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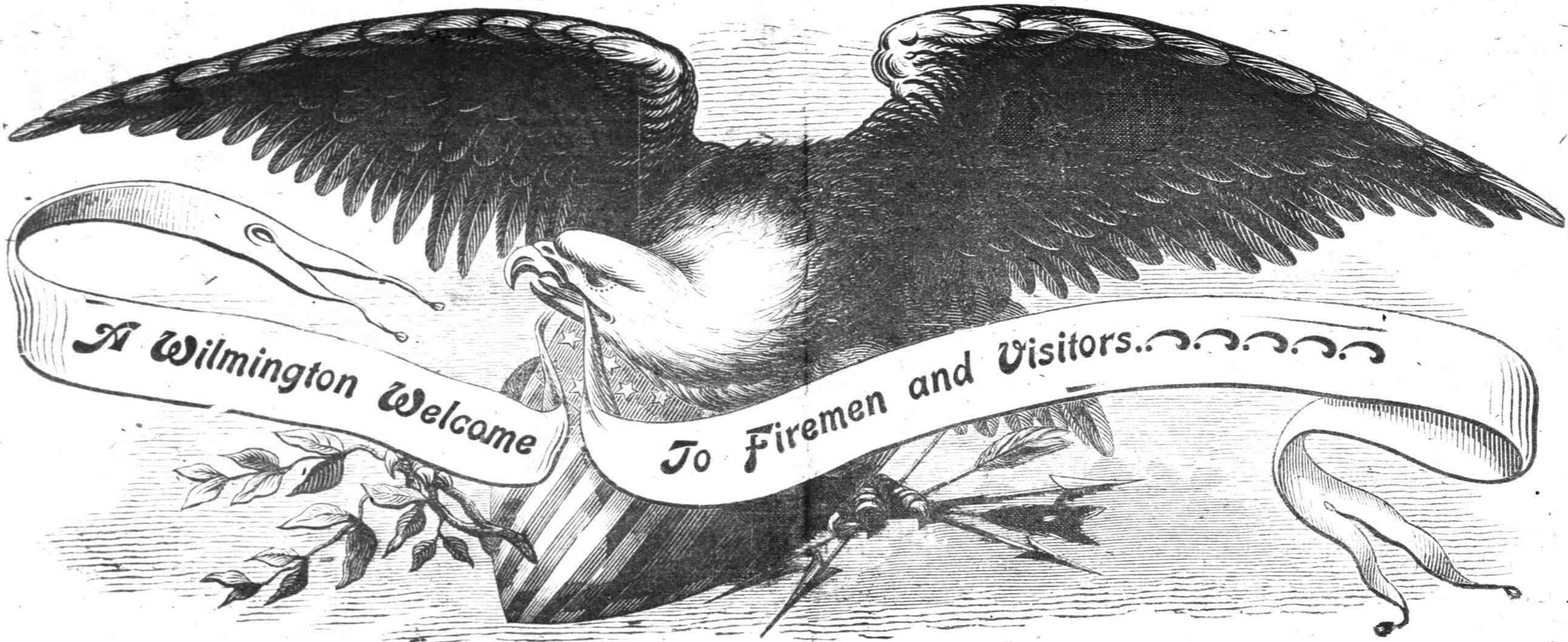
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OUTLINES.

The Defiance Box Company's Plant, at Oriental, N. C., was burned Sunday night, throwing a large number of men out of employment... The officials of the Standard Oil Company claim that the officials of the government have taken unfair advantage of them...

AFFAIRS OF COUNTY

Regular Monthly Meeting of Board of Commissioners Held Yesterday.

CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT

Pender Authorities Conferred With New Hanover Commissioners Relative to Northeast River Bridge—Other Business.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, all members having been present, viz: Chairman McEachern, and Messrs. Vollers, Robertson, Alexander and Divine.

Ocean View Company was reduced to \$10,200.

The superintendent of health reported 109 patients treated in the office during the month, with 10 visits to patients at their homes.

Levi Bryant was granted permission to peddle without license under the Confederate Soldiers' act of 1903. The report of the recent grand jury was read and discussed at length.

The Register of Deeds reported 41 marriage licenses during the month. The Clerk of the Superior Court reported \$283.90 in fines and forfeitures since last report.

J. H. Ottoway and R. L. Truelove were granted license to retail liquor at Eleventh and Market streets; also W. M. Troutman & Co., to operate a 22-bushel grain distillery at Ninth and Cape Fear streets.

Action of the conference Saturday in reducing the tax rate from 35 to 30 cents for county purposes and the same license tax for the county as is specifically imposed for State purposes, with \$2.19 poll tax for State and county, was formally adopted.

The superintendent of roads reported the work of grading and filling in on the Greenville road from the station to the old military road as completed; fill at Purviance creek put in; laying of spur track from 17th and Princess streets completed; hands summoned on all roads in Cape Fear township and all now in good condition; collected \$114 road tax in Cape Fear township during the month.

Contract for feeding county live stock was awarded to the B. F. Mitchell Company at \$25 per ton for hay-corn at 78 cents per bushel and 58 cents for golden oats.

The Board took a recess at 5 o'clock until 8 o'clock in the evening.

Lumina was thronged with visitors last night as well as many "home folks" who were down for the dance. Pretty fans were distributed as souvenirs, these adding quite a little to the fantastic setting of the ball room floor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. L. Gore Co.—For Rent. Sol. Bear & Co.—For Rent. I. Shrier—Closing Stock Sale. Palace Market—Everybody Comes. N. Jacobi Hdw. Co.—Sash, Door and Blinds. Atlantic Savings & Trust Co.—Deposits. The C. W. Polvogt Co.—Final Reduction Sale.

Business Locals. For Sale—Gas Range. J. G. Wright & Son—Property For Sale.

You can wear a Strouse Bros. or Kuppenheimer suit for less than a common made suit will cost you. Read Solky's ad.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Many Matters of More or Less Importance Taken Up at Meeting Last Night.

THE STREETS AND DRAINAGE

Petitions Heard From Many Complainers—Junk License Granted to M. May—Reports From Various City Departments.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night was not specially interesting, though a number of rather important questions were considered. Mayor Springer was in the chair and members present were Aldermen Karr, Rathjen, O'Brien, Wood, Northrop, Ellis, French, King and Jewell.

Mr. W. M. Cumming was first heard with reference to grade of sidewalks on Dawson street, where the level of the street has been raised and five houses belonging to Mr. Cumming have been endangered by overflows of water.

On these and two other trifling matters brought up by Mr. Cumming, nearly half an hour was consumed by the Board. Mr. Cumming, for one thing, wanted curbing placed on south side of Church between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Mr. French moved that the whole matter be referred to the Streets and Wharves Committee, and to the Sanitary Committee as to drainage, with power to act. Herbert McClammy, Esq., spoke in regard to the Church street depression and drainage, and asked that the matter be referred to the City Engineer for report and immediate action.

Mr. J. S. Funchess was introduced and spoke of the need of some drainage at Ninth and Dock streets. This matter was discussed at length during which the great need of drainage all over the city was emphasized. Mr. Wood made a motion that an additional \$1,000 be appropriated for drainage pipe. The \$3,000 included in the budget at the beginning of the new fiscal year being about exhausted on existing projects now being carried out by the Sanitary Committee. Mr. Northrop amended Mr. Wood's motion, making the amount \$500 for the present, or so much thereof as is necessary, for work in and about Ninth and Dock streets. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Wood, but was lost. Mr. King then made a motion that \$1,500 be appropriated, seconded by Mr. Karr. Mr. Wood amended the motion, naming \$1,000 as the amount. There was a tie vote, as between the amendment and the original motion, and the Mayor broke the tie for the amendment, carrying the appropriation of \$1,000. Mr. Cumming addressed the Board further in regard to Surry, between Queen and Wooster streets. Referred to Sanitary Committee.

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Mr. W. A. Willson, Jr., addressed the Board with reference to drainage at Tenth and Market streets, stating that there was now a case of typhoid fever in that immediate vicinity, caused from sewerage and overflow conditions. Referred to Streets and Wharves Committee.

Alderman O'Brien in the absence of Chairman Bolles, of the Finance Committee, recommended that the tax ordinance be changed to include all power saw mills instead of steam saw mills as specified heretofore.

Chairman Ellis, of the Sanitary Committee, made an exhaustive report of the drainage work done during the month, both permanent and temporary. The sanitary condition of the city was reported not as good as should be, and the committee suggested to the contractors that extra help be employed for the remainder of the Summer.

Mr. Karr brought up the question of the sale of the city mules now being temporarily used by the contractors. Mr. Ellis moved that the contractors be given a few days notice; that the stock then be turned over to the Streets and Wharves Committee and, if desirable, to sell them, after notice of 30 days, as suggested as legal notice by the City Attorney.

Mr. O'Brien spoke of conditions in the Streets and Wharves Department, saying rock could be hauled cheaper by contract than with city teams. Mr. Karr favored continuing the arrangements with the contractors for use of the city live stock, subject to notice of two days. Mr. French moved as a substitute for the whole that the contractors be sold at public auction after 30 days notice, the stock to remain in charge of the contractors until day of sale, contractors to keep mules and carts and pay something for hire. Fifty cents per day was named as a possible rental, but a motion by Mr. O'Brien finally prevailed that all arrangements with the contractors be referred for adjustment to the Sanitary Committee, which is empowered to advertise the stock for sale after 30 days notice.

Chairman Rathjen, of the Market Committee, reported that three bids had been received for building the consolidated fire and market house at Fourth and Campbell streets, but none was in the limit of the appropriation and the committee was empowered to go before the Board of Audit and Finance and endeavor to get a small increase of the amount specified, if found necessary.

Mr. French read a petition from the proprietors of several country carts, asking that the regulations requiring vegetable carts to station themselves on Dock street, be changed and the Board to make Second street, between Market and Dock, the place where vegetables may be sold from carts. The matter was referred to the Market Committee with power to act.

Chairman Northrop, of the Light Committee, reported that the arc lamps for the west side of the river and on Queen street, had been ordered. Alderman Karr asked for lights at Fourth and Ashe, Second and Cowan streets, and Seventh and Bladen streets. Alderman Northrop also asked for gas lamps at Ninth and Meadow streets and in Blaney's alley. These were recommended by the Light Committee and the recommendations were adopted.

Bids for cart harness were read from C. W. Mills & Co., and City Livery Company, the award being to the last named.

WELCOME FIREMEN!

Wilmington Rapidly Filling Up With Men and Apparatus For Tournament.

ATTENDANCE VERY LARGE

Convention Sessions Will Be Held Today, With Races Tomorrow—Some of the Departments Here and Some Notes.

Wilmington extends a most cordial welcome to the hundreds of firemen and the hundreds of visitors from all parts of the State of North Carolina and from adjoining States who are here for the twentieth annual convention of the State Firemen's Association and Inter-State Tournament, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. The gallant firemen and the visitors attracted by their great meeting, the largest in the State this year, arrived on every train yesterday and last night until the streets are now lined with the jolly young fellows and their friends, whom it is a great pleasure for the people of the Cape Fear to welcome in their midst. It was estimated last night that between 35 and 40 companies were represented, while others are yet to come. Nearly every company has from one to half a dozen fine horses and from one to half a dozen pieces of apparatus, so that it is seen already that the tournament this year is going to be "the greatest ever."

While none of the races take place until tomorrow, the convention sessions today in the handsomely appointed lodge room of the Red Men's building, on North Front street, near the Coast Line depot, will be the centre of attraction and the business of the gathering will all be cleared from the calendar so that the remainder of the week may be devoted to breaking world's records—and there is no doubt about the latter, for the men are here with a record of doing such things before and they are in finer fettle now than ever before. The Red Men's building is headquarters for the firemen and the club and reception rooms of the pretty building were thronged with visitors all day yesterday. Captain James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president of both the State and National organizations of firemen, reached the city Sunday evening and will be here to call the first session of the convention to order at 11 o'clock this morning. Prayer will be offered by Rev. R. W. Hogue, rector of St. James' Episcopal parish, and the address of welcome to the convention will be by Mayor William E. Springer. The response will be by Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, whom Wilmington is always pleased to welcome to the city and to the party. When these preliminaries are over, the regular order of business will be taken up until about noon when adjournment will be taken for dinner. At 4 o'clock the delegates will be taken for a complimentary trolley ride to the beach on special suburban cars chartered for the purpose, returning to the city in time for another business session beginning at 8 o'clock at night. At this meeting the election of officers will take place and the selection of next place of meeting will probably be taken up and disposed of. The tournament will be inaugurated Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock with the street parade which will form at the City Hall, Third and Princess streets, passing down Third to Red Cross, down Red Cross to Front, up

When Congress meets the House should lose no time in hinting to Congressman Jenkins, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, that he has its sympathy. Little did the House think when it last adjourned that between then and now, Mr. Jenkins would seize the North Carolina rate case to make laughing stock of himself.

Upon representation of the owners, the assessment on property of the

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