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AUDIT AND FINANCE BOARD

Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting Last Night Was Not Interesting—Committee from the Aldermen.

The Board of Audit and Finance was in regular semi-monthly session last night at the City Hall, Chairman McQueen and all members of the Board in attendance.

The Board took no action, but concurred in the request of the Aldermen that the Board of County Commissioners contribute a reasonable amount toward the rebuilding of one of the smallpox pest houses.

The Mayor's arrangement with Contractor C. H. Dock for working city prisoners at the rock quarry was heartily approved by the Board.

The matter of continuing the employment of Mr. F. T. Skipper in the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer for the purpose of collecting delinquent and unpaid tax amounts from persons who cannot be otherwise reached, was deferred until the next meeting.

The wages of the weigher and inspector of rock at the city quarry was made \$9 per week as urged by the Board of Aldermen.

The matter of paying the City Engineer a salary was deferred until the beginning of the new fiscal year.

The matter of paving Chesnut street, between Front and Water, with Belgian block was also deferred as the money necessary is not now in sight.

Contracts for the construction of the fire boat were presented by Fire Chief Schnibben, but the matter was deferred for first approval by the Board of Aldermen.

Extra pay for Capt. Robert Green, Chief Quarantine Officer, regular pay for Mr. Reaves, a member of the street force, who was sick some time, and Policeman Leon George, who was hurt while in the performance of his duty, were disposed of according to adjustment of amounts as agreed upon in a recent conference.

LOCAL DOTS.

The local cotton market was again not quoted yesterday. The New York spot market went as high as 12.35 for middling, tone steady.

The Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, will meet to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Lutheran Memorial Building.

QUESTION OF RATES

Hilton Lumber Co. vs. Atlantic Coast Line Begun in Superior Court Yesterday

SOME INTERESTING POINTS

Discrimination Alleged in Favor of Manufacturers who Re-Shipped Product by Same Road—Organization for the Term.

The interesting suit of the Hilton Lumber Company against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company involving an alleged discrimination in freight rates, was begun in the Superior Court at its opening session for the term yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

The defendant company, Mr. W. T. Hines, of the lumber firm of Hines Brothers, Kingston, N. C.; Mr. W. T. Sears, of the Angola Lumber Co., and Mr. John A. Arringdale, of the Cape Fear Lumber Co., of this city, were introduced for the plaintiff yesterday.

Mr. Arringdale will complete his testimony this morning, after which one or two other lumber men will be introduced for the plaintiff and that side of the case will be completed.

Court met yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, Judge W. B. Council presiding. The following jurors were returned as summoned by the Sheriff, viz: Messrs. H. W. Angel, Valentine Gaskell, J. W. H. Fuchs, Ed. G. Polley, E. P. Cunningham, James Millan, J. W. Hardy, Jno. J. Furlong, J. W. Williamson, Thos. Quirling, Paul B. Greening, J. W. Barnes, E. T. Wade, Raymond E. Blake, and C. G. Bryan.

Messrs. J. M. Coin, W. P. Dickinson and Walter Lewis were not found. The lumber company suit was first called and the regular panel of jurors was soon exhausted.

The plaintiff in the suit alleges that the A. C. L. discriminated in freight rates on logs shipped to the lumber company in this city from a logging camp on the W. C. & A. railroad, near Lake Waccamaw, the amount in question being about \$3,800 with interest from the institution of the suit several years ago.

The railroad company, on the other hand, claims that if the lower rate was given other lumber companies, it was because those companies re-shipped the manufactured product to the northern markets by their lines, whereas the Hilton Lumber Co. did not.

The Southern Cotton Association is no longer in the experimental stage, but it is a fixed fact; it has succeeded and is going to continue to succeed. The responsibility of its greater or less success is with the individual.

Shepard's Moving Pictures, the best organization of its kind on the road, was seen by a fairly large audience at the Academy of Music last night.

THE PATTI TROUBADOURS.

Talented Colored Entertainers at Academy To-Night—West & Vokes.

The Black Patti Troubadours, demonstrators of fun, sweet songs, spirited dances, cake walks and buck dance contests, said to be individually and collectively the most talented and versatile stage entertainers under the sun will be the attraction at the Academy to-night.

Black Patti, the greatest singer of her race, John Rucker, "The Alabama Blossom," reputed to be the funniest man alive, Al Watts, another comical character, John Green, "The Virginia Mammy," Mattie Phillips, the octoroon soubrette, Will Cooke, the comical actor, James Reed, the premier colored bass singer of the world, Harry Kratoch, the wonderful hoop roller, Worles and Bongia the unrivaled tenors, Chauncey Ver Valin, the musical wizard and two score dandy and pretty damsels all equally talented in songs, story and dance.

"A Black Patti Show" is in an unique class by itself. It is a composite of droll farce fun interpolated with all the newest up-to-date singing specialties and top notch vaudeville acts—all Afro-American creations, staged in a most lavish and tasteful style.

"Looney Comedians," "Southland Scenes," "Pinafore Review" and a vaudeville olio of the usual Black Patti show standard.

"A Pair of Pinks" is the titular handle of the vehicle selected to carry West and Vokes and Margaret Daly Vokes, and their big merry company of fun furnishers over the road of success this season.

William E. Perdew and wife to Anson Allgood, for \$1,500, property on east side of Seventh, 33 feet north of Walnut street, 33x99 feet in size.

W. E. Perdew and wife to Carl B. Reider, for \$1,500, property at northeast corner of Seventh and Walnut streets, 33x99 feet in size.

A Shrier and wife to D. F. Koonce and wife, for \$100 and other considerations, property on south side of Princess, 66 feet west of Thirteenth street, 33x75 feet in size and on south side of Princess, 132 feet east of Twelfth street, 33x75 feet in size.

John J. Geyer, James Lane Edwards, Edward C. Story, John G. Norwood, Dallas Chesnut, Charles Mallett, Harry T. Nixon, Robert H. Lane and Alton B. Jackson, trustees of the Society of Saint Barnabas to the wardens and vestry of St. Mark's P. E. church, for \$1 and other considerations, property on east side of Grace street, 115 feet east of Sixth street, 50x66 feet in size.

AN APPEAL TO GROWERS. Mr. A. J. McKinnon Issues Statement to All Planters. Maxton, N. C., Dec. 5, 1905.

NEGRO FATALLY SHOT

Jim Wilson, Clerk in Colored Pool Room, Killed by Chas. Ratley

WAS A DELIBERATE MURDER

Had Words With the Man, Went Home For Shot Gun and Empied It into Companion on Brunswick Street.

James Wilson, a young colored man, son of a well-to-do negro contractor in Kingston, N. C., was shot and almost instantly killed last night about 9 o'clock in front of a negro pool room conducted by C. C. Coakley, colored, at Sixth and Brunswick streets, just under Samaritan Hall.

Wilson came to Wilmington about three weeks ago and secured employment in Coakley's pool room. Last night about the hour named, a crowd was playing on the table in the room and Ratley was a by-stander.

Wilson went off, presumably to his home near Fifth and Bladen streets, and returned in a few minutes with a double-barreled, breech loading shot gun.

Mr. Isiah West, who lives in the vicinity ran over to the scene of the disorder and arrested one of the crowd who was coming out the back way but the prisoner subsequently got away.

Dr. Bell secured a number of wads from the load fired into the breast of Wilson. The wound indicates that the killing was at close range, not over six or eight feet.

Annual Election of Officers of Carolina Aerie—Progression. Carolina Aerie No. 1171, Fraternal Order of Eagles, last night elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Two Small Fires. The alarm from box 19 at 2:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon called the Fire Department to No. 704 Hanover street, a dwelling owned by Catherine Holloway, colored, and occupied by Robert White, colored.

Yard Contractor Injured. A little after noon yesterday Capt. Thomas J. Dobson, a yard conductor, was badly mashed about the shoulder and in the chest as the result of being caught between two cars on the A. C. L. yards in this city.

Mr. F. T. Mills yesterday instituted suit in Justice Furlong's court against Henry Dingfelder, a commission man of New York, to whom Mr. Mills alleges he sold some potatoes for shipment and the defendant refused to take them after being under contract to do so.

RECEPTION AT THE HOSPITAL

Delightful Social Affair and Great Financial Success—Features of Entertainment.

The hospital reception yesterday afternoon and evening was a delightful success socially and financially. All departments of the handsome building were tastefully decorated and from 4 to 7 o'clock hundreds of friends of the institution thronged the halls and corridors.

In one of the large wards on the first floor dainty refreshments were served, the decorations in that room having been yellow and white, the colors of the Nurses' Training School.

During the progress of the reception a number of favorite Wilmington musicians contributed a programme of excellent music, among the numbers having been: "Hunting Song," by Mrs. W. A. French; "If I But Knew," vocal solo by Miss Alice Borless; "Sunflowers," instrumental duet, by Mrs. Hunge and Miss Hanson; "If I Were a Rose," Miss Mattie Horne; "The Gypsy Maiden," Miss Stillman; "Daria," Mrs. E. C. Holt; "Oh! That We Two Were Maying," vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. Fenley; "Rosalie," Mrs. E. K. Bryan; "Love's Old Sweet Song," Mrs. Shelburne; March—"Triumphphant," piano solo, Mrs. J. M. Coin; "O' Shepherd, of Israel," Miss Horne, Miss Adrian, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Fenley; "Souvenirs Heures," Mrs. Waddell and Mrs. Schulken.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. —Jackson Greer, Esq., of Columbus, is in the city on professional business.

—Mrs. T. M. Emerson and Miss Emerson left yesterday morning for the North.

—Mrs. H. C. Bridger and child, of Bladenboro, N. C., arrived last night and are guests at The Orton.

—Mr. John R. Kenly and Mr. H. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line, returned to the city Monday evening.

—Mrs. H. H. Burt, Mrs. L. L. Pritchard, and Mrs. W. G. Webb, left yesterday morning for Raleigh, where they will attend the Baptist State convention.

—Fayetteville Observer: "Mrs. A. T. Parme, of Lumberton, whose husband has taken a position with the McDiarmid Wholesale Lumber Company, and who, as Miss Norment, was a frequent visitor to Fayetteville, making many friends, has been the guest of the Misses Smith on Cool Spring Lane within the past day or two."

—Hon. H. L. Godwin, of Dunn, N. C., is in the city on professional business in the Superior Court. Wilmington's former esteemed young townsman, Woodus Kellum, Esq., is associated with Mr. Godwin in the practice of law at Dunn and his friends will be interested to know that Mr. Kellum is well pleased with his new location and is doing well.

The C. W. Polvogt Co's.

"The Store That's Always Busy." Will offer this week an excellent opportunity for economical, satisfactory Christmas buying, that nobody can afford to miss.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Wednesday, Dec. 6th. Black Patti Troubadours, SENATIONAL STAGE STUDENTS Presenting "LOONEY DREAMLAND," (2d Edition) "SOUTHLAND SCENES," "PINAFORE REVIEW," AND "VARIETIES," Seats on sale Tuesday.

When She Says "Number!" You say, "1013!" Cape Fear Trading Co., will fill your order. Try a can of our Jewel Stone Cut Coffee. J. B. TAYLOR, Manager. Phone 1013. 601 N 4th St. Dec 5-1f. Holiday Goods! Cocconuts, large, medium, small. L. L. Rasins. Cocconut, Iced Caromels. Baldwin Apples. Mixed Nuts. Stuck Candy. Penny Candy. Mixed Candy, etc., etc. Prices cheerfully given on application. Stone & Company, no30-1f. ORIENT LODGE NO. 395 A. F. & A. M. Regular monthly meeting this (Wednesday) evening, 8 o'clock. Visitors cordially invited to attend. By order of W. M. C. C. BROWN, Secretary. Dec. 6-1f.