night Wednesday; variable winds, bening north to northeast and fresh.

Part Almanac-December 8.

4.46 P. M 9 H. 49 M r . L. ogin Water at Southport. 10.27 A. M. ry Water Wilmington. 12.57 P. M.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message in full said occupy two pages (16 columns) the Stan, and in that form would ereal by but a small percentage of by very full symples, however, men we print on the third page of merta to day, it will prove much ere acceptable to our readers.

total Taft gave a magnificent retian fete and water carnival at a last Friday night. Rooseapprove it because colored lights

The Chicago woman whose husi slapped her face with a cookis secured a divorce yesterday. to knew the recipe for settling his

nice cotton has jumped up to than two cents a pound, the er staple part of supposed "all fabrics has go the wool part

aned to death. The caption of a cablegram tells as that "William J. Bryan is Europe." The politicians inerics are wondering if he will was will after he gets back to the

settled that Punama will are floor space at the St. Louis itposition. Uncle Sam has already equared the young thing for every at Age cuts no figure with the

General Wood missed his opporunity by not securing space for a by acticles in the advance Christhas magazines. Santa Claus might lare and them on the deaks of the

While the elevator is passing on the special session to the ogna: mession of Congress, it and a good idea for Rooseat to yank Drs. Wood and Crum ut of the cage before it lands on to becate floor.

is a temperance measure, the Surga Raptist State Convention proposes to fix the price of a drink 1907 at \$1. Atlanta newspaper he a oppose this, as they maint afford to get bloated any am over what the Gate City is

hace there can be no curtailment thirts, editors will have to cur-With number they wear, if the an acce of cotton results in a big Charge in shirt material. This is The speculative moveand a cotton affects the newspaper

Super Casement, British Consul Free State, Africa, fully wirms the worst reports of out-The perpetrated on natives of that M M Africa by the companies West in the rubber traffic. Slav-" and barbarism still exist and the

Englished on is atrocious.

THE MORNING STAR.

tion Co., of which Mr. F. A. Apple-

white is manager, had offered to take

the contract for \$1,800 per year. Mr.

W. H. Yopp suggested that Capt.

Williams made the original proposi-

tion when machi: ery and labor were

cheaper. The committee recommended

and was authorized to advertise for

fire tug service according to blank

form of contract, which was read to

Public Building-Chairman Murrell

eported installation of the new burg-

ar and fire-proof door to Treasurer's

vauit and said that machinery for Otty

Hall heating plant was expected by Mr.

Whitlock on to-day's steamer. Repairs

-the Board of Audit and Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was officially informed

of the several contracts concurred in

by the Board of Audit and Finance,

The City Astorney submitted a written

opinion that solvent credits of the

Armour Packing Co. are not liable in

this State. The opinion was referred

to the Finance Committee. Similar

torney officially reported the success-

tax suits and asked for an appropria-

The chief of the Fire Department re-

ported 21 alarms during the month

and a property loss of about \$10,000,

Weigher S. L. Yopp reported fees

during the month amounting to \$25.50.

Chief of Police Furlong reported 111

arrests during the month-44 white

and 67 colored. Of the total

number, 15 were bound over to

Superior Court under aggregate

bonds of \$825 and 20 were sent to the

county roads for 600 days. The City

Attorney reported the collection of

The City Treasurer reported for the

month as follows: Receipts-Balance

from October, \$12,976.02; merchants'

teense, \$706.35; bar rooms, \$1,188;

market rents, \$154.99; Mayor's court,

\$387.79; pound fees, \$1; weighing

beef cattle, \$25.50; miscellaneous and

extraordinary, \$89.12; dray badges,

\$23.10; real and personal tax, 1903,

\$31,059.58; real and personal, prior to

1903, \$749.98; costs on tax prior to

1903, \$118.11. Total receipts, \$24,-

503.59. Total, including balance, \$37,

Balance on hand, \$22,307.93.

vote either way.

479.54. Disbursements, \$15,171.63.

Mr. W. H. Yopp had read of the

\$544.56 back taxes.

Ordinances-Chairman Gafford had

the Board.

WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1903.

COMMISSIONERS AGREE NON-RESIDENCY AVAILS.

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Vexatious Question Determined by County Authorities Upon Explanatory Letter and Advice of Their Counsel.

Upon the advice of their attorney. Maraden Bellamy, E.q., and by unanimous vote, the four members of the Board of County Commissioners in attendance upon yesterday afternoon's meeting decided to abate something like \$72,000 in solvent credits and possibly other personal property, arbitrarily listed against Mr. Hugh Mac Rae when he was refused the privilege of listing as a non-resident, through an agent, last June, and it was decided to accept the list from Mr. Mac-Rae as originally proffered. The action by the commissioners was upon the following letter from Mr. Mac-Rae, in explanation of his position in regard to taxation matters:

WILMINGTON, N C. Dec. 7, 1908. Mr D McEnchern, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, Wil

DEAR FIR: It is my understanding hat the tax listers have added an arbitrary personal property valuation to the assessment made on my real estate in this city. In regard to this, I beg to state that I found it necessary in 1901 to give up my residence in Wilmington and establish a residence in Washington. I would be obliged, therefore, if the Board of County Commissioners would instruct the tax listers to accept the list as originally of-This question has been misunder

stood by some in the community, and am unwilling to allow the matter to rest without a brief explanation. By leaving Wilmington, as a place of resideace, I did not avoid any just taxtion. On the contrary, by making xiensive new investments in the city, became a larger taxpayer than beore, and believe that the taxes paid by these interests make me the largest individual taxpayer in the city. My taxable property consists of certain real estate, and interests in the following corporations of this community, namely: The Wilmington Cotton Mills, American Chemical and Textile Coloring Co., Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. (including the Gas Co., the Street Ballway Co. and the Seacoast R. R. Co.), the Wilmingon Compress and Wasehouse Co., the firm of Hugh MacRee & Co.; am also nterested in the stocks of the Atlantic Coast Line, and small amounts of stocks in other corporations. It is not contemplated under the law that I should pay again, under my own name, taxes on the stock which I hold in these corporations, which have

The Law of 1901, as interpreted by the Chairman of the Corporation Commission, would have required me to pay an amount of taxes larger than the income received from these interests. This interpretation was afterwards modified very materially, and the law has not been enforced.

aiready been paid by the said corpora-

Outside of the tax question, there are conditions imposed by the Law of 1901 which made it impracticable to be suej ct as a citizen to the said laws and to continue the business of Hugh Mac-Ree & Co. This business was dependent upon confidential relations be tween the firm and its customers, and the law as interpreted required a pubneity of details which was impossible. It is my understanding that this provision of the law has also been abandoned, and is not being enforced in

any part of the State. I think it will be clear to you that it would have been out of the question for me to have remained a citizen of the community, subject to laws which, if enforced, as interpreted, would have aken more than my income to meet taxation, and would have destroyed a ousiness which had required some years to baild up. I regretted, and will always regret, the causes which necessitated giving up my citizenship in Wilmington; but they were entire-

ly outside of my control. In conclusion, I beg to say that I have evaded no just taxation by leav ing the city, and by largely incressing my interests here I am paying more taxes than ever before; and feel, thereore, that both from the standpoint of axation and industrial development I am coing my full duty. Yours HUGH MACRAE.

Upon the reading of the commusication, Chairman McEachern asked Mr. Bellamy for his opinion of the matter. "My opinion is that he is a non-resident of the State," replied Mr. Bellamy. 'The question of residence has been passed upon a thousand times," he added; "and it has always been simply a question of bons-fide into the matter.

At the request of Chairman McEachern, Mr. Beilamy then drew the following which was unanimously

"It appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that Hugh MacRae is and was on the first day of June, 1903, a Tiencken asked about the policy of the non-resident of the State of North Carolina, it is now ordered that the said Hugh MacBae be and he is hereby permitted to list his taxable pro- if it was not the intention of the comperty in the county of New Hanover and that his said list be received in lieu graded and left open by the last adminof the list as entered by the tax lister

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

for Fiorida last night.

- Miss Annie K. Harper has returned from a delightful trip to New

York and Baltimore. - Mrs. J. T. Harper and daughter, Mrs. J. J. Darby, left yesterday to visit in Lynchburg, Va.

- Mrs. J. E. Highee, of New husband, Capt. Highee, master of the 1,200 tons had been received up to York, arrived yesterday to join her schooser "Rob! H Stevenson."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Saloon-For sale. Hiberolans-Attention. Bissinger-For Xmas presents. Masonic-Meeting St. John's Lodge.

SUBINES ! ANDALA.

Gas-Cook with gas. Special sale of fancy china Friday. Dec. 11th, at Bissinger China Parlor,

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Last Night's Session Noted for Neatness and Quick Dispatch of Business.

ROUTINE WORK.

Excellent Showing Made by Departments. Fire tag Scheme Ponndered for the Present-No Restrictions Upon Automobiles-Other Notes.

The Board of Aldermen was in sesdon less than two hours last night, xhibiting the hopeful policy of allowing committee work to be done by committee and refraining from undue attention to matters triling and unimportant. All members were present, Mayor Springer presiding. The minutes of regular and special meetings having been read and approved, the board came at once to business and dispatched an unusual amount of it in a comparatively short time. Chief among the items was the adoption of the Fire Commission's report and recommendation relative to precautions needed for the prevention of a recurrence of the recent accident at the Standard Oil Co.'s plant in this city. The report was submitted by Mayor Springer, and is referred to elsewhere in to-day's paper. The remainder of the business was principally routine and under head of committee reports, as follows:

Finance-Upon recommendation of Chairman W. H. Yopp, same correction in tax list of Capt. Donald Mac-Rae was made as allowed by the County Commissioners. Application of Jao. F. Garrell & Co., for abate ment of tax on their corporation, same having headquarters in Cape Fear ownship, was continued with the committee, which had not time for investigation.

Saultary-Chairman Sweeney re- | clerk's deak were read. erred to the monthly report of the city superintendent of health, which was read. The report showed 53 deaths during the month, of which 16 were white and 37 colored; 67 births, 25 white and 43 colored; 3,767 inspections by health officers; 29 fumigations and 550 lime and acid orders issued; 1,186 cade of trash removed by carts; 1,677 premises attended to by scavengers. One case of typhoid fever, 10 of diphheria and nine of scarlet fever were quarantined during the month, but it was a pleasure to note that on Dec. 1st only four cases of scarlet fever were under quarantine and not a single case of diphtheria, "truly a wonderful termination of what promised to be a semi-epidemic," as it was expressed in the report. The mortuary statistics as compared with other years were snown highly favorable to the health of the community. During the month there were complaints in regard to uneanitary condition of the sewerage system. In company with the mayor, the superintendent made a personal inspection of a majority of the man holes, and found a majority with no flow of water through the pipes, while in six there was foecal matter with no flow. The Wilmington Sewerage Co. was at once notified that unless the man holes were immediately put in a sanitary condition, at the monthly meeting of the Board of Health a motion would be made to condemn the eatire system. The nuisance was at once remedied and the system is in good condition, with the company's assurance that it will be kept so in the

future. The report was adopted. Markets-Chairman Tiencken said

he had no report. Lights-Chairman Hashagen said conditions were about as usual but the gas pressure was not up to the standard. He deplored the fact there had been an increase of nearly 300 per cent. in consumption at the engine houses and an excess at the markets-Attention was called to the fact that nights were longer now, but the chairmen of the Public Building and Market committees said they would look

Streets and Wharves-Mr. Sweeney reported that the committee was receiving all the rock from the quarry it was possible to use; that the machinery for repair of the road roller had been received and that the big machine would be out next week, Mr. committee in regard to further permanent improvement when Second street is completed and Mr. Behrends asked mittee to complete sections of street istration, notably parts of Eighth and on the tax books of the county for the Dock streets. Had not the Board gone on record in favor of completing those unfinished sections? There was fur ther discussion by Mr. Hashagen who called attention to the condition of Dr. J. H. Bornemann, Jr., left Fifth street near the new bridge and Mr. Sweeney adverted to the fact that some streets had been opened and worked on for political effect. The committee didn't propose to complete those. Mr. W. H. Yopp supplemented the report by saying that a Mr. Johnson, an expert man from E.m. City, had been employed by Contractor Dock and from 50 to 58 tons was now the daily output of the quarry, about

Police-Chairman Moore said there

was no report. Water Works-Chairman Behrendt reported completion and a satisfactory test of the Orange street extension. Pending arrangements for the fire tug, he had no report as to additional pro tection for wharf property, which he had in mind. Mayor Springer took occasion to compliment the committee upon the satisfactory work on Orange

Fire—Chairman Moore reported the resignations of Firemen S. G. Watson THE COUNTY FATHERS and B. F. Swann and R. F. Thomas

and W. W. Wright were elected to succeed them. In regard to the fire Board of Commissioners Reorboat, Chairman Moore said Capt. hanized Yesterday Afternoon Edgar Williams had finally decided to make no proposition, but that the for New Fiscal Year. Wilmington Towing and Construc-

Proposition to Buy Part of Old Court House Turned Down -Officials Renewed Bonds--Election of Chair-

the installation of a heater could be ries remain same as last year.

made to pay for itself by leasing the house on the premium plan, same as | was taken up with the reading of anmarkets are now rented. Mr. W. E. | nual reports and the examination of Yopp concurred in the opinion ex- bonds renewed by all county officials pressed by Mr. Tiencken and said he at the beginning of the new year. The understood the house could be com- Board, however, found some time to pleted for much less than \$3,000. By devote to routine proceedings and request, Mr. C. M. Whitlock, who was some special matters were also considpresent, made a statement in regard to | ered, one of which was a communicaheating the building, saying that the | tion from Mr. Hugh MacRae, which part of the house hardest to heat was the | is printed in another column, with the stage, which was unprotected above, action of the Board thereon. Another and he gave sufficient reasons there- | was an offer of \$3,000 from Herbert Mcfor. If the over-head could be ceiled | Clammy, Esq., for the purchase of the the expense would be much less than eastern wing of the old Court the added cost of the heater. No action was, however taken. Mr. W. H. street and running back into the Yopp spoke of the need of heat in the playhouse and said he wanted the re- right of way over the alley just east of sponsibility shifted to where it belongs | the property and north of the same. no report and communications on the approval of the title. The proposition

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS. disposition was made of a bill of \$100 for services of the tug "Marion" at the recent McEachern fire across the river, and application of A. Shrier for rebate of small amount of taxes through clerical error. The City Atful termination of the McDonald back tion of \$500 or so much thereof as is needed for the compilation of the back tax books since 1894. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for

General county fund \$ 9,429 03

of which amount \$8,000 was in the two fires across the river. Cattle NEW BOARD IN SESSION.

the same members, then convened and organized as stated above. Routine business was taken up and dispurchase of another automobile and Hilton Lumber Co., was granted.

moved that the Board pass on ordinauce regulating the speed of such vehicles. Mr. Tiencken thought the fast driving ordinance would avail. Finally a vote was taken and only Messrs. pairs to buildings. Yopp and Murrell voted for an ordi-

cance. Six others voted against the proposition and Mr. Behrends didn't The City Attorney was catechised in the grand jury room had been coma little by Mr. Hashagen as to the progress of the Bryan suit, after which

the Board adjourned. DELIGHTFUL BIKIHDAY PARTY.

Miss Lillie Bornemann Entertained Large

Number of Priends Last Evening. birthday, a number of her friends a her hospitable home, Seventh and Ann streets last night. A number of pleasing features of entertainment were afforded and dainty refreshments were served.

Among the guests were Mr. W. H. Molina with Miss Lillian Stemmerman, Miss Neta Smith, Miss Dora Bornemann, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Blomme, Mr.O. Fick, Miss Mamie Martens. Henry Habernecht, Miss Frederica Martens, Mr. Joe Quinlivan, Miss Wilson, of Caleago; Mr. C. H. Bornemaun, Miss Belmoat, of Philadelpuis; Mr. Luther Register, Miss Katie Fick, Mr. Ed. Register, Miss Wallsce, of Raleigh; Mr. Eugene Pickard, Miss Bailey, of Boston.

Special sale of fancy china Friday, Dec. 11th, at Bissenger China Parlor, 119 Market street.

ANNUAL REPORTS RECEIVED.

man and Glerk-Business.

The Board of County Commission

The greater portion of the session House, fronting 25 feet on Princess block a uniform depth of 61 feet with Mr. McClammy offered to pay for the property upon examination and his was informally discussed at some

length but was not accepted. The Board convened at 2:30 o'clock. Present, besides the Commissioners named, were Marsden Bellamy, Esq., county attorney, and Mr. John Mc-Laurin, clerk officio. Chairman Mc-Eachern submitted the annual report of the receipts and disbursements of the county for the fiscal year ending Dec. 1st, daiy approved by himself and Messrs. Vollers and Robertson, composing the auditing committee, who completed an examination of the document last week. The report was adopted and ordered published with that of County Treasurer H. McL. Green, which was subsequently read and referred to the Auditing Committee for examination at the regular meeting Thursday afternoon. The report of Treasurer Green shows balances on hand at the beginning of the

Special county fund...... 17,709 71

The old Board having adjourned sine die, the new Board, composed of posed of as follows. Application of W. A. Willson for reduction of taxes on property in Harnett township, erroneously listed; referred to Mesers. Mc-Eachern, Alexander and Divine with power to act. Ordered that income tax of J. S. Hooper be abated, same having been listed through misapprehension of the exemption. Arthur Williams, colored, and J. W. Gaskill, white, of Wilmington, exempted from poil tax on account physical disability. Error in tax assessment of personal property against C. S. Denny corrected from \$500 to \$50. Report of Chairman Rotertson, of special committee, to make proper division on tax books of property of R. A. and W. L. Parsley and others was adopted. Application of W. L. Parsley for exemption from jury duty as general superintendent of

thorized to make certain needed reof Superior Court was read and the chairman states that the recommendation as to separate bibles for the races

MANY REPORTS RECEIVED.

The sheriff's annual report of Schedule B tax collected during the year showed that the State received a total of \$9,111.50 of which \$3,075.62 was from liquor. The county received \$30,833.85, distributed as follows: County general, \$4.726.78; liquor, \$6,151.25; school, \$9,455.82. The grand total from all sources was \$29,445.35. The report was referred to the auditing

ers met in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon and organized for the new fiscal year. All members were present except Mr. W. F. Alexander, who is slightly indisposed and confined to his home. Mr. Duncan McEachern was unanimously reto Engine station No. I were reported elected chairman of the Board and completed. In this connection Mr. | Capt. Owen Fennell was unanimously Tiencken said most emphatically the re-elected clerk of the auditing com-Opera House ought to be heated and mittee. It was ordered that their sala-

new fiscal year as follows:

Township road fund...... 279 95 Total\$39,537 14

The County Home Committee was au-The grand jury's report to last term

Yearly and monthly reports were received as follows: Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of Superior Court, monthly report of \$39 60 fines and \$6 jury tax collected. Yearly report of public funds in hand as guardian, trustee, etc., \$4,083.32. Annual report of Register of Deeds, 373 marriage licenses issued entertained, in honor of her 18th and \$373 paid to State. Superintendpatients treated in the office and 29 visits to patients at their homes; county institutions in their usual good sanitary condition; one case of fever at the Home and two at the camp constituted the scute sickness for the month; four cases typhoid fever, 10 of diphtheria and 11 of scarlatina were reported during the month.

as required by law. His receipts from fines and forfeitures during the year

Bonds of nearly all county officials and improves on acquaintance. were presented and after being approved as to form by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., were signed by the commissioners present and held until Thursday for Mr. Alexander's signature. Messrs. M. G. Chadwick, W. H. Shearin and C. D. Bell were granted until Thursday to complete certain technicalities in their bonds. Those passed upon were as follows:

W. B. Savage, Constable-Union Surety and Guaranty Co., \$1,000. W. H. Biddle, Register of Deeds-Union Surety and Guaranty Co.,

Frank H. Stedman, Sheriff-Pro-

cess bond, \$5,000; public tax bond, \$45,000; county, poor, school and special tax bond, \$50,000, with K. M. Murchison, M. J. Corbett, J. C. Stevenson, J. V. Grainger and J. A. Springer, sureties, the two first named justifying in the sum of \$25,000 each and the three last named \$20,000 each. Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court-Bond, \$10,000 with B. F. Hall, James Sprunt and J. C.

Stevenson sureties, each of whom justify in the sum of \$5,000. H. McL. Green, County Treasurer -General County Fund bond, \$45,-000 with Jno. S. Armstrong, W. E. Worth and M. J. Heyer sureties, Messrs. Armstrong and Heyer justifying in the sum of \$45,000 and Mr. Worth, \$30,000; school fund bond in the sum of \$60,000 with Jno. S. Armstrong, W. E. Worth and C. W. Yates as sureties, the first named justifying in the sum of \$60,000; and the two last named in sum of \$30,000; road fund bond, \$30,000, with Jno 8. Armstrong, W. E. Worth and C. W. Yates as sureties, each of whom justify in the sum of \$30,000.

LOCAL DOTS.

- Knight's excursion from Newbern Sunday brought 250 people.

- Six road recruits were received

from the Mayor's court yesterday. - A meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association will be held to-night at 8 o'clock.

- The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet this morning at 11 o'clock.;

to Congress yesterday may be found, in full synopsis, on the third page of - Mr. Chas. Berst, of The Game-

- What the President had to say

well Fire Alarm Telegraph Co., is in the city to install the new battery system recently purchased by the city. - Dr. A. D. McClure, D. D. went to Hamlet yesterday to meet his mother, Mrs. M. E. McClure, of Louis

burg, Tenn., who is on her way here to visit him. - B. F. Brittain, white, was committed to jail for the Superior Court by Justice Bornemann yesterday, in default of \$200. He fearfully

beat his wife in the country Saturday - The three negroes who tried to take up the whole of Front street Saturday were fined \$10 and costs each by the Mayor yesterday and in default of payment, they will go to the roads for

30 days each. - Schooner "Wm. Linthicum" arrived yesterday from Baltimore with cargo of kainit for the Carolina Central warehouses. Schooner "Venus." previously cleared for Georgetown, S. C., passed out at Southport at 4

P. M. Sunday. - The building on Princess street, lately vacated by the Postal Telegraph Co., has been rented by the Southern Express Co. and will be used as a station for handling the extra Christmas business. Only inward shipments will be received and distributed there.

New Wilmington Enterprise, Some time ago this paper made reference to a new and large industrial plant of the same character of and to be located near the present mill of the North Carolina Cotton Oil Co., to the north of the city. The authority for the report as to the new enterprise was confirmed last night when Mr. W. E. Worth, one of Wilmington's most substantial and capable business men, made application for and was granted a permit to extend a spur track from the A. C. L. railroad into the grounds of the plant, which will be located just north of the tobacco warehouse, in Block 299, bounded by Hall, Moore, Anderson and Dickinson streets. It is understood that it will be a plant for the utilization of cotton seed by a new and improved method.

The "K. of [P. Flyer."

The "Pythian Special" to Whiteville will leave promptly at 6 o'clock this evening; returning, leave Whiteville not later than 1 A. M. A large number have purchased tickets already, and all Pythians of the city and all visiting Pythians are invited. Mr. Robt. S. Collins will go in advance of the special to prepare for the team work at the District meeting.

Sneed Company Bankrupt

At a meeting of the creditors of the Sneed Company, bankrupt, before Referee S. P. Collier in the U. S. Court room yesterday, A. J. Marshall, Eig., was appointed trustee to wind up the affairs of the concern. Mr. Marshall was receiver for the company in the State court proceedings. which are now set aside.

Justice Jno. J. Fowler was the only flower pots, calla pots, etc., at Bissen- of the Board and do magistrate to submit his annual report ger China Parlor, 119 Market street. †

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dec 8 tf AVOID RECURRENCE OF

WHOLE NO. 11,320

Board of Aldermen Last Night Unani-

mously Adopted Mayor's Report and

Committee's Recommendations. At last night's regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen, ffective steps were taken to prevent by which the river and city docks of some incendiary. The steps were ommendation submitted by Mayor Springer, who in company with Chief the Fire Department and City Engineer S. P. Adams, made a personal inspection of the premises and neatly formulated their findings for

the information of the Board.

that it found after careful investigation that the accident was caused by the breaking of the flange on a valve nearest the tank, the cause of which is unknown; that the valve was properly locked; that the tank was protected by a swing pipe which is raised as a evening and certainly enjoyed themdouble protection against oil running out through the valves in case of accident; but that in this instance the swing pipe was down and the oil flowed out of the tank through the broken valve, thence into and through the surface water drain into the river. These were explained by blue prints attached to the report. The general impression that a drain runs from the liver for the purpose of draining waste oil was found to be erroneous. One 18-inch, main, terra-cotta, surface, water drain was found through the yard and across Nutt street toward the river and also four minor drains leading from man holes located in the yards. The escaping oil ran to those man holes, thence to the 18-inch main and the river. The flow of oil was stopped immediately upon its discovery by raising the swing pipe to position. If the facts of the recent accident and manner in which the flow was immediately checked had been given the public at once, the committee says it would have allayed much uneasiness

The committee's recommendations as adopted are that The Standard Oil Co. be required to provide the following additional safeguard: Employ night watchman; put in a cut-off gate in the main surface drain at western edge of its property line or any other arrangement which the City Enginer may suggest; place locks on all valves and swing pipe; place electric lights in the yards and three or four hydrants with necessary fire hose. The committee finds the company has a complete system for extinguishing a fire which additional and permanent safeguard against the flow of oil to the river. which would necessarily follow from the destruction of the tanks by lightning, it was recommended that the company be required to construct a brick retaining wall at least four feet high and 16 inches wide, extending from a grade point on the side of the bill next to Brunswick street, and continuing along and parallel with its western property line to a grade point on the hill at the intersection of its northern yard line, same to be built under supervision of the city en-

as to control of the overflow.

Before the adoption of the report, communications were read from sundry wharf owners and the Local Board of Fire Underwriters asking for some precautionary measures, and a courte-ous letter from Manager W. R. Barksdale, of the company's interest here, who said he would accept any ruling of the Board and do all possible to

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PASTIME BOWLING ALLEY.

STANDARD OIL ACCIDENT. | League Organized and Brilliant Contests

Expected-Announcement. The Pasttime Bowling Alley, 114 North Front street, is fast becoming the most popular place in the city. Itis cowded every day and at night until 12 o'clock with the most inhustastic bowlers; not only gentlemen but the very first ladies of the city are becoming interested in the place and recurence of the recent accident at seem to enjoy the exhilirating exerthe plant here of the Standard Oil Co., cise. A look in at the place any time by any citizen of the city will convince them that it is only the best were filled with oil, causing no end of citizens who attend the place. The uneasiness lest a conflagration should | young men have formed a three-team ensue by reason of the thoughtless league, five men to each team, act of some person or the wilful deed and will bowl a series of match games, the first of which will be played at 8 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. taken by the unanimous adoption of a | 8th. The game will be between very [comprehensive report [and [rec- | the Coast Line team, Capt. J. E. Myers, and the Armour team, O.pt. Harriss. The next game will be on the Friday evening following, beof Police Furlong, Chief Schnibben of | tween the winners of the first game and Capt. Hatch's team. The management is going to offer a very handsome trophy to the team winning the greatest number of games. Mr. I. R. Wilson, the proprietor and manager, wishes to say that any ladie: who like to bowl may come The Mayor's committee reported any time during the day, and if they will form clubs he will be glad to make them special rates. There is no

selves immensely.

SHEEHAN—At Spencer, N. C., Sunday morning last, Mr. JOHN SHEEHAN, aged 38 years. The funeral will be from his late residence No. 1102 Market street this merning; thence to St. Thomas' Church at 10 o'clock; thence to the

connection with any saloon. No

gambling or betting will be tolerated.

A very select party of young ladies

and gentlemen had the exclusive use

of the alleys from 8 to 12 Friday

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St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M. REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock.
Visitors prethren cordually invited.
By order of the W. M.

B. C. MERRITT,

Attention Hibernians. You are hereby notified to appear at your hall this (Tuesday) murning at 9 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased brother mem er John Sheehan.

By order of the President

Dissolution of Copartnership. Notice is hereby given that the firm of W. J Beaman & Company, doing business in Wil mington, N. C., is the day dissolved by mutua-consent of the partners of said firm, and Mr. G C. Harman is sulhorized to collect and receipt

for all moneys due said firm. W. J. BEAMAN & CO. dec 5 8te

Administrator's Notice. Having qualified as Administrator of A. V. Horrell, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to him to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom he was indebted to file their properly verified claims with me by or before the first day of December, 1904, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.

This 23rd day of sovember, 1903.

E. J. W. ANDERES, Administrator,

A. V. Horrell, deceased.

A. J MARSHALL Attorney. tu no 24 6t FOR SALE.

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