

SLIM VOTE PUTS BOND ISSUE IN DANGER.

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CITY VOTERS ARE DECIDING BOND ISSUES

Will Settle Fate of Sewer and Fire Alarm Measures.

ALSO ELECT NEW CITY OFFICIALS

Polls Will be Open Until Seven O'clock. Voters Urged to be on Hand.

The Vote at 2:30 P. M.

1st Ward—69 out of 167.
2nd Ward—80 out of 190.
3rd Ward—48 out of 136.
4th Ward—24 out of 82.

Of the total of votes cast, none were against the issue in the first ward, 8 were against it in the second, 9 in the third and 4 in the 4th. Those who voted against the measure had their trouble for nothing, for it is only necessary to stay away from the polls in order to vote against the issue.

Considerable uneasiness was felt early this afternoon over the likelihood of the vote that is being polled in the bond issue election. Up to 2:30 this afternoon not 40 per cent of the voters had cast their ballots. As a matter of explanation, it might be said that every man is considered opposed to the issue before the polls open. If he favors it, it is necessary for him to cast his vote. If he does not vote, he puts him in an exposed position as being against the question. Consequently it is necessary that at least 50 per cent of the registered voters put in an appearance before the polls close tonight.

Whether bonds to the amount of \$30,000 shall be issued for the completion of the city sewer system and \$5,000 for the installation of a new fire alarm apparatus are the two important propositions being voted on today. At the same time, and of no less importance, the voters are also electing a new board of city officials.

There is only one ticket of officers and practically the same board will be elected with the following exceptions: S. C. Carter, is slated for the office of alderman in the first ward, to take the seat vacated by John Bragaw, Jr., and W. C. Dudley is the candidate for the third ward alderman, replacing E. B. Cozzens.

The polls will not close until seven o'clock this evening. It is hoped that every qualified voter will put in appearance and cast his ballot on the measures being brought up.

So Tacitful!

Two young women, strangers, met on a Pullman car. They discovered that they had several common acquaintances in the city where they both resided, and they spent a very enjoyable half hour together. "I am just returning from a delightful trip," said one of them. "I have seen a lot of people from home, too. Isn't it strange," she added, confidentially, "how glad we are to meet people traveling that we would hardly notice at home?"—Youth's Companion.

Pioneer of Gratulation.

Mr. Henry Thompson introduced gratulation into Great Britain shortly after the closing of the American Civil war. Using a reverbating furnace, he reduced a body weighing 140 pounds to four pounds of lime dust within fifty minutes. Encouraged by Thompson's success, Dr. Le Moyne installed an improved incinerator in a small, one-story brick structure on a hill overlooking the town of Washington. Three years after his pioneer work, Mrs. his wife, and was cremated in his own institution.

The Evidence.

Professor: "You have a wonderful talent for painting." Maria: "Dear me, professor, how interesting! How can you tell?" Professor: "I see it in your face."—Judge.

Washington Man Killed In Auto

J. C. Dallanger Met Death Yesterday in Petersburg, Va., When His Machine Turned Turtle.

According to a press dispatch J. C. Dallanger of this city and book-keeper for the Columbian Peasant Company of Stoney Creek, Sussex county, Virginia, was instantly killed at Petersburg, Va., when his automobile turned turtle early yesterday morning.

It is stated in the dispatch that Dallanger's body is being shipped to this city for burial.

Discuss Plans For Memorial Day

Important Meeting of Ladies' Memorial Association to be Held Tomorrow.

The Ladies' Memorial Association will hold their annual meeting tomorrow afternoon, 4 o'clock at the home of Miss Annie Jarvis.

Plans for Memorial Day will be discussed, the appointment of delegates to the Veterans' reunion at Richmond and other important matters will be taken up. All members are urgently requested to be present.

OBITUARY.

Lillian Harrington.

Lillian Harrington, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Harrington of Ravensville, died at the home of her parents last night. Funeral services will be held this afternoon.

"The Harvesters" To Meet Tonight

Church Society to Convene This Evening with Miss Fannie Stewart. Members Urged to be Present.

"The Harvesters," a society of the First Presbyterian Church will hold their regular meeting tonight with Miss Fannie Stewart. An urgent request is issued for all members to be in attendance as several interesting matters are to be brought up for discussion. The meeting will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

Preparing For Commencement

Baccalaureate Sermon is to be Preached Sunday Night by Mr. Huske of New Bern.

Students of the graduating class of the Washington high school are busy with preparations for commencement which begins Sunday night with the baccalaureate sermon of New Bern at the high school. Invitations will be sent out in a day or two for the commencement. The debate will be held on the evening of May 13th; class night on May 14th and commencement on May 14th. Interesting programs have been prepared for the occasions.

The Romance That is Kansas. And traditions—history! You do not need to go to Europe for such things. You could lie awake at night and look out over the wheat fields of Kansas—bearing the greatest crop ever known in the history of that state, a crop great when the need of the world was great—and see passing in the moonlight over the wheat, kneading as they ride, the steepled band of Colorado's soldiers dead and gone years ago—Emerson Hough in the Saturday Evening Post.

SUPERIOR COURT STARTS SESSION HERE TODAY

Criminal Cases to be Brought up During This Week.

JUDGE HARDING IS PRESIDING

Term of Court to Extend Over Period of Two Weeks. Fate of Charles Fagan to be Decided.

The Superior Court of Beaufort county today begins a two week's session in this city. Judge Harding of Charlotte, presiding. The criminal docket will be taken up during the early part of this week and a number of cases of minor importance will be disposed of. The principal case is that of Charles Fagan, a negro, who is charged with killing Andrew Breakers. Civil cases will be brought up next week.

Conditions Improving

Federal Reserve Board Gives out Digest of Agents' Reports to the Press.

Washington, D. C., May 2.—General improvement in business conditions with "returning confidence" is announced today in the Federal Reserve Board digest of reports of agents in the twelve reserve districts into which the country is divided. Development of considerable activity in certain industries in connection with the war are pointed out.

"Improving conditions and promise of continued betterment" is in the summary of reports from the Richmond district. Progress is still retarded by war conditions. There is decided improvement in cotton prices with confidence in the future. Cotton, milling is prosperous. Shortage of dye-stuffs is causing some uneasiness.

The Atlanta district report indicates "increased activity of sound and conservative nature in all lines," though no remarkable improvement. The announcement says that in the New York district general improvement with optimism in New York city is noted. Slight improvement is reported from Boston and improvement in some lines is claimed for Philadelphia.

In Cleveland the metal trade has been stimulated by foreign orders. The Chicago district shows improvement especially in lines probing by war orders. The St. Louis, Kansas City and Minneapolis conditions are improving on prospects of good crops. San Francisco reports prospects as exceptionally good.

The Federal Reserve Board today inaugurated the publication of a monthly "Federal Reserve Bulletin." Its purpose is to announce in a general statement concerning big business Federal Reserve affairs, and other matters of interest to banks and the public.

Willing to Let It Ache. A barefooted dandy, while hoisting cotton one day, saw his big toe under a clod, and, thinking it was a mole's head, bit it and hurt himself. After working with it for a while he got tired, set his foot on a stump and said: "Well, see pain away now; I don't care, you hurts yourself wuz'n ye go me."

Human Longevity. Thomas Parr of Shropshire, England, in all probability bears the palm for longevity. He lived one hundred and fifty-two years and nine months. It is claimed that Parr's case is well authenticated, while in the case going beyond him certainty gives way to conjecture.

City Council Meets Tonight

Will be Wind-up of Business Matters during the Last Year. Go Into Adjourned Session.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen tonight business matters for the last year will be wound up and preparations made for the advent of the new board. At the conclusion of the meeting tonight the board will go into adjourned session and will meet again next week when the new board will take the oath of office. No special new business is on the schedule for discussion at tonight's meeting.

Suggestion For Memorial Day

Monument at Entrance of Oakdale Cemetery Should be Cleaned Up.

Memorial Day will soon be here and as in the past it will be fittingly celebrated in Washington.

The outlook for a great day is indeed promising. The Daily News desires to make a suggestion to the Daughters of the Confederacy and all others who have the memorial day exercises in charge.

At the entrance of Oakdale cemetery stands the first monument known to have been erected by the Children of the Confederacy in the South. It stands there today as a memorial to the seventeen soldiers who gave their life's blood in the defense of Washington in the battle fought September, 1862.

This monument was erected by the Washington Gray Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, under the auspices and direction of the late Mrs. Maggie Arthur Call, who for years gave her very best for a cause she loved so well. The monument was appropriately unveiled on May 10th, 1908, and since that good hour has been a pride to all Beaufort county citizens, especially to the boys who were the gray.

It is constructed of pressed brick and granite and ornamented with 52 cannon balls which Mrs. Call obtained from the United States government; seventeen of these balls form a pyramid on the top and represent the seventeen soldiers killed in battle.

The organization that erected this monument was the very first organized in North Carolina and the second in the entire South. Since its erection its up-keep has not been as it should be. The plat of ground around it lacks attention and the monument itself would present a much more attractive appearance if a little cleaning were done. The News feels confident that the good ladies will readily agree along this line and when they realize that a little work should be done on this well deserved memorial they as a unit will see that something is accomplished prior to Memorial Day.

As stated in the beginning another celebration to commemorate the deeds of the Confederate soldier is practically at our door and it is to be hoped that this shaft will be more inviting to the visitor than now.

One of War's Evils. Edmund Burke said: "War suspends the rules of obligation, and what is long suspended is in danger of being totally abrogated."

Enjoying Life. He alone appears to me to live and to enjoy life who, being engaged in some business, seeks reputation by some illustrious action for some useful art.—H. H. Wood.

Daily Thought. Civilization is the eternal sacrifice of one generation to the next.—Miller.

START TODAY ON "CLEAN-UP" CAMPAIGN

Fourth Warders Are First to Begin Operations.

KEEN RIVALRY BETWEEN TWEEN DISTRICTS

Third Warders are Getting Ready for Work and Will be Followed by Second Ward.

Washington today begins a city clean-up campaign which will extend over a period of ten days winding up on May 12th.

The campaign is being conducted by wards and there is keen rivalry between the districts to attain the greatest degree of cleanliness for their sections.

The fourth ward starts today and will continue the work until Wednesday morning. Wagons have been provided for hauling off the rubbish in this ward during the three-day period. The third ward follows after the fourth ward during the latter part of this week and the second ward starts operations in the early part of next week.

Everyone has been urged to do his share in the work and it is expected that by the united efforts of the workers Washington will be almost spotless by the time the campaign is concluded.

Miss O'Helligan Back From Trip

Versatile Daughter of Crow Creek Capitalist is Given a Royal Welcome.

After an absence of about two years, Miss Helen O'Helligan, the beautiful and talented daughter of Rufus O'Helligan of Crow Creek, has returned to this section again. Miss O'Helligan arrived home yesterday and was welcomed at the station by the Crow Creek Canvass Cornet Corps, which played an appropriate selection, entitled "Cousin Kate is Cooking Corn for Cabmen." A number of prominent citizens were also present and helped to make the welcome a notable affair.

Miss O'Helligan has announced that she will remain in Crow Creek for some time and that she has plans for starting a home for friendless cockroaches.

Local H.S. Team Ends Ball Season

Last Game of the Season Was Played With Wilson Christian College Friday.

Last Friday afternoon the Washington high school baseball team concluded its season with the game in which the Wilson Christian College athletes were their opponents. The contest resulted in a defeat for the local ball tossers, the visitors winning by the score of 10-7.

In the 19 games that the local team has played this season, they were victorious against all of their school opponents and suffered defeat only at the hands (or bats) of the Wilson College. The season was one of the most successful in the history of the Washington high school and there is no doubt but that some of the members of the local team will be heard from in college baseball circles. The work of Forbes and Wilson in the box was especially good and to their excellent twirling must be given a large part of the credit for the good showing made by the boys.

Small Speaks At Launching

Congressman and Mrs. Small Both Attended Launching of Coast Guard Cutters.

One of the speakers at the launching of the two coast guard cutters at Newport News Saturday was Congressman John H. Small of this city. Mr. Small made a most appropriate address. Mr. and Mrs. Small during the guests of the Coast Guard service. They returned home yesterday afternoon.

Entertainment By Scholars

"Courtship of Miles Standish" Well Rendered at Junior High School Commencement.

An appreciative audience which filled the large school auditorium to the doors, was present at the junior high school commencement, held Friday night. An interesting program was rendered and the various parts merited the hearty applause they received.

The feature of the evening was dramatizing of "The Courtship of Miles Standish," which was carried out with great success. Those who took part in this were John Spain, in the character of Miles Standish; Doris Jones, as Priscilla; John Campbell, as John Alden; Lawrence Womble, as the Puritan elder; Leslie Doughty, as "Hobonk"; Leslie Wall, as Indian chief; Bruce Tankard and Ernest Clark, as Indian braves, and Art Kessinger as Daniel Boone. Students of the 6th and 7th grades filled in as other Indians, Puritan councilmen, Puritan maidens, Quakers, etc.

Between the acts were featured an article on Capital Punishment, by Clara Burgess, and "How Ruby Played," by Gau Walker. Both were exceedingly well rendered. Miss Ethel Mixon served most capably as pianist. Refreshments were served by members of the Eta Kappa Club.

"Exploits of Elaine" and Musical Comedy Tonight

The New Theater opens tonight with a very strong bill for the entire week. The fourth episode of the "Exploits of Elaine" will be one of the picture attractions tonight. This picture is proving to be a very strong drawing card for this house. Then tonight the "Simple Simon" Musical Comedy Company will open their week's engagement here with a very strong bill. This splendid troupe has been here before and every one is well acquainted with the merits of the personnel of the troupe. "Simple Simon" is the best comedian that has ever been here in any price show, and the other members of the company are all artists in their line. There will be plenty of good singing, dancing and comedy. The program will be changed every night. This house will present the same class of pictures this week that they have been doing here before. Tomorrow they will offer that celebrated stage artist "Mrs. Fiske" of whom every one is well acquainted in one of the strongest plays ever put upon the screen, "Teas of D'Urberville." Prices for the week are 10c and 20c.

Childish Retaliation.

It has been rather cruelly said that a child's love of endlessly dressing, hand and face washing and otherwise beautifying her doll, comes less from a liking for neatness than from a desire to inflict on something else the continual discipline which she herself receives from her nurse as from a stern inexorable fate. No matter, make believe doesn't depend on motive for its effectiveness, and we are all human.

BIG TOBACCO WAREHOUSE IS BEING BUILT

Structure is Being Erected by Mrs. W. P. Baugham.

IS LOCATED AT THIRD AND GLADDEN

Building Will be 250 Feet Square and Contain All the Latest Improvements.

Work on the large tobacco warehouse which is being built by Mrs. W. P. Baugham, is proceeding in a satisfactory manner and will be completed, it is expected during June.

The building will be rented by Mrs. Baugham to Messrs. Shelborne-Baugham Co., the firm being composed of V. B. Shelborne of Richmond, Va., formerly with the Reynolds Tobacco Co., and William Baugham of this city, who graduates next month from the Virginia Military Institute.

The structure is located at the corner of Gladden and Third streets and will be 250 feet square. It will be known as the "Central Warehouses" and its location justifies the name, for it is but two streets from the docks and wharves and one from the A. C. I. depot. All of the latest improved methods will be installed and the building will be up-to-date in every way.

One distinct feature will be the lighting. There will be no windows at the sides, all light coming from directly overhead. Authorities claim that this system is a distinct improvement over the old method.

It is also planned to have sleeping rooms and accommodations for farmers in the building and everything possible will be done to make the stay of the farmers in the city as convenient and comfortable as possible.

From present indications, it is believed that this section of the State will have a most successful tobacco season and it is expected that Washington will have the best season in its history.

Busy Scenes At Court House

Superior Court, Board of Education and Commissioners are in Session.

Some busy scenes are being enacted at the court house today and every room and hall in the building has been crowded early morning.

Superior Court is in session in the court room upstairs, the county commissioners are holding their regular meeting and the board of education are also convening. A large number of persons are in from the country attending court and transacting other business in the court house.

Last Nickel in a Mill Race. A wealthy mill owner in a small town on the Wabash river, whose plant was operated by power derived from the waters of the river, several years ago accidentally dropped a sack in the mill race. This man actually had his employees close the headgates of the race in order to secure his nickel after the water had emptied itself into the river.

New Theater

TONIGHT "Fourth Episode of the 'EXPLOITS OF ELAINE'" Also "SIMPLE SIMON COMPANY" In Singing, Comedy, Dancing. Change of Program Nightly. Prices 10c and 20c.