

E. BAIRD IS AN ALDERMAN

HE WAS CHOSEN ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Which, as Dr. Hanks would say, There was a Meeting of Three Boards and a Good Deal of Business Was Done.

Before the meeting of the joint board of aldermen and advisors convened Friday afternoon a meeting of the advisors was held over which Mr. Cummings presided. Besides him there were present Messrs. Scott, Summey and Bearden. The resignation of J. A. Conant from the advisory board was read and accepted. H. S. Harkins was elected to succeed Mr. Conant, whereupon Mayor Blanton remarked: "If THE CITIZEN were here, I would say 'I am satisfied.'" This he thought was a good joke. It had been used by him once before, at the meeting of magistrates on Monday, and may be used again. It is a joke that wears well.

The Joint Board Assemblies.

The joint board then met, Mayor Blanton in the chair. In addition to the advisors present there were Aldermen Starnes, McDowell, Leonard, Brevard, Waddell and Gudge.

Mr. Scott told the board that the work of paving the streets was progressing too slowly, and he thought the contractors should be required to come before the board and show a reason for the delay. Mayor Blanton said it was of no use to require the brick contractors to hurry up their work when the city had not a street in condition for paving. To get matters in shape Mr. Brevard moved that Contractor Corpening be instructed to act on prepare South Main street for paving between Town branch and city limits.

The joint street committee was instructed to inquire into the matter of damages to the store building of McDowell Bros., on South Main street. The committee was given another week in which to report on the damages to the house of Elisha Kemp, on South Main street.

Talk in Plain, Nov.

There was some talk about the paving and excavating on Patton avenue. Mr. McDowell said that Webb, Oates, Eskridge & Co., the brick paving contractors, had sold fifty loads of macadam off the avenue. This was followed by the declaration of Mr. Waddell that as there was no contract signed up for the Patton avenue paving he was in favor of not giving the work to this firm. He did not like the way the good macadam had been dumped in a hole near the government building.

Mr. Scott said there had been numerous complaints made to him about the character of the work done on the remaining walls in different parts of the city. He thought it but just to all parties that the entire board and the city engineer should inspect each of the walls. E. H. Britt, the contractor for the work, said City Engineer Lee and Inspector Murdoch had seen the walls as they were being built. He had heard no complaint except that some thought the walls should have been put up with cement. Mr. Starnes said the inspector had not been on the Patton avenue or North Main street work. It was decided that the board should look at the walls on Monday at 10 o'clock, a. m.

To Pave Market Place.

Mr. Waddell moved that a committee be appointed to investigate the idea of paving Market place with granite, and also to ascertain whether the city could purchase the refused blocks from W. H. Pearce, with which to do the work. This was carried, and Messrs. Scott, Waddell, Cummings and McDowell were appointed.

The following bills were ordered paid: Montague & Co., pipe, \$76.45; J. L. Murray, salary, \$75; Kelly & Strachan, plumbing, \$10.50; book for clerk's office, \$1.65; J. D. Henderson, street pay roll, \$25.50; Buncombe Brick and tile company, \$2.50; L. B. McBrayer, medical services, \$8.50; A. G. West, on contract, \$100.

THE ALDERMEN.

Mr. Brevard Resigns and E. Baird Elected His Successor.

The board of aldermen held the regular weekly meeting as soon as the joint board adjourned.

E. P. McKisick told the board he would be glad to get the board's permission to pay his taxes with part of a note for \$3,735.50 given by the city to Gen. P. M. B. Young, and now held by Col. Frank Coxe. Not granted after some discussion of overpay matters, and an injunction from Mayor Blanton to "let's have this overpay matter settled."

W. W. West, of the city school committee, presented an itemized statement of expenses of the schools for the past year and the estimate for next year, the board might fix the school tax for this year. Mr. Starnes moved that the rate be 20 cents on the \$100 valuation; carried.

Want Rent Remitted.

M. B. Carter, esq., representing the butchers in the market house, said that the refrigerators were in bad shape, resulting in the loss of meats. There had been a falling off in business and the butchers asked the board to remit the rent for the first month and not require the giving of bonds for the year's rent just now. Reference to market house committee, for report at next meeting.

Stephen Smith asked that his bonds be released, as he was compelled to give up his stall in the market house. Granted.

M. B. Carter gave notice of appeal for Misses Ellen and Mary Sawyer, from the report of the jury on North Main street. Messrs. McDowell, Waddell and Gudge were appointed to investigate.

On motion of Mr. Starnes, Col. Martin was given permission to tear up the pavement from J. E. Dickerson & Co.'s store to the First National bank, in order to get down gas pipes.

The Bootblacks.

On motion of Mr. Starnes a jury was ordered to Sney street east, to make the streets of uniform width. Mr. Starnes moved that a special tax of 25 a year be placed on bootblacks. There was a tie vote—aye, Leonard,

Starnes and McDowell; no, Gudge, Waddell and Brevard. Mayor Blanton untied against the bootblacks' tax. Superintendent Tennent was instructed, on account of lack of money, to stop work on the city hall except such as may be necessary to arrange a few rooms for early use.

Mr. Starnes moved that William Guest be elected janitor of the city hall. He was crippled in the hand during the war. The motion was lost.

Some More Vetting.

The ordinance passed on first reading at the last meeting, taking from the aldermen the power of electing the fire chief and placing it with the fire companies, was taken up and put on second reading. The vote stood: Aye, McDowell, Brevard, Waddell; no, Leonard, Gudge, Starnes. Mayor Blanton voted no and the thing was killed. The ordinance relating to the assistant chief was also put on second reading and was defeated by the same vote. The election of fire chief was then gone into, and Capt. Jas. P. Sawyer, the present chief, was re-elected, receiving every vote cast.

A petition was then read from thirty-six members of the fire companies, asking that Capt. Sawyer be made chief and Wm. Strachan assistant chief. In the balloting three votes were cast for Mr. Strachan and three for Frank O'Donnell. Mayor Blanton untied in favor of Mr. O'Donnell.

Mr. Brevard's Resignation.

Mr. Gudge read Mr. Brevard's resignation and moved its acceptance. Carried. Then by unanimous consent the election of his successor was gone into. Mayor Blanton remarked: "We'll be run to death for a week if we put it off." Mr. Gudge suggested the name of E. Baird, saying that "he has nothing else in the world to do." The board cast five votes for E. Baird and he was declared elected.

Other Matters.

The report of the College street jury was accepted. Notice of appeal was given by Z. B. Vance and A. T. Davidson. The afternoon hours for the market house were made from 4 to 9 o'clock.

Capt. H. C. Fagg, of H. O. G. company No. 1, asked the board to hold a special meeting today at which he would have some important business to bring up. A meeting was appointed for 10 a. m.

Building permits were granted as follows: J. H. Williams, stable on Haywood street; L. Fulliam, two cottages on Catholic Hill; T. F. Orr, 8-room house on Woodfin street; W. F. Whitington, 8-room house on Vance street; J. B. Cole, shop on Turner street.

Bills Paid.

The following bills were ordered paid: J. D. Henderson, street department, \$102.40; J. M. Ingle, water department, \$27.12; J. A. Tennent, city hall, \$307.88; Asheville plumbing and heating house, \$225.62; C. E. Moody, city hall, \$76.91; Armour packing company, scales, \$35; W. H. Westall, city hall, \$716.32.

HOSE COMPANY DISBANDED.

The Aldermen Have a Special Meeting.

The members of Asheville hose company No. 1, together with the members of North Asheville and West Asheville subdivisions of said company, at an adjourned meeting held Friday evening resolved to disband and turn over all property in their care to the city. A committee composed of H. C. Fagg, J. H. Woody and J. B. Cole was appointed to notify the board of aldermen of the action taken at this meeting which is to take effect on Wednesday 15th inst. at 12 m.

This action was the result of the election by the board of aldermen of Frank O'Donnell to the office of assistant fire chief, against the wishes of a number of members of the fire department. A special meeting of the board of aldermen was held at 10 o'clock Saturday to consider this action of the firemen. The first business was the swearing in of Alderman Baird. Capt. Fagg informed the board of the action of the companies. Following on this a paper was read, the signers of which proposed to man the fire apparatus given up by the old company. The signers were: E. P. Munnigh, E. H. Faleasider, W. B. Reagan, C. Blanton, Thomas Houghang, John O'Donnell, Chas. Carr, Pat. Carr, D. Cunningham, B. O'Donnell, C. B. McIntire, John O'Neal, L. P. McLoud, Pat. McIntire, M. L. Rudasill, J. M. Hasty, T. E. Curtis, D. G. Noland, R. S. Ball, J. F. Jarvis, Max Marcus, J. Horton, W. Merrill, A. M. Smith, B. J. Rice, E. T. Alexander, A. W. Lindsey, L. J. Weaver, I. E. Cunningham, W. L. Hume, P. Borders, S. E. Cunningham, J. T. Lange, Sam Kennedy, O. S. Freeman, E. M. Israel, W. A. Boyce, J. L. Wagner, A. L. Solomon, E. W. Burkholder, J. L. Lockhart.

No action was taken on the matter, it being postponed to Monday 9 o'clock, when a special meeting will be held. W. R. Barwood was exempted from tax for 1890, as he was not in the city that year.

J. J. Bishop was exempted from city tax, as he had removed to West Asheville. Alderman Baird was appointed to fill the vacancies on the committees caused by the resignation of Mr. Brevard.

THE FIREMEN'S FUSE.

The Board Appoints a Committee—\$20,000 Borrowed.

At the special meeting of the board of aldermen held Monday morning to take action concerning the disbanding of the fire department, a committee of three, consisting of Aldermen Waddell, McDowell and Baird, was appointed to consult with the firemen and chiefs and see if good feeling cannot be restored, at least until after the firemen's tournament in July. The committee will report Wednesday at 10 o'clock. Alderman McDowell moved that the office of assistant fire chief be abolished, but upon consultation the motion was withdrawn. On motion the finance committee was authorized to borrow \$20,000, five thousand from each of the four banks in the city, to meet present and approaching obligations.

IF YOUR BANK SUES,

Or you are all worn out, really good for nothing, it is your duty. Try the good old plan of the FIREMEN. You will see you, clean your liver, and give a good appetite.

MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

A LARGE CROWD ASSEMBLED IN THE COURT HOUSE.

Col. J. M. Ray Made Chairman and Tilman R. Gaines Secretary—Speeches by Revs. C. W. Byrd and J. Q. Adams and Others.

The court house was perhaps two-thirds full last evening when the indignation meeting was called to order. A number of ladies were included in the audience.

Rev. J. Q. Adams, of the French Broad Baptist church, moved that Col. J. M. Ray be made chairman of the meeting. This was carried.

Rev. C. W. Byrd, of Central church, explained the object for which the meeting was called. He said it was true the saloon on Patton avenue had been withdrawn, but the commissioners deserved no thanks for it. He hoped the meeting would wrest the town and county from the grasp of the whiskey men.

Tilman R. Gaines was made secretary. Mr. Byrd moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sense of the meeting. Carried. Committee, Rev. C. W. Byrd, J. Norris Myers and J. G. Lindsey.

While the committee was at work, Rev. Mr. Adams was called to the stand. He had not expected to be present when he saw that the gentleman (he begged pardon for saying gentleman) who intended to put up a saloon on Patton avenue had given up the idea. He then read some very interesting statistics of the whiskey business in Western North Carolina, and more particularly in Asheville. "The cure of the evil," Mr. Adams said, "lies in individual duty. Help on the temperance organizations. I have joined the Good Templars and Sons of Temperance, and will join the W. C. T. U. if they would let me. I am glad to raise my voice in this matter. What applies to Patton avenue applies to every other street in the city. God speed the day when the whiskey business will be locked up in hell and the devil carry the key in his breeches pocket."

The committee then returned and reported the following: "Resolved, That the mass-meeting now in session respectfully request the board of county commissioners, in respect to the general expression of sentiment against the establishing of a licensed saloon on Patton avenue, to rescind at their meeting on the 23rd inst. the order by which license was granted for the establishment of a saloon at that street, and that we also request them not to renew license to saloons on any of the principal streets of our city."

"Resolved second, That it is the sense of this meeting that no license should be granted for the sale of liquor in our town."

After a short discussion as to whether the word "principal" should be left in the resolutions, the committee report was adopted as it came from the committee.

The following resolution was then offered: "Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due and are hereby tendered to the ASHEVILLE DAILY CITIZEN for the favorable stand it has taken on licensing a bar on one of the principal streets of the city."

Rev. Mr. Adams moved an amendment that "we request the owners of that paper to withdraw all liquor advertisements from its columns."

The resolution as amended was passed unanimously amid a prolonged clapping of hands. Col. T. B. Long was called for and responded in a lengthy talk. He was going to try to get a prohibition plank in the platform at Omaha, and would be willing to stamp the country for prohibition. He attacked the county government system.

Rev. J. D. Arnold and S. P. Mears made short speeches, after which the meeting adjourned.

Y. W. C. T. U.

Interesting Reports of the Work That is Being Done.

At the regular meeting of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union held last week, several interesting features were brought out. It was reported that their proposition to furnish a sack of flour to every needy family in Asheville, provided no member of said family used either tobacco or any intoxicant, had met with not a single response.

An interesting report of the observance of "prison day" in Asheville was given, showing that the birthday of Miss "Assad" the national superintendent of the Flower Mission work, was appropriately remembered in Asheville's jail, where a committee bearing flowers with scriptural texts attached, also simple refreshments, held service with the unfortunate inmates, two of whom are condemned to be hanged in July.

The granting of license to establish another saloon in Asheville was mentioned, also the announcement that a "Keely cure" was being established. The simultaneous openings were considered quite appropriate, and a most interesting discussion of these two items of local views followed. It was clearly the opinion that Asheville was decidedly "run riddled." The hope was entertained that the present disturbance might result in convincing, where argument had formerly failed.

WILL NOT BE THERE.

W. T. Crawford Cannot go to Waynesville Wednesday.

Congressman W. T. Crawford will not attend the congressional convention at Waynesville on the 16th, as will be seen from the following letter from Mr. Crawford to THE CITIZEN: "I had fully made up my mind to attend the convention, but got up my tobacco bill yesterday and after a racket with the republicans, it went over till Tuesday. I am sure we will get passed if not tried by an appropriation bill. As my rate I shall remain here and see the result. There is a good deal of interest manifested in favor of it and no good reason against, as you will see from the Record."

"I am sure we will get the platform all right and an enthusiastic energetic elector for there is fighting ahead and I want us to be in good trim."

BELMONT'S NEW MANAGER.

Col. John B. Steele to Take Charge on the First of July.

On the first of July Col. John B. Steele will take charge of the Hotel Belmont, Sulphur Springs, as manager.

Col. Steele has lately resigned the position of manager of Battery Park hotel.



JOHN B. STEELE.

(From a Photograph by Lindsey & Brown) in this city. He is a hotel man of recognized ability, as the thousands who visited the Park during the several years of his managerial duties well know.

Dr. Karl von Ruck, the proprietor of the Belmont, will give the hotel into the entire charge of Col. Steele and will come to the city where he will establish an office in partnership with Dr. C. P. Ambler, for the practice of his profession. That Col. Steele will make a continued success of the Belmont is not doubted.

HOMINY PROHIBITIONISTS.

They Also Denounce the County Commissioners.

About fifty of the prohibition citizens of Upper Hominy township met for organization at Candler, Buncombe county June 11, and to send delegates to the county convention which meets in Asheville, the 18th inst.

After electing a chairman, T. B. Young, and secretary, H. L. Walton, they proceeded to elect the following executive committee: J. L. Young, E. L. Clark, R. V. Justice, W. D. Penson and B. F. Brooks. The following delegates were elected to attend the county convention: W. G. Candler, W. H. Warren, S. J. Luther, D. B. Jamison, Rev. S. C. Owen, E. L. Clark, W. D. Pearson, J. N. Welch, A. H. Bryson, J. L. Young, Dr. G. L. Morgan, C. L. Taylor, J. S. Hall, J. W. Rice, and R. V. Justice.

Immediately after the election of delegates the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that we denounce the action of the commissioners of Buncombe county, on Tuesday last, in granting license to various parties to retail liquors in Asheville."

It was the intention of the body to organize a prohibition club on the same evening, but for want of time it was postponed until Saturday, the 25th inst.

SOMETHING NEW.

There Were Other Promises Made Besides Mr. Clayton's.

"Tis a dull day in "d when something new fails to turn up and the now locally famous meeting of magistrates and county commissioners held here last week.

It seems that Commissioner Clayton was not alone in making a solemn promise that if re-elected he would vote against the licensing of saloons in Asheville. This promise, it is said, on good authority, was also made by Commissioner Wells, and was made to a magistrate who then changed his vote to Mr. Wells.

A rather curious thing occurred at the commissioners' meeting on Tuesday. A. H. Felmet is chairman of the Lower Hominy prohibition club. When the question of granting license to Hotel Belmont came up Mr. Felmet was present, and said he had no objection to the license being granted. Yet it has been only a short while since an indignation meeting was held near Sulphur Springs for the purpose of condemning the action of the commissioners in granting license for the sale of beer near the Springs. These facts are learned from a gentleman who knows.

NEW LINE TO THE DEPOT.

Cars Will Begin Running Early Next Week.

The new and decidedly pleasant street car route to the depot will soon be in operation.

J. D. Carrier, of the West Asheville and Sulphur Springs railway company, this morning told THE CITIZEN that the company's line from the depot up town to the Buncombe warehouse will be ready for traffic early next week. All the track has been laid to Patton avenue, with the exception of the curves, which will be put in this week. The material for the Bartlett street crossing has not yet arrived, and until this is put down the passengers will be transferred at that point. The trolley wire will be put up this week. The first car is expected to be run over the line Monday or Tuesday.

This new line will make a shorter route to the depot, and passengers will not have to pass through Cripple Creek and Scratch Ankie, nor pay 10 cent fare.

WILL NOT ACCEPT.

Mr. Harkins and the Position on the Advisory Board.

Ex-Mayor H. S. Harkins, who was on yesterday elected to a position on the advisory board vice J. A. Conant, resigned, told THE CITIZEN that he did not think he could accept.

"I could not do this conscientiously," he said, "for I do not approve of the way in which the improvement work is being done. These retaining walls being built in various parts of the city are a sample of the work being done. I could never approve that, and I hardly think I could take a place on the board."

License to Wed.

Register Mackey has issued license to wed as follows: O. M. Coxe, of Polk, to Mary W. T. Conally, of Buncombe.

BUNCOMBE'S CENTENNIAL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, WILL BE THE GREAT DAY.

The People of the County Will Pitch Their Tents Near North Main Street and a Right Royal Time Will be Had.

The committee of arrangements for the celebration of the centennial of the organization of Buncombe county, held a meeting this morning and it was determined that August 11th should be the great day.

The people of the county are urged to make their arrangements to come to Asheville in their private vehicles on August 10th, and to bring their provisions with them so as to be on hand on the 11th.

The committee will make arrangements for all the people to have the use of the grove on the property of the Asheville Loan, construction and improvement company, just back of the old Rankin residence on North Main street. Here the people can spread their tents and mingle with each other in a most delightful manner. The citizens of Asheville will furnish entertainment at night, by having a trades display and a parade of the military, labor organizations, etc.

On the 11th speeches will be made and historical essays read, and all the people may learn of their ancestors who laid the foundations for the liberties and institutions they now enjoy.

It is proposed to make the whole occasion similar to the gatherings of the ancient Hebrews, when all the people, the old men and their wives, and the young men and maidens, gathered themselves together to celebrate the feast days inaugurated by their fathers. It ought to be a great day for Buncombe, and the day made memorable by reciting the historic deeds of our fathers, and the night hours delicious in relating the stories and anecdotes of venerated ancestors. Let the people do honor to the founders of old Buncombe!

CONFEDERATE VETS.

Reunion at Sulphur Springs August 12, 13 and 14.

The following correspondence explains itself: BELL, N. C., May 10, 1892. Col. A. H. Baird, Asheville, N. C.:

The annual meeting of the confederate veterans of Buncombe county and of Western North Carolina will be held on the 12th, 13th and 14th of August, 1892, near the terminus of the West Asheville and Sulphur Springs railway. You, I believe, are in command of the "Sixth North Carolina cavalry." Will you please give "orders" that your old command meet with us, bivouac at the above mentioned time and place, where we will once more greet each other with a soldier's hearty grasp, fight our old battles over again, sleep by the camp fire as of old and then return again to our peaceful homes in "Dixie."

Sincerely yours, Gro. H. Bell, Chairman executive committee. ASHEVILLE, N. C., June 10, 1892. To the Veterans of the 6th North Carolina Cavalry: COMRADES:—In response to the above request you are hereby ordered to assemble at the place and time designated for the purpose of participating in the annual reunion of the confederate veterans. By order of A. H. Baird, Lieutenant Colonel Commanding.

EXCAVATIONS.

What the Specifications Say on the Subject.

As the work of brick paving is about to begin, the following extract from the specifications, as to the preparation of the roadbed for vitrified brick paving, will be of interest: "All macadam stone and other stones necessary to be removed shall be taken up and removed immediately from the line of the work. The sub-soil or other matter, whether earth, loose rock, or solid rock, is then to be excavated and removed to the depth of twelve inches below the top line of the proposed new pavements, when fully rammed. This is to be done without respect to the character of the sub-soil or rock as it now exists. To the depth specified above, the material is to be removed, and not used in any part of the work, unless specially agreed upon in writing by the board, consisting of many, board of aldermen, and advisory committee, and contractor; and no charge is to be made for this extra work, but shall be included as part of the paving as a whole. Should there be any spongy material or vegetable matter in the bed thus prepared, all such material must be removed, and the space filled with broken stone as for foundation. Care must be taken in excavating to preserve the proper crown. All holes and inequalities to be filled to a proper level with broken stone as for foundation, only, such filling to be well and faithfully compacted, by rolling or ramming, before the placing thereon of the foundation of broken stone which shall be a layer of sound, hard, broken stone, broken into fragments as nearly regular as practicable, which shall not measure more than two and a half inches in any direction, nor have less than an average thickness of one and a half inches, and equal in quality to the samples selected by the board, consisting of the mayor, board of aldermen, and advisory committee, five inches in depth, properly sized, and shall be compacted by rolling, with small chippings of stone filling the crevices at top. The rolling shall be done with a heavy iron road roller, propelled by steam or horse power, and heavier than any load the street will be required to carry, and weighing not less than one and one-half tons to the foot in width, which shall not be less than three feet. This shall be covered with a thick layer of boiling pitch; when cooled and after sanding, shall be rolled to an even bed. Upon this foundation a bed of sand not less than three inches deep shall be laid and rolled, and on this the bricks shall be set with close joints."

NORTH CAROLINA'S HELP

IS CONFIDENTIALLY LOOKED FOR NOW.

A Full Report of the Meeting at Elizabethton and What it Accomplished—The Meeting at Asheville on the 22nd.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN:—Please allow me to say through your paper that the railroad meeting held on the 9th at Elizabethton, Carter county, Tenn., was a grand success. On the 8th at 6 p. m. Messrs. M. J. Fagg, Nat. Atkinson, W. E. Brees, W. G. Corpening, R. B. Johnston, B. A. Newland, J. B. Bostic and T. B. Long left this city to attend the meeting.

The run to Morristown was made in fine time and there the Buncombe delegates rested until 4 a. m. of the 9th when they boarded the train to Johnson City. On arriving there they were met by a splendidly equipped electric car line to the Carnegie house where a magnificent breakfast was served. The delegation was largely increased here. After a ride of an hour on the "narrow gauge" the delegation arrived at Elizabethton, where they were met by a committee prepared with carriages to convey the delegates and visitors to the hotel. Soon the town commenced to fill with representative men from the counties showing the feeling of East Tennessee in regard to a railroad connection with Asheville, for which purpose the meeting had been called.

At 1 p. m. the meeting was called to order, and Gen. Robert P. Porter, by acclamation, was made chairman. He, in a very business-like manner, explained the object of the meeting and extended on behalf of the citizens of East Tennessee a cordial welcome to the delegates assembled. Maj. Brees, president of the First National Bank of Asheville, and chairman of the North Carolina delegation, in a short but very impressive speech, introduced Col. T. B. Long, of Buncombe, who had been chosen to respond to the welcome extended by General Porter, chairman of the meeting, also president of the co-operative company of Tennessee.

Col. Long filled the position to which he had been assigned with credit to his county and state.

A committee was then appointed by the chair composed of one delegate from each county in Tennessee and North Carolina interested in the building of the proposed road. They retired to formulate work to be at once considered. Maj. Brees was appointed by the chairman to represent Buncombe. After this committee had retired Maj. J. Fagg, as a railroad man, was called upon for his views in relation to this proposed road. The name of "Fagg," "Fagg," echoed from every part of the audience. When he arose his fine form, pleasant manner, and earnest, plain business-like statements, elicited rounds of applause from all the vast assembly.

Capt. Natt Atkinson had gotten out of his sick bed, in opposition to the wishes of his many friends and physicians, to attend the meeting; and he sat, his eyes flashing like a caged lion, debarred from giving his views, because of the positive orders of his physicians. He could, if well, throw more light on the subject than all the other delegates combined. He did, in just a word, give great aid, and though unable from physical indisposition to talk in public, gave the best advice as what to do and how to act.

On the return to the hall of the committee appointed by the chairman to formulate business for the meeting, the report was read by Mr. Caldwell, of Brevard, Tenn., and upon motion was unanimously adopted. This committee recommended that a general committee be appointed composed of delegates, say two from each county, to meet at Asheville, June 22. Capt. Atkinson and Capt. Fagg were appointed from Buncombe. Mr. Dunagin, of Carter county, offered a resolution which was adopted, that Col. Taurava, of Tennessee, and Col. Long, of North Carolina, be made delegates at large to the convention to be held in Asheville.

Mr. Caldwell, of Bristol, Mr. Dunagin, of Elizabethton, Mr. Porter, the president, and also the engineer of the Bristol and Elizabethton railroad, all made happy efforts in behalf of the movement.

This meeting is unquestionably the commencement of untiring Asheville and Bristol by a railroad, not over ninety miles in length, and by the 1st of August the distance will be reduced to sixty-six. Several first-class engineers were present and all agreed that the work was practicable, and could be accomplished by Tennessee doing her duty, which they said should be the case. North Carolina promised to do hers, and she will do it. The government maps and surveys displayed by Gen. Porter, showing what wealth lies undeveloped from Asheville to Bristol were enough to excite the admiration of all present.

At the meeting at Asheville on the 22d not less than three places in Tennessee will be represented, asking bids to be considered, connecting the railway with them. After adding the names of the president and secretary and Maj. Brees to the committee to meet in Asheville on the 22d, the meeting adjourned.

100 HOUSES BURNED.

A Small Town Suffers a Heavy Loss.

CHICORA, Pa., June 14.—About midnight fire broke out in McGinley's restaurant, this town, probably from natural gas. The water supply gave out almost immediately, but the citizens called on the United pipe line station for assistance and succeeded in getting water from their pump. Buildings were torn down by the hook and ladder company and several were blown up by dynamite. This with a good supply of water stopped the fire on one side of the street. One hundred buildings were burned, situated between Slippery Rock and Main streets, including the postoffice, the Butler county bank building and Forquers hotel. About 4 a. m. the fire was under control having burned to the corner of the main street. Many families are homeless. No lives were lost.