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Something About Vass, N. C.

The last issue of Salmagundi, published at Portsmouth, Va., contained a well written and handsomely illustrated article concerning Vass, a new and coming town 8 miles north of Southern Pines. This town is blessed with some very superior natural advantages, and its promoters who are residents of Southern Pines, and who are assisted by Dr. C. H. Leslie, have great hopes of making it an ideal Southern city in the near future. "Longleaf," so designated by Mr. Beck, is situated a mile further north and is a natural park of 400 acres unequalled for its beautiful scenery and attractiveness.

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Success to Vass.

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

Regular meeting July 10 1899, Mayor Brown in the chair. Commissioners present, C. D. Tarbell, W. M. Saunders, W. J. Stewart, R. S. Marks and R. M. Couch.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Committee on cisterns made a report on progress and retained for another week. The Mayor as committee on lot and st. near Mr. Geyers reported, making suggestions, and stating that Mr. Geyer and Mr. Patrick offered to give \$10. each to have the lower part of the lot filled in with dirt. It was voted to accept their offer and also to build a plank culvert 2 feet by 3, across the street, and build plank gutters from Dr. Sadelsons corner and from Mr. Geyers

lot to intersect with the culvert under the st.

A committee from the Fire department made a request that the board furnish a truck for the fire ladder which the department have purchased. It was voted that the Mayor appoint a committee to consult with the department and use their judgment in getting a truck to answer the purpose. The chair appointed R. M. Couch and R. S. Marks for the committee. In the matter of engine house, the committee reported favorably on Mr. Tarbell's building, and by vote it was ordered to accept his offer to fit up the lower floor according to the plan arranged for, for a 3 years rental at \$60 per year, rent payable quarterly.

Bill of the News Depot for poll books and blank book for Health board, amounting to \$1.30 was read and ordered paid. Bill of FREE PRESS printing office for Assessment Abstracts and Tax receipt books for \$4.65 was read and ordered paid. Adjourned.

R. M. Couch, Clerk.

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