

OUTLINES.

Session of the Fifty-ninth...  
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AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH COUNTY'S NEW-YEAR

Further Hearing in Contempt Case From Columbus—Bond For Young Parrish—Simmons to Washington—New Charters.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 3.—Another partial hearing was given here to-day by Judge Funnell in chambers in the case of J. Kelley Register, D. J. Register and J. Rufus Register, of Columbus county, charged with contempt of court in cutting timber from certain of the "Green Swamp" lands involved in the suit of the New Jersey and North Carolina Land and Lumber Company litigation in which the court had enjoined all parties from cutting timber. A. T. Clark, of Bolton, receiver for the property, was here with his counsel, Robert Ruark, Esq., for the prosecution. Owing to some technicalities in the record the whole matter was continued until the April term of the court in Wilmington.

R. B. Parrish, a young white man held by Police Justice Badger under bond of \$2,000 in connection with the shooting of J. E. Dempsey, of Norfolk, Va., at the union station here a short time ago, was released by Justice Platt D. Walker, of the Supreme Court under bond of \$300 after the hearing of habeas corpus proceedings by him here to-day. Justice Walker held that the killing was excusable homicide and the amount of bail required by the police justice was excessive.

United States Senator F. M. Simmons left at noon to-day for Washington for the convening of Congress. He predicts that Wilmington and Beaufort will, if gotten in shape to take care of the shipping, develop after the canal is opened, into the greatest ports on the Atlantic Coast, especially for the reason that inland traffic will then seek a seaport South of Hatteras so that shipping can avoid that graveyard of shipping.

Three charters were issued this morning. The W. T. Mercer Co., of Wilmington, to deal in and manufacture household and kitchen furniture. W. T. Mercer, A. B. Rich, D. W. and P. K. Tench incorporated, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$6,000 subscribed. The Clinton Light and Power Co., of Clinton, Sampson county, capital \$25,000 by H. A. Grady and others. The capital subscribed is \$4,000.

THREE DEATH SUMMONS.

End Came on Sabbath Day Saddening Family Homes—

Mrs. Emma Lavata Reynolds, 30 years of age, the wife of Mr. E. C. Reynolds, passed away at the family home, No. 63 Delgado, yesterday morning at 3 o'clock after an illness of some days. The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the interment will be in Bellevue.

Miss Mary C. Register, 17 years of age, passed away at her home No. 208 Meares street, at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon after a severe illness with typhoid fever. The funeral was conducted at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the interment was in Bellevue.

Mr. Ed Griffin, 35 years old, a well known citizen of Cape Fear township, passed away at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night of pneumonia. He leaves a wife and five children. They have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- Jas. M. Hall—Drugs.
- New York Herald—Christmas Number.
- Wilmington Furniture Co.—Special Sale.
- Warren's Steam Bakery—Good Bread.
- Empire Steam Dyeing Establishment—Just Opened.
- Business Locals.
- Walter Cashwell—Watch Lost.
- St. Cecilia Guild—Christmas Sale.
- J. G. Wright & Son—Residence for Sale.
- W. J. Penny & Co.—Lady Cashier Wanted.
- Cashier and Manager—Position Wanted.
- Acme Tea Chest Co.—Fireman Wanted.

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THE ELKS' MEMORIAL

Beautiful and Appropriate Service Sunday Afternoon by Wilmington Lodge in Academy of Music—Address by Maj. Robertson.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZED AND NEW OFFICERS SWORN IN AFTER QUALIFYING.

OTHERS RENEWED BONDS

Election of Minor Officers of the County and the Award of Bids For Supplies—Much Routine and Other Business.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the last of the old and the first of the new fiscal year, was held yesterday afternoon, all members having been present, viz: Chairman D. McEachern and Messrs. Wm. F. Robertson, W. F. Alexander, M. W. Diving, and H. L. Vollers. The old Board was engaged for some time in hearing a number of petitions for correction of tax assessments, which complaints were referred for the most part to the proper committees.

The commissioners then met and proceeded to qualify as the new Board by taking the required oath as administered by Col. John D. Taylor, clerk of the Superior Court. Mr. McEachern was unanimously re-elected chairman and the salary was fixed at \$100 per month as at present. The newly elected officers then presented themselves, took the oath of office, filed their bonds and entered upon the terms of their respective offices. The bonds were as follows:

- Col. John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, in the sum of \$10,000 with Messrs. B. F. Hall, James Sprunt and James C. Stevenson as securities.
- S. P. Cowan Sheriff, \$45,000 for collection of general taxes with Matt J. Heyer, J. H. Rehder, Hugh MacRae, J. A. Taylor and Z. W. Whitehead as securities.
- \$5,000 process bond with same securities.
- \$50,000 for collection of county poor, school and special taxes with same securities.
- H. Mel. Green, Treasurer, \$50,000 for school fund with H. C. McQueen, J. V. Grainger, and M. J. Heyer as securities.
- \$100,000 for the road fund with John S. Armstrong, Wm. E. Worth and C. W. Yates as securities.
- \$50,000 for general county funds with John S. Armstrong, Wm. E. Worth and C. W. Yates as securities.
- John Haar, Register of Deeds, in the sum of \$10,000 with J. G. L. Gieschen, D. O'Connor and Martin O'Brien as securities.
- C. D. Bell, Coroner, in the sum of \$2,000 with Sol. Sternberger and Julius Sternberger as securities.
- W. B. Savage, Township Constable, in the sum of \$1,000 with Wm. E. Springer and Marsden Bellamy as securities.

Mr. Gerrit Walker, of Harnett township appeared before the Board and presented a petition from various citizens asking that the commissioners consider the question of making a straight road from the Jones road on Middle Sound to the macadamized Scott's Hill road, the petitioners agreeing to give a right of way over their lands. The matter was referred to the Roads Committee.

A petition from Mr. J. B. Mercer in regard to road was also referred to the committee. Mrs. J. W. Crandell was allowed \$2 per month on the outside poor list. W. M. Troutman & Co. was granted license to run a grain distillery at Ninth and Cape Fear streets.

The usual monthly and annual reports were submitted and referred to the Auditing Committee. Capt. Owen Fennell was unanimously re-elected clerk of the Auditing Committee. G. C. Simmons applied for the position of standard keeper of the county, but the appointment was left open for the present. S. C. Winer was awarded the care and keep of the county clock at \$4 per month.

Bids for coal for the ensuing fiscal year were referred to the Public Building Committee with power to act. Salary of H. Hocutt as foreman of the convict camp was increased from \$50 to \$65 per month.

W. H. Shearin was awarded the contract for feeding, clothing, housing and keeping the convicts of the county without guard service, owing to the division of the force on the various works in different parts of the county, at 25 cents per day.

The chairman appointed as a special committee Messrs. Robertson, Vollers and McEachern to confer with the newly elected sheriff in regard to the diet furnished the prisoners in the county jail with the suggestion that there be some variety of the food from that provided in the Code of the State.

Chairman Vollers of the Public Building Committee. Sent anywhere in the city. Levi McMillan & Co. Phone 605

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Regular Meeting Last Night Crowded With Much Routine and Other Business.

SALOON REFORMS ASKED

Committee From Ministerial Association Received and Special Meeting Called For Monday Night to Entertain Proposed Ordinance.

The Board of Aldermen was in session until nearly 11 o'clock last night a large number of matters having been taken up and disposed of for the time being at least. Chief among these was a petition from the Ministerial Association of the city inveighing against the low and cheap dives of the city, and asking the Board to place the stamp of disapproval upon obscene pictures and music in saloons and asking that in future no liquor licenses be granted in connection with grocery stores. The matter was discussed at some length and deferred for action until a special meeting to be held next Monday night. A number of other matters of more or less interest were also taken up as will appear from the appended report of the proceedings in detail.

The Board met at 8:15 and the Mayor in calling the meeting to order, stated that all members were present except one, whose serious illness he had no doubt was a source of regret for all. Reference was, of course, to Alderman E. F. Johnson, who continues very low at his home in this city. Minutes of preceding meetings were read and approved, after which the call of standing committees was suspended while Mr. Marsden Bellamy, county attorney, spoke with reference to the proposed recorder's court, mention of which is made elsewhere in to-day's paper.

Chairman Yopp reporting for the Finance Committee, read a resolution of sympathy for Alderman Johnson, which was unanimously passed and a copy of same ordered sent to the absent member. Chairman Yopp reported for the Finance Committee stated that the Wilmington Sewerage Company, after a conference of the committee with the city attorney, had been placed on the delinquent tax list and the city clerk and treasurer instructed to proceed against the company for the collection of the tax. The action of the committee was approved by the Board, similar action having been taken by the County Commissioners.

Petition of R. C. Merritt, B. A. Merritt and others with reference to the VanBokkelen property was referred to the Finance Committee and city attorney.

ENGINEER JAMES BISSETT DEAD.

Popular Railroad Man Succumbs to Injuries Received Thanksgiving.

Engineer James Bissett, formerly of this city, who was so badly scalded in the wreck of his engine on the tram road of the Rowland Lumber Company, near Bowdens, N. C., on Thanksgiving morning, died of his injuries at the logging camp of the company Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock. A telephone message to this effect was received in the city in time for Mr. W. C. VonGlahn, a relative, to leave on the morning train and convey the remains to Wilmington yesterday morning where the body was been embalmed by Funeral Director Woolvin for shipment this evening to the man's former home at Creston, Iowa. Mr. VonGlahn was joined at Bowden, by Mr. Jack Bissett, a first cousin, master mechanic of the S. A. L. in Raleigh, and the remains were accompanied here by Mr. Long of the Rowland Lumber Company, and Mr. VonGlahn.

Mr. Bissett was about 42 years of age and had lived in this city until a month and a half ago when he went to take a position with the lumber company. He had gained the highest esteem of his employers there and his death was taken quite as much to heart by them as it was by members of the family here. He leaves a father and several brothers and sisters at Creston, Iowa, with several first cousins here and in the railroad service out of here. Mr. Bissett was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Mr. Charles Johnson, a member of the order, has been delegated to accompany the remains to Creston. The remains are now at the home of Misses Mary and Jessie Bissett, where Mr. Bissett made his home while in Wilmington.

MR. J. R. WATSON DEAD.

Well Known Business Man of Jonesboro, N. C.—Brother Here.

Mr. J. R. Watson, a leading business man of Jonesboro, N. C., and a brother of Rev. N. M. Watson, pastor of Grace Church, in this city, passed away at his home in Jonesboro last night after an illness of a week with a complication of diseases. Rev. Mr. Watson received a telegram last night informing him of the death and will leave this morning for Jonesboro to attend the funeral. The deceased was 60 years of age and leaves a large family. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

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