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DRUG STORES MAY SELL WHISKY AGAIN

THIS ORDINANCE REPEALED BY ALDERMEN TUESDAY NIGHT.

Vote Was 4 to 2 for Repeal.—Children Allowed to Skate on Sidewalks.—The Street Car Company Should Run or Quit.—Southern Must Stop All Trains Here.—A New Policeman Added to the Force.—Other Matters.

The children of the city were granted the privilege of skating on the sidewalks, a motion was made to have the street car company either run the car or move it off of the street, the Southern Railway was notified to make train No. 29 a flag stop here or else the board would pass the old ordinance requiring all trains to stop at Corbin street crossing, John Barleycorn was re-instated to his former place in the drug stores or at least they were granted the privilege to re-instate him, and a new policeman will be added to the force, were among the features of a busy aldermen meeting Tuesday night. Mayor Wagoner presided and all the members of the board were present.

Mr. J. W. Cannon appeared before the board and stated that there had been an error in the taxes on the stock of the Cannon Manufacturing Company. Mr. Cannon stated that the capital stock of the company here was \$200,000 and that the corporation commission had assessed the stock at \$70, making \$140,000, and that they had been charged with tax on \$170,000 which he claimed was \$30,000 in excess of the assessment the corporation commission made. Mr. Cannon said that the excess belonged to No. 4 township and he asked that it be cancelled by the city. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

Mr. H. S. Williams appeared in behalf of Mr. John Ritchie and stated that in repairing Academy street, the sidewalk had been cut down for a considerable distance in front of Mr. Ritchie's lot and asked that the town build a brick wall high enough to keep the lot from washing down. The board, however, was under the opinion that they had not used Mr. Ritchie's property in building the sidewalk and did not take any action on the proposition. It was later deferred until next meeting in order to get a report from the city engineer.

Mr. John Howard requested the board to do some repair work on the sidewalk on Duval street. The matter was referred to the street committee. When this action was taken Mr. Howard said that it had been referred to the street committee about six months ago but no action had been taken. Dr. King said that this was due to the winter weather.

Dr. R. M. King presented a largely signed petition requesting that the board repeal the ordinance against skating on the sidewalk. Dr. King said that he was in favor of it before and was in favor of it now. Alderman Cannon seconded the motion.

Aldermen Barrier and Propst were against skating, both expressing themselves as opposed to it. Mr. M. L. Cannon arose when the citizens were invited to take part in the discussion and stated that he was in favor of it, declaring that if we were going to have hog pens he did not think the children should be denied the privilege of skating.

When the question was put to a vote it passed 4 votes to 2, Aldermen Cannon, King, Bruton and Brown voting for it and Aldermen Propst and Barrier against it.

Alderman Brown moved that the ordinance against the sale of liquor in the drug stores be repealed. Speaking basbally, this shot a thrill through the bleachers, the crowd present showing decided interest. Alderman Cannon seconded the motion.

Alderman Barrier arose when the matter was opened for discussion. Mr. Barrier made a vigorous plea against the motion. He stated that there had been a marked improvement since the law prohibiting the drug stores from selling liquor was passed. "The officers have not carried the law to my mind but there has been less crime and fewer cases in court," he declared.

City Attorney Hartsell made a short, but most earnest speech against the motion. Mr. Hartsell said that it might not be popular to oppose it, but that he agreed with Mr. Barrier that it was almost impossible to prevent the sale of liquor if the drug stores handled it. "They drug store that wants this ordinance

is the one who violates it. A leading druggist in this town told me the other day that he had made more money since his firm had stopped handling whiskey than he did before. I serve notice here, as prosecuting attorney, that the next man, druggist or what not, caught selling liquor here will be sent to the roads. The truth about the matter is some of them are afraid they will be caught and if they are I will see that they go to the roads, and they will be sent there, too, unless a Superior Court judge changes the sentence of this court."

Alderman Barrier then asked that the question be left open in order to give the citizens an opportunity to discuss the matter. Mr. John Howard said that twelve months ago the board ran for reelection with the understanding that the drug stores would be prohibited from selling liquor and that they were elected with that understanding. "You have twelve months yet," he stated, "and I am for you if you don't repeal that ordinance, but if you do I am going to try to beat you," he declared.

Aldermen King, Cannon, Brown and Propst voted in favor of the motion and Aldermen Bruton and Barrier against it. There was some misunderstanding about the vote and it was decided to vote by ballot, the result being 4 votes to 2 in favor of the motion.

Mr. Barrier moved to make the tax as high as possible under the charter, \$100, and to elect four new policemen. In discussing the matter it was found that under the charter only six policemen can be employed. Mr. Barrier then moved that one policeman be elected and that all the tax derived from the drug stores selling liquor be used to employ detectives to enforce the law.

In discussing the motion Mr. Barrier said that every drug store and club in Concord had government license and if they were not selling liquor what are they doing with the license?

The motion was passed. Mr. Barrier then requested that the new policeman be elected at the next regular meeting and that an advertisement be placed for applicants and that the "ad." must specifically read that only those in favor of law enforcement need apply.

The question of train No. 29 stopping here was then brought up. Dr. King moved that the railroad be notified that after the expiration of 10 days if the train was not stopped here the ordinance requiring all trains to stop at Corbin street crossing would be again adopted. The motion was passed.

The street car situation was then discussed. Under the agreement with the city it was found that the company had until June 13th to complete the street car track. Alderman Brown moved that the company be required to either run the car or take it off the street. There was no second to the motion and the meeting adjourned.

In Honor of Miss Ruth Coltrane.

Miss Ruth Coltrane was the honoree at a most enjoyable sewing party yesterday from 10:30 to 12:30 given by Mesdames L. E. Boger and H. M. Propst at the home of Mrs. Propst of North Union street. About fifty guests were present and for two hours the home was the scene of a happy gathering of young people. The time-honored art of sewing was practiced and proved a most enjoyable source of pleasure. Just before the time for departure the guests laid aside their sewing and enjoyed a delightful salad course. As the guests left they were presented with a dainty pink satin bag filled with rice with instructions to keep it until June 5th, the date of Miss Coltrane's marriage to Mr. C. A. Cannon.

Recital at Sunderland Hall School.

A recital will be given at Sunderland Hall School on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The following young ladies will take part: Misses Maud Kirk, Elizabeth McLeod, Sue Joyner, Elizabeth Gourley, May Sloope, Lois Robinson, Virginia Morrison, Annie Rogers and Miss Sample. An excellent programme of American music has been arranged.

Death of Mr. Floyd Dorton.

Mr. Floyd Dorton, a well known young man of Brown Mill, died at the home of his father, Mr. William Dorton, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Dorton was 18 years of age and was a native of this county. The funeral was held this afternoon at Boger's chapel.

Clark Sure of Maryland.

Baltimore, Md., May 16.—The Democratic State convention met today to select the Maryland delegates to the national convention to be held here next month. In accordance with the results of the recent State primaries the delegates will be instructed to support Champ Clark for the presidential nomination.

IS NORFOLK SOUTHERN COMING TO CONCORD?

A QUESTION THAT NOW VITALLY INTERESTS OUR PEOPLE.

Railroad People Dumb as Oysters About What They Propose to Do.—Concord Wants Main Line or Nothing.—Many Routes Surveyed. But None Decided Upon, So Far as Known.—Our People Want Some Assurance from the Railroad.

Is the Norfolk Southern coming to Concord?

This is a question of absorbing interest here. Just what the answer is no one seems to know. A number of people are positive that it will come. An equal number are confident that it will not. There are also those who place credence in the report that a spur track will be run into Concord. Not since Mr. Duncan first came to Concord have the citizens here had any assurance that the road would come. At that time Mr. Duncan stated if the citizens here would raise a guarantee for proper depot facilities the road would come. The guarantee was raised and accepted by Mr. Duncan and his counsel, the late Gov. C. B. Aycock. Just before his departure Mr. Duncan said that the road would come here. Since that time he has made no statement about the matter.

The engineers of the road, however, have been active in this vicinity. Routes have been run in most every direction, the latest through line running by Poplar Tent to Charlotte. Lines in and about town for a location for the depot have been numerous. No announcement, however, has been made as to which of these, if any, will be accepted.

Since the corps of engineers left here a little over a week ago several representatives of the road have visited here on various missions. Mr. Clark, of the engineering department, was here Saturday afternoon gathering data concerning the textile enterprises. His visit was followed by Mr. D. W. Lum, chief engineer, who was here Monday night.

The nature of Mr. Lum's visit has not been disclosed. Just what recommendations he will make are not known. The people here are growing more and more anxious each day. They want some definite word from the railroad. The fact that the road hesitates in making any announcement as to its plans for Concord gives those who believe the road will not come here additional argument. If such is the case the people should arouse themselves and see just what can be done to bring the road here.

THE HAWKINS CASE.

Henderson Grand Jury Returns Bill of Indictment.

Hendersonville, May 15.—Charging them with the alleged murder of Myrtle Hawkins the Henderson grand jury today returned indictments against Nora Britt and Lizzie Shaft.

The bill containing a new count, four in all, included five other persons heretofore indicted in the case. It charges first degree murder against the two women named above, George Bradley and Abner McCall. McCall's wife and Boney Bradley are charged with being accessories to the murder before the fact and Dan McCall with being accessory to murder after the fact. The new count in the indictment charges all with conspiracy. The Shaft and Britt women, who were out on bond, were arrested and will not be admitted to bail. Solicitor Johnson states that new evidence was brought out before the grand jury.

Chief of Police Garren left tonight for Asheville to get the Bradleys who are in Buncombe jail. The case has been set for Monday.

Commencement Programme at Trinity College.

Sunday, June 2, 8:30 p. m., Baccalaureate Address—President William Preston Few, LL.D.
Tuesday, June 4, 11 a. m., Baccalaureate Sermon—Bishop William Fraser McDowell, LL.D., Chicago.
Tuesday, June 4, 1 p. m., Alumni Dinner, Address—Frank Armfield Linney, Esq., Boone, N. C.
Tuesday, June 4, 8:30 p. m., Graduation Orations.
Wednesday, June 5, 10:30 a. m., Commencement Address—Dr. Barney Washington Wiley, Washington City. Conferring of Degrees.

MR. E. G. GILMER LEASES ST. CLOUD.

Will Assume Charge Tonight.—Mr. and Mrs. Rector Will Leave in a Few Days for Asheville, Their New Home.

A deal was consummated yesterday morning whereby Mr. E. G. Gilmer succeeds Mr. J. B. Rector as proprietor of the St. Cloud Hotel. He took charge last night.

Mr. Gilmer is one of the best known hotel men in the State. He has owned and operated a number of hotels in Western North Carolina, being at present owner and manager of the Statesville Inn at Statesville. He will remain here for some time, putting the affairs of the St. Cloud in shape and will engage the service of a capable hotel man to assist him in the management.

Mr. Rector will leave in a few days for Asheville, where he will become one of the managers of the Langren, Asheville's new hotel. Under Mr. Rector's management the St. Cloud was successful from the first and he and Mrs. Rector have made many friends during their residence here.

Mr. Rector has put the St. Cloud in the rank of the first-class hotels of the State.

CHAMELEON-LIKE ALDERMEN.

"Pass an Ordinance Only to Repeal It Later," Says Citizen.

"When it comes to doing chameleon-like stunts on public questions the board of aldermen have a remarkably high average. They pass an ordinance only to repeal it later," said a prominent citizen this morning.

Among the ordinances which come under their category are: "The Corbin street ordinance concerning trains; the hog pen ordinance; the skating ordinance; the drug store liquor ordinance; and several ordinances of rather extensions of time about the street car company operating cars. In the parlance of the diamond the "hog pen" ordinance leads the batting in the Aldermanic League. Out of four times up it passed twice and was repealed twice, making an average of 500. This likes only a few points being equal to the batting average of "Sparrow" Clark and Chief Meyers, who are hitting 600, but is some distance behind T. R., who is swatting the pellet in the Ananias Circuit at a 999 clip.

Anyway, the children, the hog owners and the druggists are satisfied, so what is the use?

ALLEN'S CASE GOES TO JURY.

Was Submitted Shortly After Noon Today.—Both Sides Confident.

Wytheville, May 16.—With the prosecution and defense both confident of verdict in their favor, Floyd Allen's fate was submitted to the jury shortly after noon today. The aged defendant withstood the bitter denunciation of the commonwealth without apparent nervousness.

Campaign in Iredell.

A well known citizen of Statesville was in Concord yesterday. In talking of the political situation there he stated that the indications were that in the race between A. D. Watts and W. D. Turner for the Senate the former would receive about 70 per cent. of the vote of the county. The line-up is between the regulars and insurgents as they are called, as there is little Republican organization in the county. Mr. Turner, from outside reports, is the Bob La Follette of Iredell, the leader of the insurgents. Democrats are not satisfied with the county government and who are waging a fight against the regular organization. Mr. Watts is a candidate for the old guard and the race has aroused considerable interest.

May Day Fete Saturday at State Normal School.

The State Normal students and the alumnae of the school throughout the State are looking forward, with great interest to the May Day Fete which takes place Saturday, May 18. This is to be a repetition of the English May games and will be decidedly unique and interesting.

If it rains on Saturday the games will take place on Monday. Peabody park is to be the scene of the games, and some thousand college students and training school children will take part. These have been practicing for the event for some months. The hours are 2:15 p. m. to 7 p. m., and the admission is \$1.50.

Dr. Wiley Is Papa of a Nine Pound Baby Boy.

Washington, May 16.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, ex-chief chemist, is the proud papa of a nine pound boy today. Mrs. Wiley and child are doing well. They were married last spring. Dr. Wiley will be 66 years old next October.

PRIMARIES TO BE HELD SATURDAY

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION MAY 25.

Primaries to Be Held in All Precincts Except Those of No. 12 at 2 P. M.—Concord Primaries at 8 P. M.—Primaries Will Elect Delegates to the County Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic county executive committee the primaries for the election of delegates to the county convention were called to be held in all the townships except No. 12 at 2 p. m. Saturday, May 18. The primaries in Concord will be held at 8 p. m. An executive committee of five members should be elected in each precinct and a chairman elected out of the five, who will be a member of the county executive committee.

JOHN L. MILLER, Chairman.

At the primaries Saturday the voters may express their choice for national and State offices and for congress. Two delegates and two alternates are also to be chosen from this district to the national convention. County and legislative officers will not be selected at this time, as the convention for this purpose will be held later. Let every Democrat attend the primaries.

Court Adjourns.

Cabarrus Superior Court adjourned late yesterday afternoon and Judge Lyon left last night for his home at Elizabethtown. The last case tried was the Locke cotton mills vs. Alexander & Garsed, a cotton mill machinery firm of Charlotte. The Locke Mill sued for \$360, the purchase price of second hand machinery sold to the defendants. Alexander & Garsed claimed that the machinery had been misrepresented to them and refused to pay the bill. After being out a remarkably short time the jury returned a verdict in favor of the Locke Mill, allowing them the full amount with interest from date of sale. Mr. J. L. Crowell and Senator L. T. Hartsell represented the Locke Mill and Mr. W. G. Means Alexander & Garsed.

In the case of J. W. Flowe vs. Jack Freeze, which was tried Tuesday afternoon the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. The case arose out of a horse trade. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant misrepresented a horse to him at the time of the trade.

At the morning session three cases were disposed of, all of them against M. M. Furr by local firms for accounts. Yorke & Wadsworth sued for \$44.08; Sills Lumber Company for \$35 and Ritchie Hardware Company for \$71.40. The jury returned verdicts in favor of the plaintiffs in each case.

The case of J. L. Garver vs. the Southern Railway was dismissed Wednesday. The suit was to recover damages on account of the death of Walter Garver, a young white boy, who was killed by a train more than a year ago. Garver was walking on the railroad track near the Phifer place when he was struck by one of the Southern's fast trains.

In the case of Richmond Reed vs. C. H. Blume, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$37.50. The suit was for rent for one of Reed buildings, over which there had been a misunderstanding.

Cards and Dancing Not for Methodists.

Unless the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church overrules the action of the committee on State of the church that part of the famous paragraph 266 of the church discipline which especially prohibits dancing, card playing and kindred amusements will remain a law of the church.

The entire committee voted 100 to 51 to reject the report of the majority of the sub-committee which favored the elimination of a portion of the paragraph and leaving the amusement question to the "conscience" of the individual members.

Body of Late King Frederick Taken to Copenhagen.

Hamburg, May 16.—In contrast to his lonely death, was the removal today of the body of King Frederick VIII., accompanied by all civil and military pomp. The casket was taken by a special train to the Danish royal yacht, waiting at Travemunde on the Baltic Sea. The yacht started for Copenhagen escorted by Danish cruisers.

Mr. L. L. Duggan has gone to Greensboro, where he has accepted a position at the McAdoo Hotel.

TAFT SAYS HE WILL NOT WITHDRAW.

Declared the Story Was a Pipe Dream.—Also Roosevelt's Claim That He Has 500 Delegates.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 16.—President Taft does not intend to withdraw from the Presidential race should he lose Ohio. His closest advisers today declared it all "a pipe dream." Roosevelt's claim that he has 500 delegates and that his nomination is clinched, and the Washington story that Taft contemplated quitting the race if he is defeated in Ohio.

SURVEY IS FINISHED

Norfolk Southern Officials Seen to Decide On Final Route For the Road.

Charlotte, Observer.

One of the surveying corps of the Norfolk Southern Railway that is running the so-called upper route of the proposed line from Troy and Mt. Gilead to Charlotte through the lower edge of Cabarrus, and the eastern portion of Mecklenburg county, arrived in the city yesterday. In all to date there have been no less than three lines mapped out, the data being forwarded to the officials with headquarters in Norfolk for consideration. It is expected that some action as to the definite location of the line will be announced shortly.

TITANIC WAIFS ARE CLAIMED BY MOTHER.

Father Was Drowned in Disaster.—Was Separated from His Wife.

New York, May 16.—Lola and Momon, little waifs of the Titanic disaster, who were kept for a month by Miss Margaret Hayes, a survivor also, today were clasped in the arms of their mother, Mme. Marcelle Navratil, who arrived from France on the White Star Liner Oceanic. The father, who had kidnapped the children after separation from his wife, was drowned when the Titanic went down.

Richeson Uneasy as Death Day Approaches.

Boston, May 16.—Richeson is bearing up well, but is gradually growing uneasy as the day of death approaches.

Richeson recently tried to bribe a jail trustee to buy poison for him. An official in the case is authority for the statement today that within a fortnight Richeson offered a man in the Charles street jail \$100 if he would procure for him a small vial of cyanide of potassium, the same deadly poison that Richeson bought from a Newton Centre druggist and gave to Avis Linnell.

Wilson Fails to Get South Carolina Delegates.

Columbia, S. C., May 15.—South Carolina's 18 delegates will go to the Democratic national convention unimpaired. The vote on which the test was made resulted 178 to 162. The supporters of Woodrow Wilson made a strong fight to obtain an instructed delegation.

Undaunted by their previous defeat on instruction the Woodrow Wilson forces presented another resolution, endorsing Wilson without instruction. "Amid cheers the resolution was adopted, the vote being 241 to 91 in favor of the resolution.

Excursion From Concord to Winston-Salem.

The first excursion of the season will be run from Concord to Winston-Salem on Saturday, June 1st, by C. H. Peck, of Concord and others. This train leaves Concord at 7:30 a. m. and arrives in Winston at 11 a. m. Returning leaves Winston at 6 p. m. and arrives in Concord at 9 o'clock p. m. The fare for the round trip is only \$1.40.

The Conventions.

Cabarrus Democratic primary election May 18.
Democratic county convention, May 25.

Democratic congressional convention, at Salisbury, May 5th.

Democratic National Convention, at Baltimore, June 25th.

Col. Roosevelt Carries California by 65,000.

San Francisco, May 15.—Returns from yesterday's preferential primary from 3,363 of the 3,700 precincts in the State, gave up to the close of the State tonight: Roosevelt, 132,875; Taft, 67,550; La Follette, 44,131; Clark, 39,134; Wilson, 18,919.

Taft Slept Late This Morning.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 16.—President Taft slept late in his private car this morning. This was to be a day of comparative rest. Two factory mass meetings tonight are on the program.

This is Ascension Day.