

CITY AFFAIRS.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Contract for Lighting the City Awarded to the Street Railway Company—Alderman Keith Wants the City to Own its Own Lighting Plant, Waterworks and Sewerage.

Mayor S. P. Wright issued a call yesterday afternoon for a meeting of the board of aldermen last night at 8 o'clock to consider the award of contracts for lighting the streets, markets and public buildings, and for furnishing the city brick, lime and other materials.

As a quorum was thus secured, the board met and was called to order at 9:20 p. m., by Mayor Wright. City Clerk F. B. Rice was at his post.

Mayor Wright stated the object of the meeting, and bids for lighting the city were opened. There were two bids, one from the Wilmington Gaslight Company, whose bid for furnishing lights was as follows: Seventy-three arc lamps at \$9 per lamp per month; \$2 each for gas lamps per month; \$2.50 per month each for gaslights in the alleys; \$28.50 per month for lighting the three markets, and \$1.50 per thousand for gas for lighting the city hall with gas.

The other bid was from the Wilmington Street Railway Company. Their bid was as follows: Seventy-three arc lights at \$7 each per month or \$6,132 per annum; two arc lights in Front street-market, at \$10 each per month, or \$240 per year; incandescent lights 50 cents each. The bid was made with the statement that the contract could be entered upon June 1st.

After the bids had been read by the clerk, Mayor Wright said he noticed that there were present representatives of both companies, and the board would no doubt like to hear from them.

Eugene S. Martin, Esq., president of the Wilmington Gaslight Company, addressed the board. He stated that the city acts required the bids for lighting the city to be awarded annually to a responsible and competent bidder. He went on to say that his company had been lighting the city for a number of years and was prepared to carry out the contract if awarded to it.

The Street Railway Company, he said, was not a competent bidder, for it has no plant now and if awarded the contract would have to put in a plant. He submitted to the board that no bid should be accepted under these circumstances. He said if the contract was awarded to the Street Railway Company, they could not get ready in time to carry out its contract, as that company has no poles or wires up throughout the city.

Mr. M. F. H. Gouveneur, general manager of the Street Railway Company, answered Mr. Martin by saying his company would give bond for the faithful performance of its contract. He said his bid was made with the statement that his company would be ready by June 1st to light the city but he would guarantee that they would put up most of the lights in two weeks, and in two weeks more would have the entire system of lights in.

Mr. Martin called attention to the fact that his company has large capital invested here, that its stockholders all live here and spend their money here, that they pay from 1-7 to 1-8 of the city taxes. He also called attention to the fact that when electric lights were first put in by the company arc lights were \$12, then the company reduced them to \$10 and then to \$9, and that without any company here to compete and compel them to make reductions. He stated that Wilmington was getting cheaper lights than any city he knew of.

Mr. Heiskell said Mr. Skelding, of his company had just returned from Knoxville, Tenn., and that city was now being lighted at \$7 per arc lamp.

Alderman Twining said he thought the home company should be encouraged.

Alderman Keith also said he would like to favor the home company but he would have to vote for the lowest bidder. He said that under the gold standard everything had come down but lights and they would have to come down, too.

Alderman Walker said it must be remembered that the Street Railway Company was also a home enterprise.

Alderman Green wanted to defer action, but Mayor Wright said it would be impossible to defer the matter.

Finally a motion of Alderman Keith, the contract was awarded to the Street Railway Company, provided Mr. Gouveneur would guarantee to have most of his plant ready in two weeks and the balance in two weeks more.

lime, cement and brick were opened. The bidders were Colonel Roger Moore, Mr. J. T. Riley, French Bros., James T. Riley & Company and George Harris, Jr. On motion of alderman Twining the contract was awarded to Colonel Moore at the following bids: Lime 90 cents and \$1 per barrel; cement \$1.20, \$2.50 and \$2.75 per barrel, paving brick \$7.50 per thousand delivered, common brick \$6.90 delivered, sewer pipe 70 cents off price list enclosed.

Alderman Keith said he was opposed to either company's lighting the city; that the city ought to own its own lighting plant, waterworks and sewerage system. He said he would offer a resolution to that effect.

Alderman Green objected, as the board had finished the business for which it had been called.

The mayor said Mr. Keith could not introduce his resolution except by consent.

Alderman Keith said he simply wanted to introduce his resolution for future consideration.

Alderman Green then withdrew his objection and Mr. Keith introduced the following:

"Whereas, It is an established fact that the water supply and the sewerage system of the city of Wilmington is wholly inadequate to the needs of the city, and the water now furnished by the present waterworks company is wholly unfit for drinking and domestic purposes:

"And whereas further, The electric light plant ought to be owned and operated by the city at the least expense to our citizens, supplying abundant light and cheap light:

"And whereas further, The water supply should be the best that can be obtained and supplied in continuous volume, adequate to the present and future needs of the city, therefore

"Resolved, That the mayor appoint a committee, composed of three members who shall investigate the entire subject of water, light and sewerage, and report to this board at their earliest convenience fully upon the matter here conferred to them, with such recommendations as in their judgment would best secure the city's interest and promote the health of our citizens."

Alderman Keith gave some figures and said an electric light plant could be constructed for \$50,000, and waterworks for \$75,000. That \$125,000 in bonds could be issued at 4 per cent interest, which would make a saving of \$12,500 to the city, not considering the expense of operating the plants. He said the city now paid \$17,500 for water and lights.

On motion of Alderman Twining, Alderman Keith's resolutions were adopted.

Mayor Wright named Alderman Keith and Mr. D. L. Gore as two of the committee. He will name the other member later.

The board then adjourned.

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The Trunkers' Shipping Master. The following, under the head of "Our Shipping Master," is from The Trunkers' and Planters' Journal, of Chadbourn, N. C.

"The subject of this sketch, Mr. H. T. Bauman, of Wilmington, N. C., has recently been elected shipping master of the Eastern Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association. Mr. Bauman, who is in the prime of life, is admirably suited for the position for which he has been elected by reason of his long acquaintance with transportation matters, and from the fact of his thorough knowledge of the requirements of an office of this kind. Mr. Bauman was for a dozen years or more in the service of the Atlantic Coast Line, first at Wilmington, N. C., and afterwards as forwarding agent at South Rocky Mount, where all business from both north and south was dispatched to its destination. His training in both the tariff and transportation departments of the Coast Line system gave him an insight into all the details of the movement of trains and the forwarding of freight—he is, therefore, a valuable acquisition to the Trunkers' Association, and will unquestionably manage the business entrusted to him in such a manner as will be satisfactory to the truckers, merchants and railroad authorities. We will publish next week a cut of this handsome gentleman so that all of our friends can see what sort of a looking man will look after their interest and keep them posted as to what is going on in the various cities to which their truck is consigned. Mr. Bauman's office will be at Wilmington, N. C."

Used the City Case. The lawyers in the majority case have not agreed on a date for arguing the case in the supreme court to which an appeal was taken when Judge McIver on Friday rendered his decision in favor of Mayor Harris. The circuit criminal court will convene tomorrow, and as all the lawyers have cases in it they can't leave this week to go to Raleigh.

Henry Ward Beecher once informed a man who came to him complaining of gloomy and despondent feelings, that what he most needed was a good cathartic, meaning, of course, such a medicine as Ayer's Cathartic Pills, every dose being effective.

Card of Thanks. One of the most unique and attractive features of the performance of "Gloriana" on Friday night was the magnificent orchestra, discoursing music such as is seldom heard outside the great musical centers of the country.

Another very essential feature was the presence of the talented Thespians who assumed so satisfactorily the characters of the play, and last of all, the most essential feature, the large and appreciative audience that gave unstinted encouragement to all concerned.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our sincere thanks are yours.

MINISTERING CIRCLE OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Oak Ridge Institute. The commencement invitations to be sent out by Oak Ridge Institute this year are very handsome, and were designed by one of the Japanese students now attending that institution. Hon. W. W. Kitchin, member of congress from the Fifth congressional district, will be the orator this year. The commencement exercises occur May 23d, 24th, and 25th.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THE SPRING TERM REACHED AN ADJOURNMENT YESTERDAY.

Judge McIver Decides in Favor of the Wadesboro Branch of the Bank of New Hanover—The Assets Separated From Those of the Parent Bank—Dividends for the Depositors of Both Banks.

Pursuant to adjournment for recess on Friday evening, the superior court of New Hanover county, met yesterday at 10 a. m., His Honor Judge McIver presiding. The following cases were disposed of:

Junius Davis, receiver of the Bank of New Hanover, vs. L. Voliers, et al judgment for defendant. The plaintiff made a motion for a new trial. Motion was overruled, whereupon the plaintiff took an appeal to the supreme court.

Singer Manufacturing Company vs. H. Merritt, judgment for plaintiff for \$40 and interest.

Carolina Central Railroad Company vs. Wilmington Street Railway Company, 30 days allowed to file complaint, and 60 days to file answer as of this term.

John S. Watters vs. the American Manufacturing and Export Company, receiver continued as to the assets of the company.

Frank Swift vs. W. H. Howe and the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company judgment for defendants. Plaintiff appealed to the supreme court.

Junius Davis, receiver of the Bank of New Hanover vs. H. G. Smallbones, judgment for plaintiff signed.

The following cases were continued: Alex. Sprunt vs. William C. Peake; Homes & Sutton vs. W. C. Peake; Samuel Blossom and wife vs. M. G. Chadwick et al; Lula M. Clayton vs. Carolina Central Railroad Company; Joseph Silvy vs. The Inter-State Telephone and Telegraph Company; Mary McNeill vs. Robert McNeill.

On motion of the attorneys for Junius Davis, Esq., receiver of the Bank of New Hanover, at Wilmington, the court ordered a dividend of 2 per cent, to be paid June 20, 1897, to depositors and creditors.

On motion of the attorneys of Mr. James A. Leak, receiver of the branch bank of New Hanover, at Wadesboro, the court ordered a dividend of 2 per cent, to be paid to depositors and other creditors, May 1st.

In the case of Holmes and Waters and S. McD. Tate, treasurer of the state of North Carolina vs. the Bank of New Hanover, Junius Davis, receiver, of the Bank of New Hanover, at Wilmington, and the branch of the Bank of New Hanover, at Wadesboro, in relation to the petition of W. A. Smith, the court rendered a decision separating the assets of the two banks. The following is a part of the judgment.

"It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the assets of the branch at Wadesboro now in the hands of James A. Leak, receiver, be applied to the payment of the debts contracted at, and due by said branch bank at Wadesboro, as distinguished from the debts contracted at, and due by the Bank of New Hanover at Wilmington, the parent bank, and that any surplus remaining after paying the debts incident to the management of the trust by the receiver at Wadesboro, and the said branch be turned over to Junius Davis, receiver of the Bank of New Hanover at Wilmington, to be applied as the court may direct. It is further ordered that the costs incurred in this reference and adjudication be paid by Junius Davis, receiver of the Bank of New Hanover."

The court at 12 m. adjourned. Judge McIver has gone to Clinton and will convene the superior court of Sampson county there tomorrow.

Visitors to New York will find a pleasant home at Mrs. Pope's, 83 Madison avenue. Beautiful location, convenient to all car lines, theatres, hotels and in midst of shopping district. Terms reasonable.

Attempt to Burn a Minister's Residence. The Rev. John W. McCrary had an almost miraculous escape from being burnt out of house and home last night by the torch of an incendiary.

It was about 9 o'clock that a message came over the telephone to the police station from Dr. McCrary stating that he wished a police officer detailed to watch his residence, at 195 West Mitchell street, as there was danger of his house being set on fire during the night. The officer on that beat was at once notified to keep a sharp watchout on Dr. McCrary's premises.

About 10 o'clock a reporter of The Constitution called at the home of Dr. McCrary. He secured a lamp and piloted the newspaper man into the back yard.

"Now," said the doctor, "look," pointing to a heap of charred lumber beneath the rear wing room of his residence; "look at that." Some one slipped into my yard about 8 o'clock and started a blaze in that old lumber for the purpose of reducing my home to ashes and probably cremating my wife and myself if we had been asleep."

It was very evident that there had been quite a blaze in the lumber pile under the house, and it was just such a fire which would have got quick headway if it had not been discovered in time.

Under the house was a large lot of dry lumber and in this a fire door kindled a blaze with fat splinters. The fire was discovered just in time and by a mere accident. In relating how he and his wife were saved from the incendiary's torch, Dr. McCrary said: "Mrs. McCrary went to the rear door to close it for the night, and, looking out into the yard, saw a bright light. She was frightened and instead of calling me ran into the yard. Seeing the blaze she got a bucket of water and dashed it upon the flames. After subduing the fire she called to me and helped her put the fire entirely out. I made an investigation and saw without a doubt that somebody tried to burn down the house."—Atlanta Constitution, April 23.

Aid Solicited for the Greek Soldiers.

New York, April 24.—The ladies of the Greek community in this city have formed an auxiliary committee, having for its object the care of the Cretan refugees and the furthering of the work of the Red Cross Society in the hospitals and on the battlefields of the scene of the present struggle between Greece and Turkey. An appeal for pecuniary assistance has already been made and the chamber of commerce has opened a subscription list. The number of refugees, as well as the number of sick and wounded, is daily increasing and there is urgent need of all the money that can be collected for the cause. Contributions should be sent Mrs. The D. P. Frail, at No. 6 East Fifty-fourth street.

Louisville, Ky., April 24.—A special to The Evening Post from Pikeville, Ky., says: News comes here from Beaver creek, about thirty miles distant, of a terrible casualty. While Tom Darben, a logging man, was absent in Virginia chopping wood, his mountain home burned and his wife and four children were roasted alive. Five blackened bodies were found in the debris.

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Annual Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCK-HOLDERS of the Wilmington Gas Light Company will be held at the Company's Office, 114 Princess Street, on Tuesday, April 27th, at 11 o'clock a. m. RICHARD J. JONES, Secretary and Treasurer. apr 23, 25, 27.

Carolina Yacht Club.

A MEETING OF THE CLUB WILL BE held at the Hall of Wilmington Hook and Ladder Company Friday, April 30th, at 8:15 p. m., for the purpose of acting upon the Constitution and By-Laws to be submitted by Committee appointed for that purpose. By order of GEO. D. PARSLEY, Commander. J. Van B. Metts, Purser. ap25 su fri

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