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NEW BOARD CITY ALDERMEN MEET AND SELECTED OFFICERS

No Other Business Was Transacted at the Initial Meeting—A List of Appointments and Their Salaries Are Given Below.

New Board.
Mayor—C. H. Harding. Aldermen: W. E. Swindell, C. L. Oden, J. F. Buckman, C. G. Morris, Fred W. Jones, Robt. L. Jones, E. A. Daniel and Floyd J. Berry.

Their Appointments:
City Clerk—William C. Ayers.
Chief of Police—George N. Howard.
Assistant Police—R. J. Roberts, Geo. W. Morgan.
Night Police—J. F. Flynn.
Treasurer—J. F. Buckman, Jr.
Street Commissioner—W. H. McDewitt.
Bull. Electric Light Plant—H. E. Charles.
Keeper Okdale Cemetery—Edward T. Phelps.
Keeper Colored Cemetery—Joseph Brown.
Keeper City Clock—R. Lee Stewart.
Engineer Electric Light Plant—W. R. Jones.
Chief Fire Department—Dr. E. M. Brown.
Engineer Ocean Fire Co.—O. F. Harris.
Fireman Ocean Co.—J. S. Forbes.
Driver Hose Wagon and Janitor—David Hampton.
City Attorney—H. C. Carter, Jr.

The mayor-elect and new board of aldermen for the city of Washington were sworn into office yesterday morning and last evening held their first public meeting in the city hall at 8 o'clock. Those present were Mayor Collin H. Harding and Aldermen W. E. Swindell and C. L. Oden, representing the first ward; J. F. Buckman and C. G. Morris, the second ward; Fred W. Jones and Robert L. Jones, third ward; E. A. Daniel and Floyd J. Berry, fourth ward.

The business transacted last night was the selection of the respective salaried officers and others for the ensuing term. The first officer selected was that of city clerk. Messrs. D. C. Ross and William C. Ayers were placed in nomination. Before the vote was taken it was moved and carried that the officer of city clerk, tax collector and bookkeeper. On the vote being announced it was found that Mr. Ayers had received four votes and Mr. Ross three—one of the aldermen not voting. Mr. Ayers was declared elected. In a few minutes he was sworn in by the mayor and assumed his duties.

For the office of chief of police Mr. George N. Howard made application and Aldermen Jones named the present incumbent Mr. M. J. Fowler. The vote showed Howard six votes and Fowler two. Mr. Howard was declared the nominee.

For assistant police, Messrs. E. J. Roberts and George W. Morgan was selected as was Mr. J. F. Flynn for the position of night police.

Messrs. J. F. Buckman, Jr. and Guy Harding were nominated for city treasurer. Buckman receiving six votes and Harding one—one of the aldermen not voting.

For the office of street commissioner, Messrs. W. H. McDewitt and John L. Potts were nominated. On roll call McDewitt received seven and Potts one.

A motion was here made and carried that the office of city clerk, tax collector and assistant tax collector be merged and filled by one officer. Mr. McDewitt was then named as assistant tax collector.

For the position of superintendent of the Electric Light plant Mr. H. E. Charles, the present incumbent, was chosen unanimously.

Mr. Edward T. Phelps was re-appointed keeper of Okdale cemetery and Joseph Brown keeper of the colored cemetery.

For keeper of city clock, Mr. R. Lee Stewart and Mr. W. M. Hall were nominated. Stewart was selected by a vote of six to two.

At this juncture Mr. M. J. Fowler, the retiring chief of police, arose and asked if he could be heard. The request was granted and in grateful words he stated that every member was his friend and he stood ready at all times to serve them in any way. The ex-chief then stated that if the new chief, Mr. Howard, was in the hall and would come forward he would give him the right hand of fellowship and wish him God speed. Mr. Howard responded and in the presence of the Aldermen and those present three, two, the retiring chief and the incoming head of the police force grasped hands. After turning over the paraphernalia Mr. Fowler bid all good night.

When the question of the city drivers came up a motion was made and carried that the mayor be delegated the power to employ the drivers for the city carts and that he employ two now and if he found it necessary to employ a third one.

Mr. William R. Jones was selected as engineer at the Electric Light plant and Mr. Louis Kerman assistant engineer.

For chief of the fire department Dr. E. M. Brown was selected as was Mr. C. F. Harris, an engineer of the Ocean Fire company, and Mr. J. S. Forbes, as fireman.

Mr. David Hampton was appointed driver of the hose wagon and also made city janitor. All of the above appointments were recommended by the city fire department.

For the office of mayor pro tem Dr. John G. Blount and Mr. Frank G. Kugler were nominated. On a vote Dr. Blount received six votes and Mr. Kugler two.

For fire commissioners, Messrs. F. C. Kugler, Geo. T. Leach and C. M. Brown, Jr.

The finance committee will be composed of the following: John B. Sparrow, A. M. Dumay and William Bragaw. Messrs. Frank C. Kugler, John K. Hoyt and Beverly G. Moss were selected as the improvement committee.

When the question of a city attorney came up it was moved by Alderman Swindell that the election of attorney be deferred for thirty days as there were two lawyers on board Alderman E. A. Daniel made a motion that they proceed with the election of a city attorney at once and Mr. H. C. Carter, Jr., the present official was again named.

This completed the list of appointments and then the board decided to fix the salaries of the respective officers.

The salary of the city clerk, tax collector and bookkeeper is \$80.00 and he will be required to give a bond in the sum of \$500, as bookkeeper additional to that for city clerk and collector.

The salary of the chief of police was fixed at \$75.00 per month and he is also required to collect special taxes. The salaries of the assistant police was fixed at \$45.00 per month. Alderman Jones moved that they be paid the sum of \$50, the salary the assistants were now receiving. Stated this was small enough.

Alderman Daniels moved that they receive \$48.00 and do sanitary duty under the supervision of the chief. This was carried.

The office of sanitary inspector was abolished and placed in the hands of the police.

The salary of the treasurer was made \$150 annually. The salary of the street commissioner an assistant tax collector was made \$45 monthly. The salary of the superintendent of the Electric Light plant was made the same as heretofore—\$100 per month. The keeper of Okdale cemetery's salary was made \$35. Alderman Jones moved to increase it to \$55. This was lost.

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OLD BOARD GOES OUT LAST NIGHT

Last Meeting of Old Board of Aldermen
It was ordered that report of improvement committee be accepted and placed on minutes.
It is ordered that the recommendation of the improvement committee and city engineer as to the paved streets be accepted.

On motion it was ordered that the board give a rising vote of thanks to the improvement committee and city engineer for their efficient and faithful services, this was unanimously carried.
On motion it was unanimously agreed that he board at 12 M., as a committee of the whole meet with the new board at their taking the oath of office, so as to extend any courtesies or information and their good will.
At meeting last night of new board the following resolutions were adopted:
Whereas, the retiring board of commissioners has kindly rendered its services in assisting the incoming board in any way it can.
Wherefore, be it Resolved: That this board extends to the retiring board its appreciation and hearty thanks for the courtesy extended.

GOOD WILL EXPRESSED

The old board of Aldermen goes out of office with a spirit of good will toward their successors which is right and proper and that the new board has accepted their courtesies in good faith is evidenced by the resolutions adopted at their meeting last night.
This is probably the first time that this feeling of good fellowship has existed and been expressed between the two boards. This is evidence that the feeling of bitterness and strife heretofore existing has to a large extent subsided.

NOTED SPEAKER TO MAKE ADDRESS

Hon. O. H. Benson, of Washington, D. C., to Address the Graduating Class of Washington Public School

Thursday Night Exercises by the Graduating Class Takes Place Friday Night—The Annual Address Will Be Made and Diplomas and Medals Awarded.

The commencement exercises of the Washington Public Schools will take place in the auditorium of the school building Thursday and Friday evening. The graduating class this year will number fifteen and is one of the brightest in the history of the institution.
On Thursday evening the exercises of the graduating class will take place. The class will be read by a member of the class, the class prophecy and the class history will also be announced. Music will play a big part in the evening exercises. The prize essay on history and the prize essay on English will be read. The history prize is known as the John H. Small History prize and the English prize is given by Professor Harry Howell, late superintendent of the schools here, now of High Point.
On Friday evening the annual address to the graduating class will be made by Hon. O. H. Benson of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. There will be a short report from the superintendent on the year's work. This will be followed by the awarding of medals, diplomas, etc.

WASHINGTON WILL HONOR VISITORS

Memorial Day Will be Fittingly Celebrated in Washington Tomorrow by Many
GREAT OCCASION PROMISED

The Exercises Will Take Place in the School Auditorium at 11 o'clock—Mr. E. A. Daniel the orator of the Day—Attractive Program Arranged.
Tomorrow is Memorial Day and it will be fittingly celebrated in this city under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Ladies Memorial Association. The exercises will take place at the Public school auditorium at 11 o'clock.
The committee on transportation, of which Mrs. Stephen C. Bragaw is chairman, wish all who will loan their carriages for use to kindly notify Mrs. Bragaw and have them at the school building when the parade leaves for the cemetery. The city transfers are requested also to be on hand so as to accommodate any additional persons desiring to attend the exercises at the cemetery.
The Ladies Memorial Association request all ladies in the city who have flowers to send for decorating the soldier's graves on Memorial day that they will please send them to the home of Miss Annie Jarvis early tomorrow morning.

The following program will be carried out tomorrow:
Assemble at school auditorium at 10:30 exercises to begin promptly at 11 o'clock.
Opening prayer—Rev. J. A. Sullivan.
Music—Washington Band.
Olg North State—Children of the Confederacy.
Reading "March away Washington Grays 1861"—Mr. John L. Payne.
Hymn—Choir.
Introduction or Orator.—Mr. Newbold.
Memorial Address—E. A. Daniel, Esq.
Hymn—Choir.
Quartet—Tenting Tonight—Messrs Stewart, Potts and Shaw.
Presentation of Crosses of Honor.
America—Children of the Confederacy.
Dixie—Washington Band.
Benediction—Rev. Nathaniel Harding.
March to the Cemetery, Washington Light Infantry as Guard of Honor to the Veterans.
Decorations of Graves by Memorial Association and Daughters of the Confederacy.
Conclusion of exercises at Confederate monument.
Rev. W. H. Call, will as usual announce the order of the exercises.

PEACE WILL BE THE OUTCOME

Madero Declares It An Act of Patriotism—The Rebel Leaders Quick to Stop Demonstration—The Rebel Army Was on the Move When the News Came.
Mexico City, May 7.—General Porfirio Diaz tonight issued a manifesto to the people of Mexico declaring his intention to resign the presidency as soon as peace is restored.
In this manner the president has virtually acceded to the demands of Francisco I. Madero that he make announcement of such intention.
As to when peace is actually restored, General Diaz reserves the right to be the judge. In the words of the manifesto it will be "when my conscience dictates, and when I consider that my retirement will not be followed by anarchy."
The president declared that his determination to relinquish office at this time was not due to vanity or love of power at this time had no attraction, accompanied as it is by tremendous responsibilities and worries. He said that he was prompted solely by a desire to conserve the best interests of his country.
The president made it clear that he does not propose to abandon the presidency while his country is at war and that he would not do so at any time under compulsion.
President Diaz's manifesto will be made public tomorrow morning, but it will not be sent officially to Judge Garibaldi for formal transmission to Dr. Vasquez Gomez. The promise of the president is made to the people of Mexico and its receipt by the revolutionists will be incidental.
That it will be sent to them immediately, however, by private individuals and that it will be regarded as entirely satisfactory by them, is taken for granted.
It was at a cabinet meeting this afternoon that General Diaz announced to his ministers his decision. For two hours and a half they discussed the terms of the manifesto and at the conclusion of the meeting there remained nothing to do but to secure its official promulgation.

PICNIC AND SAIL

Given by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Harrell Down Pamlico River Today.
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Harrell gave a sail down Pamlico river today on their well appointed gas boat, Cora. It proved to be one of the most pleasant social functions of the many given this season. Mr. and Mrs. Harrell proved to be ideal hosts. The guests were Mrs. J. W. Bailey, Mrs. L. E. Todd, Mrs. G. A. Spencer, Mrs. H. B. Charles and son, Miss Emily Harris, Miss Estelle Harrell, Master Mariah Harrell and Mrs. Brinkley of Suffolk Va. A tempting luncheon was served.
Every man who paid his poll tax is probably glad it now, whether the election went his way or not.
It is time that something be done when dogs become so vicious that they bite the dog catchers.

OLD FIDDLERS' CONVENTION IN SCHOOL BUILDING TONIGHT

Besides the Fiddling the Committee Has Arranged An Attractive Musical Program Handsome Prize to Be Presented to Winning Fiddler

Tonight at the public school auditorium the Old Fiddlers' convention takes place and promises to be an entertainment, unique and interesting all the way through so much so that the prospects are a large audience will greet the veterans of the bow when they appear on the platform. Fiddlers have notified the committee in charge they are coming ready for the fray and unless something unforeseen happens there will be much fun in and around the school building before many hours.
The proceeds of the convention will go towards aiding in the erection of a confederate monument at the University of North Carolina. The convention is under the charge of Messrs. Marois Myers and Maud Windley of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Tickets are now on sale at Hardy's Drug store. The prices are 25c and 50c. In addition to the fiddling, and there will be plenty of it, the ladies

have arranged a very attractive additional program as follows:
Vocal solo "Lorena." Miss Bess Conoly.
Vocal duet: "Annie Laurie."—Misses Mary Shaw and Mary Elizabeth Thomas.
Quartet: "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Messrs. Stewart, Smith, Potts and Shaw.
Vocal Solo: Miss Carrie Bright.
Quartet: "Old Black Joe." Messrs Stewart, Potts, Smith and Shaw.
Vocal duet: Misses Mae Ayers and Ada Rhodes.
Vocal solo: Miss Bess Conoly.
Quartet: "Old Folks at Home." Messrs. Stewart, Smith, Potts, and Shaw.
Every citizen of Washington should attend the Old Fiddlers' Convention. The proceeds go towards a worthy cause and then too it promises to be enjoyable. A handsome prize will be presented to the successful fiddler.

ISSUES MANIFESTO AT LAST MOMENT

President Diaz Yields to Rebels Demands, and Promises to Resign the Presidency

EX-CITY CLERK IS APPRECIATIVE

To the ex-Mayor and ex-Board of City Aldermen:
I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks for the trust which has been imposed in me for the past two years as city clerk and city tax collector, and in retiring wish to say I have tried and believe I have done my duties faithfully and impartially, regardless of the factional differences that have existed in the city for years. It has been told me that there is an undercurrent heresy in the city that the present system of keeping the city books is likely to be done away with in order to simplify them to meet the needs of a person possibly less experienced in advanced and expert bookkeeping than the ex-city bookkeeper, Mr. G. A. Hepstinstall, who has faithfully and untiringly performed his duties. The report, I also understand, is also current that on account of my eyes, I have been forced to hire Mr. R. R. Handy to do my work for me, the city paying for Mr. Handy's services. If the gossip and hypocritical soothsayers of so-called harmonious gathering would attend meetings of the city aldermen, possibly they would be enlightened as regards matters which come before the board. Mr. Handy has worked for me since February 7, 1911. I myself paying him out of my own pocket, the board allowing me only one month's salary for Mr. Handy's services, for extra work imposed upon me in collecting \$11,000.00 side walk paving in addition to my tax collecting and numerous and other duties which devolves upon a poor city clerk's who gives a \$1100 bond and receives the poor pitiful sum of \$60 per month in compensation for his services.
Again thanking the ex-board of aldermen and especially our honored ex-mayor, who I have been associated with for the past two years, and with whom every affiliation has been the most pleasant and congenial. I wish to say that I have retired with the best wishes for your welfare, and may your pathway along life's rocky road be free from thorns and only roses bloom on the future path to your success.
Respectfully
W. B. WINDLEY,
Ex-City Clerk.

INFANT CHRISTENED

Last Sunday afternoon at St. Peter's Episcopal church immediately after Sunday school, Irma Linwood, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roper was christened by the pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Harding.