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Mr. FRANK O'DONNELL's letter resigning from the office of assistant fire chief is manly and shows a self-sacrificing spirit that may well be emulated by the firemen who have been declaring against Mr. O'Donnell.

The proposition to use the northern doorway of the west side of the city hall as an entrance to an arcade, opening up to the public the market stalls on that side, is a good one. The plan should be carried out at once as a public convenience.

It is pretty generally a fact that the kind of men who drift into the third party and denounce the two old parties are such as never had any influence or standing in politics and have exclaiming spirit been after some office. We can spare 'em.

And now the third party men talk of nominating Blaine for the presidency. We hope they will. It is high time Blaine got something, and as he has been fed on shadows by the republicans for twelve years, third party diet would be nothing new for him.

Some persons of loose speech are talking of the Syracuse convention of Cleveland men as a "hotting" convention. Seeing that the members of that convention pledged themselves to vote for the Chicago nominee it is hard to see where the bolt comes in.

J. C. BROWN, chairman of the third party meeting here Thursday, was a delegate to the democratic state convention and participated as approvingly in its decisions as any man there. Where, in decency and honor, does he now find justification for going over to the third party?

As to that \$550 bill of Mayor Blanton's, the people simply want an itemized statement, that is all. If Mayor Blanton spent \$16 per day for thirty three days, and it was all directly for the city's benefit, the city ought to foot the bill. If some of the \$550 was for Mr. Blanton only, let Mr. Blanton pay his share.

It appears that there has already been some blundering in the matter of expending the city's money for improving the streets, and some of the work will have to be done over again. It would probably be money in the city's inside pocket to employ a competent man at a large salary to superintend this street improvement. It is a kind of work requiring a technical education and wide experience. A bad start has been made.

HENRY WATERSON of the Louisville Courier Journal has been writing many burning words to prove how unwise it would be to nominate Mr. Cleveland, and the supposition has been that at least the staff of the Courier Journal was wholly converted. But now along comes the C. J.'s Washington correspondent and enthusiastically remarks that "the Cleveland movement at Chicago next week will assume the proportions of a political cyclone."

It has been supposed that the delegation to Chicago was about evenly divided as to Hill and Cleveland. The editor of the Yankin Valley News was "instructed by the Chicago Herald to sketch the North Carolina delegation to the national convention for its mammoth convention issue." The editor wrote to the delegates and their expressions as to presidential preferences he prints as being as follows: "As between Cleveland and Hill, Cleveland 18, Hill 4. Cleveland against the field 12. Hill against the field 1. Gorman 2. Western man 7."

THE FIREMEN'S MIDDLE. The action of Mayor Blanton last night, in the appointment of the members of the new hose company, was not of that high and impartial nature that the public had a right to expect from the head of the city government.

The ostensible aim of the board of aldermen in selecting a new fire chief and assistant yesterday was to restore harmony and insure the success of the firemen's tournament in July. Instead of acting as an impartial arbiter between the two factions, Mayor Blanton represented only one of the parties at the reorganization last night.

Chief Powell recommended the appointment of 22 men, members of the old company. Instead of appointing these, and adding to them 28 new names to make up the fifty as required by the ordinance, Mayor Blanton refused to act upon Chief Powell's suggestion, but appointed 50 men from one faction; and the result is, there is no more, if as much, harmony existing among the firemen today as there was yesterday.

If Mayor Blanton had appointed the 22 old and 28 new firemen there would have been no excuse for further bickering, and the city's executive would have shown himself to be above factions and in favor of the best interests of the whole city.

There is no question, however, about there being enough good material in the new company to make a first-class fire department, and it is to be hoped that matters will be straightened out and the tournament made a success notwithstanding the one-sided and little action of the mayor.

A Murderous Record. From the Charleston News and Courier. The killing of Alderman Gilreath, of Greenville, by J. M. Sullivan, adds another to the rapidly lengthening roll of murders in our blood drenched state, and, according to the report, was committed without a shadow of justification. We take for granted that Mr. Sullivan will be acquitted—as hundreds of men in his position in the state have been acquitted before him, and as many men no doubt will be acquitted after him, this year and next and thereafter. The slaughter is going on steadily, and there appears to be little or no hope of stopping it.

IT COMES A LITTLE LATE

MAJOR BLANTON EXPLAINS HIS NEW YORK TRIP.

He Says His Expenses Were \$550, and Considering That His Trip Resulted in a \$640,000 Sale, He Thinks the Bill Should Be Paid.

Mayor Blanton, Aldermen Starnes, Leonard, Waddell, Baird and Gudge, and Advisors Scott, Bearden and Samney attended the meeting of the joint board yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Scott, for the committee that inspected the rock walls recently constructed on Patton avenue and North and South Main streets, recommended that the Patton avenue wall should be rebuilt in part; that the wall on North Main should be "pointed up" with cement, both works to be done at Contractor Britt's expense. The city should, in the committee's opinion, rebuild the wall on South Main, as the damage there was due to no fault of Mr. Britt.

Chas. A. Webb, esq., appearing for the contractor, said that Mr. Britt proposed to make the work acceptable to the city at his own expense, although the work had been done under the supervision of City Engineer Lee and an inspector. Mr. Waddell said the committee had been surprised to find that the engineer and inspector had paid so little attention to the work. In Mr. Scott's opinion, Mr. Lee was to blame in the matter, but the blame should not be too heavy because Mr. Lee had his hands full of other work. Mr. Scott thought, however, Mr. Lee would learn a lesson from this experience. The report of the committee was adopted.

The street committee reported that no damage should be allowed Elisha Kemp on South Main street. Adopted. Notice of appeal given.

A Related Statement. A bill was submitted showing that the street improvement fund was indebted to the general fund in the sum of \$1,900. This bill included the expenses of Mayor Blanton's trip to New York. The mayor made a statement of the account to the board. He said he had gone to New York at the suggestion of the board of aldermen, in an endeavor to dispose of the city's bonds just voted. He spent thirty-three days in Baltimore and New York, the most of the time in the latter city. It had been incorrectly stated, he said, that he had only been gone three weeks. After he had been in New York perhaps ten days he telegraphed City Attorney Cobb that he did not consider it necessary to remain longer. Mr. Cobb had telegraphed him to wait awhile. About that time \$120,000 worth of bonds were placed in Maj. Waddell's hands for disposal at 95. Chas. M. McNamee also went to New York to consult the Vanderbilts about the bonds, but failed to place them. The mayor said that while he did not sell the bonds on that trip, the sale was made by him, and his trip really amounted to a \$640,000 transaction. His expenses were \$550, and he thought the bill ought to be paid, although it should be prorated among the different departments.

On motion of Mr. Scott a committee, consisting of Messrs. Scott, Bearden, Waddell and Leonard, was appointed to investigate the entire bill and report as early as possible. Little Items. Advisor Summey was excused when the meeting was perhaps two-thirds over, leaving only two advisors present, but the board went ahead just the same. The city engineer was instructed to put the wall at Harriet Vernon's house, on Depot street in substantial condition; also to notify the mayor, in case another street inspector should be needed, and a special meeting should be called. The city clerk was instructed to procure all of the contracts for the grading and paving of the streets, and keep them in the proper place. A letter was read from H. S. Harkins, declining the position on the advisory board to which he was elected last Friday. The election of a man to take the place was deferred a week. The joint street committee was instructed to notify President Martin, of the Asheville street railway, to make the foundation of his paving between the railroads exactly to that put down in the street proper, and if he fails to do so, to award the contract and have the cost of the work charged to Col. Martin's company. Mr. Scott told the board that a Worthington pump man was in the city, and he (Mr. Scott) would be glad to see as many of the board as could go up to the water works with the expert, and get all the light possible on the water question. The following bills were ordered paid: Carolina Coal Co., \$22.50; E. H. Britt, retreating walls, \$201.63; Kelly & Strachan, constructing sewers, \$825.04; A. M. Smith, paving, \$2,265.50; H. M. Smith, culvert work, \$864.92; W. G. Corpening, grading, \$526.33; J. D. Henderson, street pay roll, \$30.50; J. R. Creaman, \$7; A. P. Fort, \$27.

CITY FATHERS. The Aldermen Get Through a Heap of Business. The board of aldermen held its regular weekly meeting upon the adjournment of the joint board.

E. P. McKissick presented a note made by the city to Col. Frank Cox, and asked to be allowed to use it in settlement of taxes. Mr. McKissick and Mayor Blanton laughingly assured the board that there was no overpay in the matter, and the request was granted. Mr. Starnes, for the committee, read an ordinance prohibiting the selling of vegetables, except potatoes, within a half mile of the court house, outside of the market house. This ordinance to go into effect January 1, 1893. Another ordinance was also read, prohibiting the sale of fish, oysters and poultry, except poultry of seller's own raising, outside of the market house. This ordinance takes effect July 1, 1892. These ordinances were passed on first reading.

J. H. Merrimon and W. H. Malone, representing several butchers in the market house, stated that the present arrangement of the building was such as to throw all of the trade into the hands of a couple of firms. They wanted some kind of relief. The market house committee was instructed to investigate and report at next meeting. Excise Tax. Mr. Starnes moved that the city tax collector be instructed not to collect peddlers' tax from those who sell to dealers in the city. Collector Reynolds gave the board some ideas on the peddlers' tax, and advised them to abolish the tax altogether. Mr. Gudge, declared himself in favor of free trade in chickens. This created a stampede, and before a minute had elapsed the chicken, egg and butter tax had been abolished, on motion of Mr. Gudge, the motion made by Mr. Starnes being lost sight of.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of the health board, presented an ordinance, asking its passage, providing for the keeping of a correct list of births and deaths in the city. Under the ordinance the city clerk issues burial permits, and these only on death certificate of the attending physician. The ordinance passed first reading. The city clerk was instructed to prepare form of lease of stalls in the market, and the chief of police to have printed and posted the market rules. Two Hundred and Thirty. Mr. Starnes read a petition signed by about 230 residents of West End, asking the board to allow the establishment of a market near the western end of Patton avenue. Action deferred until next Friday.

A. F. Morris was given permission to peddle in the city, license free, on account of his being a crippled ex-confederate soldier. On behalf of the street committee Mr. Starnes asked that he be allowed to put in another 20-inch drain pipe on Central avenue instead of the culvert, as was ordered last week. Granted. Mr. Gudge read a petition signed by twelve renters of stalls in the market, who said Market Keeper Lynch was incompetent and arbitrary, and asked his removal. Mr. Starnes read a second petition, with near twenty signers, in which it was declared that Lynch was as polite and accommodating as he could be, and asking his retention in the office. The peculiar part of the petition was the names of five or six of the firms were on both petitions! Tabled.

The finance committee was instructed to settle with the city tax collector. A resolution authorizing the borrowing of \$20,000 was adopted. This was done as a matter of form, as the board had previously voted to borrow the money. New Fire Department. Alderman Gudge read to the board Frank O'Donnell's resignation of the office of assistant chief of the fire department. He moved its acceptance, which was carried. Ex-Alderman K. L. Fitzpatrick, an member of the defunct hose company, seemed pleased, and remarked that "O'Donnell got his Irish up right this time." This resignation left the offices of chief and assistant vacant. They did not remain so long, however. Mr. Starnes nominated for fire chief Geo. S. Powell, and Mr. Gudge nominated J. L. Murray. Mr. Powell was elected. Then Mr. Starnes nominated Lawrence P. McCloud for assistant chief and Mr. Leonard nominated W. A. Boyce. McCloud was elected. The whole business was done in less than five minutes, and Mayor Blanton was instructed to organize a new hose company at 9 p.m.

The May bill of the People's Light, heat and power company, for \$400, for city lighting, was reported on by the light committee, deducting \$111.12 for bad lights.

The following building permits were granted: J. B. Bostic, addition to house on Chestnut street; T. K. Davis, two houses on Short street; J. A. Tennent, three-story building on south court place; and to add another story to the Legal block.

The following bills were ordered paid: J. A. Tennent, city hall, \$301.08; Southern plaster Co., \$265; water department, \$23.47; C. D. Blanton & Co., uniforms for firemen, \$294.50; sanitary department, \$85.50; street department, \$89.75.

NEW YORK THREATS. Grover Cleveland Cannot Lose New York State. From the Detroit Free Press. We have heard a good deal in times past of the threats as to what a faction in New York will do if a nomination is made to which it objects. The threat was made in 1868 when Horatio Seymour was nominated. It was confidently declared that he could not carry New York. But he did carry New York. The true hearted democracy of that state being better than some of their leaders represented them. The threat was again made in 1876, when a self-elected committee went to St. Louis for the express purpose of assuring the several state delegations who were anxious to nominate that exalted leader, Samuel J. Tilden, that he could not carry his own state. But Mr. Tilden was nominated and did carry his own state. In view of these facts, instead of carrying the statement that Mr. Cleveland cannot, if nominated, carry New York we feel justified in adopting the declaration of the New York Times that "he cannot lose New York."

Who is going to bolt the nomination? Powerful strange it is. From the New York Sun. Women who would shrink with horror from exposing their legs in a ballroom think nothing of wearing low-necked dresses there, while at the sea beach they will show their legs and hide their busts.

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B. B. B. TOWN TALK.

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