Elect Mayor From the

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of men, voted that the mayor should be elected by the board and their views and deliberations should have the careful consideration of your body Every class of people in the city is entitled to be considered and I assume that you intend to hear them.

Petitions vs. Sentiment. "I don't think," continued Mr. Cansder "that petitions furnish any accurate index of sentiment, nor do I think, the committee of 10, and their views much of the sentiment expressed at on the matter. Mr. J. P. Caldwell was public meetings. They count for little called on for his views. the election or the following day.

Alderman Henderson did not feel that he should obligate himself, "beboard and the committee were, or, at least, should be open to conviction, Mr. Cansler was asked to continue.

"If we are going to stand by our zuns your charter will go over two must burry! years, for there is only a short time left in which to get it in shape to be presented to the legislature. We must get together, compromise and .make mutual concessions. We, in Charlotte, dermen each and the city three, have squabbled and had so many political scraps that it has about reached the point where the people of North Carolina are thinking we are not capable of self-government and if we don't come together tonight then I will think

"My proposition is not what I want." continued Mr. Cansler, "but it is a proposition befor than the board's concention that the mayor should be mayor from a member of the board. mayor from the seven.

it, repeal it and go back to the old' form of government or some other way. by your board of county commissioners men be elected at large, who elect their chief executive, the After some discussion it was decided in the contention that inasmuch as the attraction at the auditorium. Free how bowling tonight from 9 to 11:30 o'clock, chairman. The people elect the members of the bers of the board separately and these motion first. The original motion was aldermen to choose their own executive board of aldermen be at large. head, the people are getting their wishes. They thus vote not directly, but somewhat personally, too. I feel that at large and some desiring that the you get more than we do through the compromise. It is not undemocratic, or there would have been kicks against it in all the counties of the state for these long years. It is no novel, but it is offered solely in the hope that we can get together. We must get together on this thing to save ourselves Bunn.

open to such attack before "It seems to be," continued Mr. Cansler, "that the only objection to men to collect and spend their monthen they should be willing for the board to elect their chief executive. It istered all over North Carolina. It is prevailing now and it will continue to prevail. It is similar to that practic-! ed by the board of directors of a corporation that elect its executive head.

"Does any man say that your chief of police is not in many respects an important an officer as the mayor? den of upholding the law in his hands and is responsible for the maintenance of peace, certainly a very important' task. Yet no one wants to vote for him directly. The same is true of your cept it and I want my name hereclerk and treasurer. Into his hands goes all the money of the city. His is a responsible position, but the people don't care to elect him. When you give the board of aldermen plenary powers to manage the affairs or the city, you tie their hands when you elect a man yourselves over their heads. About the only thing this inallenable right is that you are talking about is the privilege of voting a man in and then voting him out at the expiration of two years

The Compromise Favorable. Alderman Scott said Mr. Cansler's proposition appealed to him and he thought it would secure a better quality of aldermen provided they were elected at large. Alderman Garibaldi

stated his approval of the measure. "I see no objection to the compromise," he said, "and I object. You have converted me, Mr. Cansler, There is another thing that I should like in regard to the salary of the mayor to add also, and that is that we adopt so as to read "he shall not be active

the Australian ballot Consideration of this proposition to adopt the Australian ballot was post-

poned, however, to be taken up later. Mr. Scott was the next gentleman to be heard from "I believe," he said, "that if we adopt the plan suggested by Mr. Cansler the provisions in the charter proved to

mayor ought to be taken from the seven and not from the three. Of the other feature of the charter. Objecthree elected at large one is going to tions followed when Mr. Scott introbe mayor. I believe it will better meet duced this amendment: the situation and the approval of the mayor.

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public meeting in the court house two well, he said, "that it is not necessary for nothing? asked Mr. Murphy. years ago during the closing hours for me to say anything. I don't like the of the municipal election. Judging the proposed compromise nearly so well sentiment expressed at the meeting it as the original phrase of the charter. fooked like the Municipal League was but I am ready to fall in line with doomed but it was vastly different in that plan in the interests of peace and taxes on his property. barmony

"In regard to Mr. Scott's plan, I am to put the measure through and as the say a word on this important feature. The next and last section of the present draft is merely a skeleton, a of the proposed charter. He said: | charter subjected to a discussion was week or more wil be needed in which sition that all tranchise taxes, or meas- jurisdiction of the recorder's court.

Mr. Weddington said the plan suggested by Mr. Cansler was rather new think the wards desire this," he said, "and that the people want it."

"If you are going to adopt either of the plans," said Mr. Keesler, "I prefer the mayor being selected from the give us seven from which to take him. Mr. Anderson stated that the proposition of Mr. Cansler was entirely new elected by the people. It has been to the committee of 10, but he was in tried all over Mecklenburg and all ev- favor of anything to bring about harer North Carolina and without criti- mony. He thought it would be best. cism. It is simply this, that the board however, to have the election of the of aldermen be required to elect the seven at large and then select the

"Now gentlemen, this is a compro- Dr. Graham was in favor of Mr. mise we can try for two years. If it Cansler's plan but thought the mayor * fails, or, if you decide you don't like should come from the seven instead or from the three.

Mr. Scott then made a motion that It is nothing more than the plan which the mayor be selected from the sevis in operation in this county, practiced en aldermen and that the seven alder-

then withdrawn and one substituted the proposition of allowing the seven which provided that the election of the There was some little discussion on

the motion some favoring the election wards select four and the election of the others be at large.

When the motion was finally put to vote it was carried by 11 to six, the following gentlemen supporting it: scheme. This is not what we wanted. Messrs. Murphy, Chambers, Lee, Dr. Bland, Cane, Scott, Heath, Colonel Kirkpatrick Garibaldi, Klouse and Messrs, Henderson, McKenzie, from further disgrace. There may be some who fear political deals through satisfactory. Shelor, Williams and Severs voting against it. this method. It has not shown itself

Mr. McDowell Gratified.

"I am gratified that we have arrived at a conclusion," said Mr. Brethis is prely sentimental. If the peo- vard McDowell, who is the chairman ple are willing for their board of alder- of the Committee of Ten. This is ey, from \$250, 0 to \$300,000 a year, opens hope for a better system of not exactly what we wanted, but it government i nthe future.

is not undemocratic for it is admin- to make," continued Mr. McDowell, "Nearly two years ago I was elected an alderman from my ward. thought it was my duty to accept, but afterward I found that I was mistaken. My motives were misunderbecause I was a stockholder in one Why don't the people ask to be allow- this city. I have heard my name mentioned in connection with the mayoralty, and it does me an injustice. I wish to state publicly that under no circumstances would I ac-

after eliminated from the office. Election of the Mayor. It was proposed by Mr. Cansler, in his compromise measure, to elect the mayor first for a term of one year and thereafter two years, thereby taking the election away from the storm centre of the general election and eliminating politics.

Mr. W. I. Henderson wanted the mayor elected every two years from the first. After a short discussion Mr. Murphy moved that the mayor be elected first for a term of years in order to cary out Mr. Cansler's

point. This was carried. Mr. Scott made a motion that the three aldermen receiving the highest vote serve for four years and the other four for two years. This, also was carried.

A motion was made and carried imending the clause in the charter y' engaged in any other business.

The veto power of the mayor was slightly changed, from five to four aldermen. Here the Australian ballot was adopted.

Franchises.

The amendment of the franchise be about as serious a matter as any lating to permanent street improve

"The city shall have power and aupeople if the whole seven are elected thority to regulate and supervise all at large, then the seven elect the public utilities or quasi-public utilities, to the end that all citizens of fered an amendment excepting Trade, Thus far silence had reigned among Charlotte shall receive equal treatment, have good and satisfactory ser- Kirkpatrick seconded the motion and vice, just and reasonable rates from then ensued a right lengthy discussion. all said utilities, also to impose Mr. Cansler begged the board not to reasonable and just taxes, either li-interfere with the street improvement cense, franchise or other taxes. The scheme, saying that was the only way city shall have power to require all to have good streets; let those who utilities above referred to to furnish would receive the benefits pay for when necessary and required by the them. "This is the only just and equitboard of aldermen, statements and able way," he said. Finally Mr. Scott's such information as may be required amendment was carried, providing that by said board, and to verify same in East Trade as far as McDowell: North such manner as the board may pre-Tryon as far as the Seaboard Air Line scribe to the end that the board of station and West Trade as far as the aldermen may exercise the powers Southern passenger station be excepted

justly and reasonably as herein pro- from that provision requiring a peti-Dr. C. A. Bland, who was opposed owners. Then a vote was taken on to the amendment because of its the original provision with Mr. Scott's broadness, was the first to express amendment and was carried by a large

himself. Mr. McRae, city attorney, was also opposed to it.

"I am not opposed to taxing the public service corporations," said the city attorney, "but I question whether it would be wise at this time to suspend across these utilities but praise for Vick's Croup and any block to the wheels of progress. If the time is ripe to begin Pneumonia Salve? It is the best, making them pay on their gross receipts, I have nothing to say. But, unless you expect to exercise this often more to families. 25, 50 power, believing that it is just and reasonable, there is no need putting them to the disadvantage and possible inability to float their bonds and thereby hurt them.

"You don't think then, Mr. McRae that the city has the right and power to regulate these public service corsignificance. I recollect attending a "Mr. Cansler has stated the case so porations who get their franchises

"I don't say that," said Mr. McRae. Mr. Chambers contended that the corporations paid an ad valorum tax just like the individual who pays

Mr. Keesler Favors the Measure. At the conclusion of Mr. McRae's way of electing a mayor than either by the people or by the board. Aldermen Bland and Keesler thought that the board and the computation wars or at the people whom the people

> ures contemplating such, are wrong, for the reason that the owners of such entire section be stricken out and his Idleness means trouble for any one. tained any serious proportions, have board of county commissioners he had Dr. King's New Life Pills soon banish the customary ad valorem tax.

pay an ad valoren tax, pay also an ad- recorder's court. seven instead of the three. If you are going to confine his election or selection to a few, for goodness sake back driver may are advelored. The hardship upon the poor and ignorant back driver may are advelored to the provision would work a great gation, such would be justified? The hardship upon the poor and ignorant back driver may are advelored to the poor and ignorant back driver may are advelored to the poor and ignorant back driver may are advelored to the poor and ignorant back driver may are advelored to the poor and ignorant back driver may are advelored to the poor and ignorant back driver may are advelored to the poor and ignorant back driver may are advelored to the poor and ignorant back driver may are advelored to the poor and ignorant back driver may be advelored to the poor and ignorant back driver back dri ditional tax, and why not these peohack driver pays an ad valorem tax who would have to appear in the re-

butcher and many others, "I understand from Mr. McRae that particular clause can not well be reached by a license tax, and for that very this authority, find just and proper." .Mr. McRae here interposed objection to the legislature. o that statement stating how, by state legislation and authority, all could be reached by some other plan which he

our charter, that it should not now be ed over the heads of the public utilities. It must be evident to you that if purchasers of the bonds of these on account of this fair measure they Company would only hesitate the more if no reas onable action had already been taken, might be taken at the very next sit- pital. ting of the legislature.

Mr. McRae rose again and wanted to know if Mr. Keesler favored an income tax.

Mr. Keesler replied that he would answer that when he got to it. Continuing, Mr. Keester said: "Th board can never know when the proper time has arrived for imposing a just and reasonable tax, if any, upon these people if some power, just such as apartments up stairs. herein contemplated, is not given burdensome beyond their powers of en- cense to practice medicine. durance, but they will likely be passed: give the aldermen the ample power to surance Company, is in town today

be imposed, if the facts so found justi-street, which burned on the 13th inst. "It was a dark hour for Charlotte when the Independent Telephone Company pased away and we were left without competition in the line. a reasonable tax, then it should be required to so do. So with the others. I will mention another corporation. the 4C.'s. Now, without having facts and figures before me I make bolo to say that it might be found, and it look's out vast sums in street improvements,

e others? doing so, no additional tax will be imposed, I warrant you. And if some are, and others are not, then let the; and no one will be hurt."

Pole Tax.

The question taxing the telephone, elegraph and other companies for use of the streets in placing poles received considerable discussion. It was finally decrued to impose a tax not exceeding one dollar per pole per annum, giving the board the power to regulate the rate to be charged.

Permanent Street Improvements.

When mat section of the charter rements was read whereby the cost of such improvements must be borne entirely by the owners of abutting property where the stret car line does not run and payments to be made in 10 yearly installments, Mr. Scott of Fryon and the Boulevard, Colonel

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remarks Mr. Keesler arose and said majority. Another amendment by I II a man doesn't enjoy the work cause," he said, "I don't see any other however, I had a talk with Senator he would not be true to himself, to his Mr. Scott, providing that property own- job won't please the boss,

> "Mr. Chambers seems to take the po-, that provision in regard to enlarging are of no earthly benefit. Colonel Kirkpatrick moved that the

"Many of our citizens, all of whom that should have been settled in the

and also a license tax. So with the corder's court and that for this reason he was firmly opposed to it. After a little spicy discussion the all the companies contemplated in this motion was put but lost. Then the original provision was carried.

As a last act before adjourning at reason I am strongly in favor of this 12:10 a. m. the board passed a mo- and it will surely come at this rea measure rather than a license tax for tion by Mr. Scott providing that Messrs gon of the year. destroying you t is general, and will cover all in such T. C. Guthrie and E. R. Preston assist a manner as the alaermen may, under City Attorney McRae in drawing up the charter preparatory to sending it

BRIEFS

-The Scottish Rite Masons will Room 7, meet Monday night, when degrees from

the fourth to ninth will be conferred -Mr. Preston B. Wilkes, of Norfolk, has returned to Charlotte to live. He companies would hesitate to buy them has a position with the Standard Oil

-Mr. W. F. Buchanan has begun the erection of a couple of flats on but felt that even some drastic steps his lot in rear of the Presbyterian hos-

> -From indications big crowds will attend the benefit attraction at the Edisonia on Thursday and Friday, the proceeds of which will be used for mountain mission work.

-The Dowd building on West Fourth street is about ready for the roof. It is two stories high with four stores on the ground floor and sleeping

them. We have presented here for Mecklenburg Medical Society last your consideration and ask you to rati- night at which a resolution endorsing fy some very drastic measures, touch- the action of the state board of mediing the masses of the people. Meas- cal examiners in raising the educaures, which soome good people deem tional standard for applicants for li

-Mr. D. E. Witt of Lynchburg, specyet some are absolutely unwilling to ial agent for the Germania Fire Instood and my acts were questioned get statements from these companies adjusting the loss of Mr. W. S. Shaffer, because I was a stockholder in one to the end that a reasonable tax may on his building, No. 610 North Brevard -Mr. J. B. Tennent, who will have

charge of Woodall & Sheppard's soda fountain is not at present connected with the Savoy in Augusta, Ga., as stated in The News. For several the Southern Bell Company, upon promonths he has represented Robt. M. per inquiry, is found to be not paying Green & Sons, soda fountain manufacturers in Philadelphia.

Salvation Army Soldiers Farewell. The Salvation Army of this city held an interesting yet unique meetto me that way, that the company ing on Sunday night. The hall was which is now being called upon to pay packed to the doors. It was another special occasion of the Salvation Arand, in consequence ought to be re- my. At this meeting Miss Josephine leased from additional burdens at Phillips and Miss Lillie Salms, who this time. Can the same be said or have been associated with the army here, bade farewell to their comrades "Give the aldermen the power to get and friends to enter the Salvation hese statements, and from them to as- Army Training School at New York certain which are paying their part city. There they will undergo a into the public treasury. If all are course of training and will enter the field as officers.

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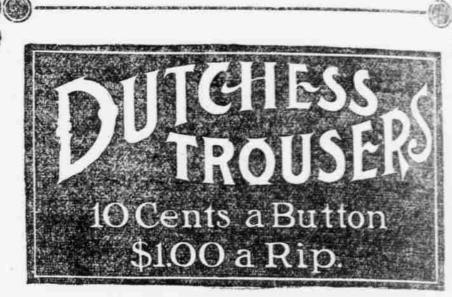


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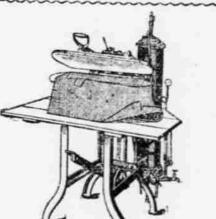
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