

MONTHLY SESSION OF THE BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

The Board Decides to Pay No More for Publication of Minutes, as The Daily News Offers to Insert Them Gratis as News Items.

USUAL ROUTINE BUSINESS ATTENDED

The Board of County Commissioners met at the courthouse Monday and Tuesday and transacted the following business for the month of January, 1910.

Ordered that the salary of H. L. Hodges, superintendent of the public roads, be increased from \$50 to \$60 per month.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board that a piece of land in Richland township valued at \$680 was listed for taxation both by W. H. Whitley and N. C. Moore, and it further appearing that the tax has been paid by the said Moore, it is now ordered that W. H. Whitley be relieved of the tax on same. Amount of relief \$5.24.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board that a piece of land in Richland township was listed for taxation both by Henry Tatum, colored, and O. Hooker, of Greenville, and it further appearing that the tax has been paid by O. Hooker, it is now ordered that Henry Tatum be relieved of the tax on same.

Ordered that Mrs. Clara C. Curtis, of Bath township, be allowed \$1.50 per month for three months.

Ordered that John Edwards, of Chocowinity township, be allowed to list poll for the year 1909. Amount of relief \$2.00.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board that there is an error in Arthur Leggett's tax list for the year 1909 of \$77, it is ordered that he be relieved of same. Amount of relief \$2.00.

Ordered that Mrs. S. A. White, of the city of Washington, be allowed \$2 per month for four months.

Ordered that Peter Taylor, of Chocowinity township, be relieved of tax of \$39. Amount of relief 24 cents.

Ordered that T. B. Weeks, of the city of Washington, be relieved of poll tax for the year 1909. Amount of relief \$2. (Physical disability).

For satisfactory reasons the board allows Mrs. Stella Stillely to list a lot in Belhaven for the year 1909, valued at \$1,000. Amount of tax \$12.50.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board that there is an error in Thomas A. Riggs' tax list in Belhaven precinct for the year 1909 of \$200, it is ordered that he be relieved of the same. Amount of relief \$2.50.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board that there is an error in McG. Wynn's tax list in Belhaven precinct for the year 1909 of \$272, it is ordered that he be relieved of the tax on the same. Amount of relief \$2.40.

Whereas the board has heretofore paid for the publication of the minutes of the meetings, and whereas James L. Mayo, editor of the Washington Daily News, appeared before the board and offered to publish the same free of charge, it is ordered that the board pay no more for the publication of said minutes, but that the same be open as a news item for any newspaper.

Whereas, at the November session 1909, of the Board of Commissioners, the chairman and the clerk to board, were authorized to renew a note to the Bank of Washington for \$2500, and they did renew the same, and whereas, the same is now due, it is ordered that the chairman and the clerk be and they are hereby ordered and authorized to give a renewal note for the same period of 60 days and pledge the credit of the county for its payment.

Whereas, at the October session 1909, of the board, the chairman and the clerk to board were authorized to borrow from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for the current expenses of the county, and they borrowed the sum of \$3,500 from the Bank of Washington, and the same is now due, it is ordered that the chairman and the clerk be and they are hereby authorized to give a renewal note for a period of 90 days and pledge the credit of the county for its payment.

Ordered that W. J. Pippin be relieved of the amount paid by him for brokerage license to the sheriff for the year ending June 1, 1910, it appearing that he has done no business requiring the payment of said license.

Ordered that the clerk notify B. S. Freeman to appear before the board at their regular session in March and show cause why he did not deliver Carl Kelly to the sheriff as he promised, and also that they hold him personally responsible for the payment of \$5 per month for the toll term.

For satisfactory reasons the board allows Jane Jackson to list three

HE WANTED HIS CRIME DISCOVERED

Flaunted \$424,442

Bank Embezzler Says He Often Urged an Examination of His Books That the Secret Might Become Public.

WANTED TRUTH KNOWN

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 9.—John A. Hall, former treasurer of the Southbridge Savings Bank, has made a complete confession of his default from that institution. His story was related in full here, where he is confined in default of \$200,000 on his accounts of \$424,442. His admission that he has been hoping for more than two years to be arrested and that he remained away from Southbridge for many months to allow his subordinates at the bank to find the irregularity in his accounts is one of the most remarkable self-accusations ever heard from a prisoner.

"My financial downfall," said Hall, "dates from an investment which I made with a relative in Boston real estate many years ago. By this investment we made \$10,000 cash. This was the South station deal. After this, when other investments offered, we took them up and then developed a losing streak."

"I patronized Boston and New York brokerage houses, losing many times where I thought profit was certain. Little sums were taken at first from the bank to finance fresh investments in the hope of retrieving previous losses."

"Then the losses became more serious and larger sums were taken and the books so manipulated that the defaultations would not appear without an expert examination of my accounts."

Hall said that he tried many methods to bring about the examination of the bank's finances. He said that he told President Paige that the books of every bank should be examined, no matter in how good shape the bank appeared to be.

Hall continued: "At length I contemplated calling up Mr. Paige and telling him the whole story. Several times I was on the point of doing this but could not muster up the nerve at the last minute."

"At length it occurred to me to take myself away for a time and give some one else a chance at the books. I was away all summer and returned when no news reached me that the bank's condition had been exposed."

"Since that time, which was two years ago, I have constantly hoped for the revelations which have just been made, and now that the whole truth is known I am satisfied."

VALENTINE PARTY. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the valentine party at Singleton schoolhouse Monday night, February 14.

The party will be to raise money to buy a library for the school at Singleton's. This is a most worthy cause, and we hope every one will come out and help us.

The ladies are requested to bring baskets, which will be sold to the highest bidder.

Come out boys and buy your girl's heart. There will be a heart drawn on a sheet and every one can draw a penny and be blindfolded, and the one that pins the arrow nearest the center of the heart will be awarded a prize. There will also be one for the best looking boy, so come out boys looking your best. Someone will be the lucky one, and it may be you.

AN OYSTER ROAST. Last night a very delightful oyster roast was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Pegram, East Main street. Games were played until about 9 o'clock when they all went into the kitchen where the oysters were roasted. About 10:30 the guests departed for their homes declaring Mr. and Mrs. Pegram the best of entertainers.

The following were present: Misses Golda Ricks, Janie Roberts, Katie Walls, Nellie Miles, Ruth Phillips, Lucie Peterson, Ella Lee Wright, Pat Harris, Fannie Stewart and Mabel Ricks. Messrs. Frank Wright, Ralph Phillips, James McCluer, Rodney Latham, Mayhew Paul, Lee Stewart, Ed Carrowan, Claid Ricks, Ella Phillips, Charlie Wright, Allen Roberts, Thomas Carrowan and Jesse Mayo.

Some people don't distinguish between being laughed with and laughed at.

IDEAL PATRONS OF OUR SCHOOLS

Prof. Newbold Writes of the Cooperation of Parents.

Some time ago one of the teachers in the public schools reported some boys to me for misconduct. I had a talk with the boys, and told them I would report the matter to their parents. I did so. I received the following note from one of the fathers: "Dear sir:—"

"Yours of the — received and I certainly regret that my son is giving you trouble. I have punished him and had a talk with him, and I think and hope that he will now do better. Please let me know if he does not improve. I thank you for calling my attention to same."

"Yours truly,"

Another father tried three different times in one day to see me about his son, finally finding me about 6 p. m. of the same day. He assured me in the same definite way as the father just quoted, that he would stand by the schools in the effort to educate his boy.

With such splendid support as this it is unnecessary for me to say that the boys in question are doing good work, and that their conduct is exemplary. These parents have determined that their boy shall be real men in correct discipline and training both in home and school can make them so.

Let me say briefly that this question of earnest cooperation between home and school is a most vital one. If all the parents in Washington will stand by us in the manner indicated above, our work will be vastly more satisfactory, and we shall be enabled to do the children more good. May I ask that each parent will give the teacher of his children the best possible support for the sake of his own children, and for the general good of all?

N. C. NEWBOLD.

LARGE NUMBER AT FUNERAL

Burial of the Late W. P. Baugham Took Place This Morning.

A great concourse of sorrowing friends assembled to do honor to the memory of the late Mr. William P. Baugham, at his residence, corner of Respot and Second streets, this morning at 10:30 o'clock, the hour of the funeral. The solemn ceremonies over the dead were conducted by Rev. A. McCullen, presiding elder of the Washington district, who was in former years, the pastor of the deceased when he was a resident of Warrenton, N. C. Mr. McCullen was assisted by the pastor of the M. E. Church, Rev. M. T. Plyler. The impressive burial ceremony was accentuated by the sweet rendition of "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "Abide With Me," and "Lead Kindly Light," by the choir of the M. E. Church. Those present included most of the most prominent citizens of Washington and those in the humbler walks of life—all attended to pay their last tribute of respect. A long line of carriages, headed by the Masonic order, being several blocks in length, escorted the remains to Oakdale cemetery where the last sad rites were paid. At the grave the Masons had charge. Their service, as usual, was impressive and sad. The floral emblems were many and elaborate. During the funeral services the Bank of Washington, of which Mr. Baugham was a director, was closed. Since his death the Carolina Distributing Co., the Chamber of Commerce, and the Elks hall have been closed out of respect to this memory.

Thus another useful citizen sleeps beneath the sod.

Tail of Comet a Peril to Life

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 9.—Prof. Edwin Booth, of the department of chemistry at the University of California, said last night that if astronomers are correct in their estimate of the amount of cyanogen gas in the tail of Halley's comet, there may be a chance of the extermination of all animal life on this earth. Some astronomers predict that the comet's tail will envelop the earth for a short time.

CONFEDERATE GENERAL ILL.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 10.—General C. M. Evans, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans in Ill at his home in this city of Jacksonville. Although General Evans is said to be improving some anxiety is felt by his friends on account of his advanced age.

PARIS AGAIN AT MERCY OF MIGHTY FLOOD

Much Damage Done

The River Seine is Rising Again and a New Danger is Threatening in Places.

PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN

Paris, Feb. 9.—The Seine is rising, rains fell when dawn broke today and the flood is again encroaching on Paris. Just when it was thought that danger was definitely past, new menace has developed and today the river inundated the district back of the Quai D'Autouil.

A large hotel building collapsed today with a roar that was heard over a wide area, spreading panic among the frightened inhabitants of the quarter. The collapse of other buildings that were left in a precarious condition by the receding waters is imminent.

Streets are again collapsing and the day's of the disaster's climax are being reproduced in many quarters. On the Quai D'Autouil the pavement between the Rue Wilhelm and the Pont De Jour gave way early today. The river, which had fallen below the vents of the sewers, again covers them and many of the conduits are choked with debris and water.

It is declared today by government officials that the Seine will probably reach the high marks of 1882 and 1883 before again receding. These figures—close on to six meters—ranked as records second only to inundations of the class of 1910. The floods of Paris are divided into three classes. 1910 will go down in history as the year in which the city was twice inundated, first by the major flood, the worst recorded, and then by the present rise.

In the country districts, the situation is serious, and much of the work which has been accomplished in overcoming the effects of the first disaster has already been destroyed.

Here lies the greatest menace to Paris, for the transportation systems are barely beginning to approach the normal and their status would be at best precarious. With the new danger the food supply of Paris is hit a hard blow. Its effects are already felt today in many quarters of the city. The waters are rising steadily. Rain fell today over a wide area.

Thaw adds to the danger. A hot south wind has been melting the snows in the outlying regions.

Lyons reported today that the Rhine was rising. At Nancy the Mueithe was two meters above normal today. The snow of the Vosges mountains is swelling a score of streams. The Saone and the Hute-Savoie rivers have burst their banks at several points.

BEAUFORT RIGHT THERE IN EDUCATIONAL WORK.

(News and Observer.) Good old Beaufort county is right there when it comes to education. Only yesterday the Department of Public Instruction received the news of an educational victory in Old Ford district, when, on Saturday, the friends of education voted special tax. Beaufort has voted one special tax district a month for several months.

In charge of the Beaufort schools is Prof. W. L. Vaughan, who is carrying the work forward. He has been in charge of the schools only a short time, but has made things move.

CONDITION IMPROVED.

The many friends of Mrs. Claudia Waters will be glad to learn that her condition is more favorable today. She has been confined to her bed for some days with fever.

Peary Made a Rear-Admiral

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Promotion to the high rank of Rear Admiral as one of the honors to be bestowed upon Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., for his achievement in discovering the north pole, received the endorsement of the Senate today.

The Hale bill adding Peary's name to the list of rear admirals in the navy and providing for his immediate retirement with the highest pay received by one of the rank, was favorably reported by the committee on naval affairs and was passed almost immediately without debate or amendment.

CITY ALDERMEN MEETING

Several Matters Before The Body For Adjudication.

Ordered that lamp on West Eighth street be removed to East Eighth street and incandescent lamp be placed on East Ninth and Market streets.

Ordered that incandescent lamp be placed on Third, between Bonner and Harvey streets.

Account against Jos. T. Ross, as reported by Accountant W. P. Hilton, is placed in hands of city attorney for collection.

Motion requesting the railroads to place placard on all trains leaving the city stating their destination.

The running of electric plant for day service is left with light committee to report at next meeting.

On motion it was ordered that Geo. N. Howard, Chief of Police, under the investigation just had by the Board of Aldermen, that he gave as quick service under such circumstances as any officer could, and he is now hereby exonerated.

Ordered that A. F. and B. F. Bowers be allowed to run sewer from their home to the river.

Ordered that the purchasing of a bicycle be left with the light committee with power to act.

Ordered that Mr. Bryan be authorized to purchase a typewriter for use of city for a consideration of \$75 and old machine.

Resignation of Jas. M. Gallagher as Chief of Fire Department is accepted.

Ordered that Union Grocery Co. be granted license to sell near-beer, same to be dated from the beginning of business to May 31, 1910. Consideration \$10.

W. C. Miller is reliever of taxes on \$230 on account of property listed twice.

Petition of S. Z. Waters for refund of photographer licenses tax for 1909 is tabled.

Postal Telegraph Co. is relieved of taxes on \$50.

T. B. Weeks relieved of poll tax on account of disability.

The board then took a recess subject to call of improvement committee for the appointment of civil engineer for street improvement work.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A meeting of the Board of Aldermen has been called for tonight at 7:40 for the purpose of electing a member of Improvement Committee to succeed the late W. P. Baugham.

THE GAITY TONIGHT.

The Piney Ridge Feud, The Conspirators, Weary Waggles Busy Day, and by special request The Life of Moses. There will be four reels in all tonight at the Gaity. See the beautiful present in Brooks' shoe store window to be given away Friday night. The performance at this theater last night has never been surpassed in Washington. The Life of Moses was highly complimented and at the urgent request of a large number will be repeated this evening. Everyone should be present, for it is well worth going to see. The orchestra plays the sweetest of melodies all during the performance. Follow the merry crowd after supper.

Another Mine Disaster; 6 Die

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 10.—Six men were killed and a score injured by an explosion of gas in mine No. 1 of the Stearns Coal Company at Stearns, Ky., this morning.

The dead are A. B. Thresher, G. W. King, Ed Thresher, Elihu Grinday, Fred Crompton and Richard Grundy.

PEARY WILL AID IN THE ANTARCTIC RACE

Receives \$10,000 Gift

Testimonial for the Commander in New York Raises More Than \$13,000, All of Which Received as People's Gift.

HE PRAISES THE GIFT

New York, Feb. 9.—Before an audience of more than 4,000 persons in the Metropolitan opera house, Commander Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the north pole, received a \$10,000 check on behalf of the citizens of New York, but instead of retaining it for himself, the commander stated that he would contribute it toward the south pole expedition, as planned by the National Geographic Society.

The check was presented to the commander by Governor Hughes, of New York, at this, the first national testimonial in the explorer's honor. Accepting the gift, Peary advanced to the front of the stage, and said: "Here is a check for \$10,000. This check will be deposited tomorrow as a joint contribution of the members of this audience, the officers and the members of the committee of the Civic Forum, and myself toward the American Antarctic expedition, for the purpose of exploration and scientific investigation; and to enter the Stars and Stripes in a splendid, manly international race for the south pole with our British cousins, than whom there are no finer foemen in the world."

President's Regrets Telegraphed. The audience which greeted the commander tonight was representative and enthusiastic. The gathering was held under the auspices of the Civic Forum. President Taft telegraphed that he was sorry that he was unable to attend, but said that he sincerely hoped that "Congress will take some substantial notice of the great achievement of Commander Peary."

Gov. Fernald of Maine also sent his regrets and the "greetings of the 700,000 men and women of his (Peary's) own State."

The assemblage adopted a resolution, presented by Seth Low, former mayor of New York, setting forth "that this meeting respectfully and earnestly petitions the Congress of the United States to make some special and appropriate recognition of the achievement of Commander Peary in reaching the north pole and winning for the United States the prize so earnestly striven for century after century by a great company of brave and adventurous men."

The committee had guaranteed Peary a cash purse of \$10,000 for the testimonial, but the proceeds tonight exceeded \$13,000, all of which will go to the commander.

As Gov. Hughes spoke the audience broke into cheers. The governor said, in part: "I have no sympathy with those who inquire of what utility may be the discovery of the north pole, or a visit to those frozen regions. We can never afford to be without these examples."

"An Inspiration For All. The journey to the north pole may seem far removed from the life of the workman in the shop, or the clerk in the office, or the busy professional man, but unless that professional man now and then feels the stimulus of high endeavor because of such examples, he will grow weak in his own effort and fail to show the best of the manhood that is within him."

"We are all, in whatever we may be engaged, better tonight and more richly endowed because of the achievements of Commander Peary. All hail to the man who puts his life to a worthy purpose and wins."

Peary delivered his illustrated lecture, showing his progress to the pole and Capt. Bartlett spoke briefly.

HOW IS THIS?

Man Born 69 Years Ago and Never Been Out of County.

The latest from Deputy Sheriff John Lucas is as follows: He states that last week he met a citizen residing in Beaver Dam township, who claims that he is 62 years of age, has ten children, and has never been outside of Beaufort county. He says his father would not be more than 20 miles in his lifetime. The deputy sheriff says further that the individual never had a fight, never been intoxicated and only used the golden weed moderately.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS in Today's News

- Gem Theater.
- Gaiety Theater.
- Mother Gray Powders.
- Cardui.
- Doan's Kidney Pills.
- Parisian Sage.
- Mrs. Sumner's Remedies.
- Pink Ointment.
- Vick's Remedies.
- Laxative Bromo Quinine.
- J. K. Hoyt—Belting.
- Jan. H. Clark Co.—Shoes.
- Brooks' Shoe Store—Men's Shoes.
- Hogart's Drug and Sash Store.
- Free Calendars.