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Elizabeth City May Get Call Service After All

MR. ANDERSON WILL "RECONSIDER" --POSTAL STILL READY.

Public Indignation May weaken Aldermen and Cause Rescind of Monday Night's Outrageous Action.

A Little Insight to the Character of Alderman Anderson Who "Won't Go Back on His Friends."

This newspaper can announce with authority today that the action taken by the Board of Aldermen Monday night in the matter of barring the Postal Telegraph Company from putting in a free messenger call service here without paying the sum of \$150 may be rescinded at an adjourned meeting of the Board which is to be held Saturday, or as soon as City Attorney Thompson returns to town.

Mr. G. W. Ribble, Supt. of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company in a wire to The Economist today, says that he is still ready to put in a free messenger call service in this city if the Aldermen will reconsider the matter as acted upon Monday night.

Public opinion is so strong against the Board for having passed this measure that it is believed the Board will weaken to this opinion. Mr. L. W. Anderson, the Alderman who voted with Messrs. Grice, Sawyer and Parker, in an authorized interview with this newspaper last night said that he would bring the matter up for reconsideration at this adjourned meeting of the Board and might vote for it if he is convinced that the business men want it. He did not say how much it would take to convince him.

What Mr. Anderson laid most stress on in his interview was that he would not go back on his friends on the board. He said that two of his friends had asked him to vote for the measure and he voted because they asked him. He says he could not go back on his fellow members. He says Mr. Mac Sawyer spoke to him about the matter on the way up stairs to the meeting. Alderman Anderson denies that he is influenced by Mr. Sawyer. Here are some of the things Mr. Anderson said last night:

"WORDS OF A WEAKLING"
"I am willing to reconsider the matter. I knew nothing about the call boxes and when it was sprung on me in the meeting I voted for it without knowing that it was against the wishes of the people. But if the business men of the town want this call service I will reconsider. I will bring the matter before the board for re-consideration myself."

Asked positively if he would not agree to say then and there that he would change his vote, knowing as he did how indignant is the public at his action Monday night, he said: "No, I won't say that I will change my vote and go against my fellow members on the board. I will reconsider."

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POSTAL STILL READY

Mr. G. W. Ribble, Supt. of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Co. outlines his position toward the public of Elizabeth City in the following telegram to the local office this morning:

Washington, D. C. Aug. 9.
Mrs. M. M. Shephard, Mgr.
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Replying to your inquiry. We desired to afford the people of Elizabeth City every modern convenience in connection with an unexcelled telegraph service. The proposed messenger call system was to be installed, maintained and operated at the sole cost of the Postal Telegraph Company as a convenience to the public. The company receiving no direct returns there

from but under taking to add to expenses a handy means by which messengers can be summoned for the collection of telegrams which collection was also to be made with out any charge to the public. It would there fore be manifestly unpair to expect this company to pay any sum for the privilege of installing such a service. On the other hand we usually meet with hearty municipal cooperation where ever we undertake to supply a convenience of this kind. The action of the Elizabeth City authorities indicates that the service was not desired therefore to which desire we cheerfully yield but offer as a substitute the prompt response to all messenger calls made by Telephone for those who desire to use our boys for sending messages to our office. Should the public change its sentimental anytime in the near future and a desire for the carrying out of our original plans be apparent we stand ready to do so.
G. W. RIBBLE, Supt.

WHAT THE PUBLIC THINKS OF ITS LITTLE ALDERMEN

Interesting Opinions of Men High in the Affairs of the City Given Here.

To give its readers an idea of how the business men of Elizabeth City stand on the action taken by the Board of Aldermen Monday night in the matter of practically barring the Postal Telegraph Co. from putting a free messenger call service in the business houses of this city a representative of this newspaper obtained a number of interviews with users of the telegraph in this city, this morning.

Some of these interviews are printed here. Mr. Jerome B. Flora says: "I believe Alderman Scott was right in voting against the measure. If I had been on the board I would have voted against it. I see no reason on earth why it should have been carried through."

Mr. Noah Burfoot, of Flora & Co., says: "I am in favor of the call service."

Mr. W. C. Glover says: "I am a large user of the telegraph and I think the treatment the Postal Co. got from the Aldermen Monday night is an outrage."

Mr. E. H. Kreuger says: "I think it was entirely wrong for the Board of Aldermen to suppress the Postal Co. in its efforts to give Elizabeth City a free messenger call service. It was a wrong move. If a canvass of the town were made you would find that public opinion has snowed the Board of Aldermen under. The business men of the city should just sit down on the old company and give their business to the new concern."

Mr. W. M. Jackson says: "I am in favor of calling an indignation meeting before night to tell the Board of Aldermen what we think of it. Some of those Aldermen ought to be impeached."
C. W. Stevens & Co., say: "We would like to have the free messenger calls. We think we ought to have them. We see no reason why

the Aldermen should not grant it. On account of the action the Aldermen took in the matter we expect to throw some of our business to the new company if we have to walk to its office to do it."
Mr. O. F. Gilbert says: "I think it ridiculous that the Aldermen did not allow the Postal Co. to install the service."
Others could be quoted but for lack of space. Business men in all parts of the city are indignant.

MR. GRICE SAYS HE WAS HONEST ABOUT IT

Tells Economist Man He Did Not Vote Because He Is Employed by Telephone Co.

Mr. C. W. Grice, Cashier of the Elizabeth City Telephone Co., and one of the members of the Board of Aldermen, who voted for the \$150 franchise tax on a free telegraph call service in an interview solicited by a representative of The Economist this morning says that selfish interests did not move him to vote as he did. Mr. Grice is very emphatic in maintaining that he voted as he thought best met the public needs and not for any amount of money would he have been guilty of voting for the measure because of his connection with the telephone company. Mr. Grice's statements are interesting and serve to tell his side of the story. He said of the article published in this newspaper yesterday:

"There are insinuations all through that article that are damaging to my personal character. I voted for the \$150 franchise because I did not believe in making fish of one and flesh of another; I voted for it on the principle that every thing applying to this town for privileges should pay for such privileges. I had stated in open meeting when the gas measure went

NEGRO ROBBER WORKED WHILE CHURCH KEPT

Milton Etheridge supposed to be a negro house breaker with a career is in jail in Camden for robbing the store of Mr. W. J. Cowell at Shiloh. Etheridge broke into the store while Mr. Cowell and his family were attending a religious revival service near Shiloh. Mrs. Walter Wright who lives near Mr. Cowell's store saw the negro enter the building by means of a shed in the rear. She gave the alarm and Mr. Cowell, returning from church, waited for the negro to emerge from the store. He captured him as he jumped from the shed to the ground. The negro's case goes to the Superior court.

A CARD.

We take this method of expressing our thanks to the people of Elizabeth City and surroundings for all they have done for us in our stay here. We can now see where it is best for us that the change in our business has come as it has. We find no fault of Elizabeth City or of her people and hope for a prosperous future to the city and its people in years to come. To our friends we extend a welcome invitation to visit us in the city of Newport News, Va. It will be our pleasure to have our friends visit us there.
Most respectfully,
MR. AND MRS. G. B. OVERMAN.

Mrs. G. W. Whitehurst and daughter Miss Mattie left today for Washington, D. C., and Culpepper Va., to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. Walter Bell and family of Belhaven, N. C., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Bell on Harney street left yesterday for Spring Hope, N. C., on business.

A lawn party will be given by the First Baptist Church on the grounds of its parsonage Friday evening. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of new seats for the church.

What Mr. Aydlett Thinks of Yesterday's Economist

He Speaks of "Stench in Nostrils."

According to Mr. Aydlett, Attorney for Telephone, the Solution of the Diogenes Puzzle Has Been Found.

Here is what Mr. E. F. Aydlett, Attorney for the Elizabeth City and Norfolk Telegraph Co., and Attorney also for the Elizabeth City Water and Power Company thinks about The Economist. Mr. Aydlett's letter is printed word for word as it came to the Editor of this newspaper. Mr. Aydlett says that if this newspaper continues to print such reports of Aldermanic meetings as it gave the people yesterday it will "bring the paper into disrepute and a stench in the nostrils of every fair minded and honorable citizen." If every reader of The Economist thinks as Mr. Aydlett writes The Economist would be compelled to suspend publication at once for lack of support. The writer of yesterday's Economist is very pleased that some two score respectable business men who witnessed the doing of the Aldermen Monday night are ready to bear out the reports published in yesterday's paper.

There is no objection to Mr. Aydlett or any one else saying what they think about this newspaper. Mr. Aydlett as attorney for the Elizabeth City and Norfolk Telegraph Co., and Attorney for the Elizabeth City Water and Power Co., would not be serving his clients too well if he didn't come down on this newspaper with both feet for telling the facts regardless of whom they hit. The Economist will stand on its merits. Nothing that is not a borne up by facts will appear in its columns. It will leave the public to act as jury as Mr. Aydlett rests his case.

MR. AYDLETT'S LETTER.

Messrs. Editors of The Daily Economist:—
Your paper of this date contained an article about the proceedings before the Board of Aldermen of the night before which is untrue and unjust to me and those whom I represented—as is also the editorial.

I did not oppose granting the Postal Telegraph and Cable Co., permission to put in a free call service. Your reporter knew this when he penned the words to the contrary. I did not ask for a return of the taxes paid by my clients. I did ask as this messenger service came in competition to some extent with the telephone, that the Telephone Co., which is the only corporation in town which pays for the franchise, be released from the further paying of \$225.00 annual tax if this franchise was to be given free to the Postal Telegraph and Cable Co.

I stated distinctly that I was not there to ask for this release unless the other franchisr was to be given away, and also stated if the Postal Company put in the messenger call service my client would do so and would not object to paying \$150 per annum for the franchise and was willing for the board to grant the Postal Company the same franchise which would yield \$300 per annum to the revenues of the town. At the same time I stated we were not opposed to granting the franchise to the Postal Telegraph

Company, and if they paid franchises we did not ask anything to be taken off the we were paying for the Telephone Company, but did want to ed on the same basis with the company. The board granted the franchise to the panies."

"I WAS ANTAGONIZED"

In this proposition I was onized with much energy a izanship by one of the members of the Board. I submit my tion was fair, just and for the fit of the people of Elizabeth I did not see either of you men. If you had been no port would ever have appeared. I know you to be honor, truth and fairness.

The report referring to my client, as well as the based upon the report is just, fair nor true. Such reports as this, the Ice Plant and some others I might are enough and doubtless continued, bring your paper disrepute and a stench in the nostrils of every fair minded honorable citizen. I write sick bed and on the eve of home or I would say more of situations, the reflections false statements made in port.

Respectfully
E. F. AYDLETT

HOW TO PROVE INNOCENCE

Mr. Aydlett has written a remarkable letter. Only a superior intellect could well in defence of an unjust. But Mr. Aydlett will have his clients, the Elizabeth City and Norfolk Telegraph Company, the city the preposterous \$150 for a free messenger before any letters he may newspapers will have any public opinion. You haven't anything about the Elizabeth City and Norfolk Telegraph Company breaking its neck to pay for franchise have you?

How Mr. Pa Voted.

"To the Editor of the Economist:—
"In justice to myself I will correct a statement which appeared in yesterday's issue of your paper. I am therein accused with having voted for Dr. Walker for Health Officer and certain preferences are therefrom deduced. In fact I did not vote for Dr. Walker for the position. I was nominated and supported Dr. C. Lamb from first to last. I thank you to correct this statement. It seems to me you are duty bound to do so.
Respectfully,
N. R. PAULSON
Elizabeth City, N. C.
August 9th, 1905.

The correction which Mr. Paulson asks is just and right and is freely accorded space in this paper. The name of Mr. J. Roy should have appeared in place of the name of Mr. Walker. The error was an unintentional one.
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