

OWN WATER WORKS.

City Looking to the Purchase of the Plant.

BEFORE THE BOARD.

A Resolution Passed—Plant Valued at \$35,000—Regular Meeting of the Board Held Last Night.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last evening and was attended by all the members.

The report of the Finance Committee for the month of July was submitted by Alderman Boushall and adopted, showing expenditures of \$6,900.

The report of the committee on streets was adopted with the exception of the proposition to purchase an engine for the rock crusher to cost \$8,000, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

It was ordered that the lines of the old city cemetery be run by the Street Commissioner.

Alderman Ferrall, of the Park Committee, recommended an appropriation of \$400 to build a mansion house in Pullen Park. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee. A report was made against the application for exclusive privilege of selling refreshments in Pullen Park.

The office of Keeper of the Market was declared vacant and Mr. Thomas Pence, elected to fill the vacancy.

The report of city physicians, Drs. Benn and McGee, was made.

A petition of J. W. Winslow for the rent of the basement of the east end of market for a restaurant was referred to the Market Committee.

J. R. Chisenhall was granted license to sell liquor, also to J. E. Potter and Messrs. Adams and Harris.

A communication from James Boylan in regard to extension of Morgan street, west, was referred to the Street Committee.

The following resolution was introduced before the Board of Aldermen by Alderman Drewry looking to the purchase of the Raleigh water works plant by the city.

"It is the sense of this Board that our contract with the Raleigh water company ought to be revised at expiration or the city should possess its own water works plant, and therefore in view of the fact that under our present contract with the water company, the city will have the right after next December to purchase said water works after due notice, or build one of our own; therefore be it

Resolved, That the city attorney is hereby instructed to give such notice as is required under the contract to the water company.

Resolved further, That it is the sense of this Board that the city has a right, under its present contract with the water company, to use a sufficient amount of water with which to operate their automatic flush tanks that are now in good repair in such a manner as to avoid the constant requirement of the flushing of these tanks by means of hose.

The Water Works plant is valued at \$35,000, at least that is its tax valuation as given in at the court house. The plant was established nine years ago, so it is stated.

Section 10 of the city laws and ordinances says: At the expiration of ten years after the completion of said water works, or at the expiration of each succeeding year, to the end of the franchise period, said city of Raleigh shall have the right to purchase said water works, with its privileges and property free and discharged from all liens of all kinds, at a fair valuation as follows: Whenever the said city shall determine to purchase said water works at either of the above mentioned periods, the Mayor thereof shall give written notice to said Water Company, or their legal representative of the intention of the city to purchase, at least one year previous to the expiration of such period. Within 60 days after the date of the said notice the said water Works Company, or their legal representative, and the said city shall each appoint 2 disinterested persons as appraisers, who shall not be residents of Wake county or of Montgomery county, Ohio.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has in hand reports of the public schools from 60 counties.

TURNED DOWN BY HENRY

Mr. Hunter, of Mecklenburg, Lacks Political Prestige.

Mr. R. B. Hunter, of Mecklenburg, challenged Mr. Walter R. Henry for a joint debate. Mr. Hunter is well known in his section, and for failure to thrust himself upon a long forbearing public on all occasions, he has been placed beyond the pole of political prestige.

Below is given Mr. Henry's card in reply to Mr. Hunter's challenge, as furnished Charlotte papers:

"As to Mr. Hunter, I have no doubt he is a gentleman and a good man, but I do not know him, and doubt if he has a reputation beyond his immediate section. I would have nothing to gain in joint debate with any opponent who did not possess political prestige, at least equal to my own.

"In the political battles of the past, I have stood the equal of the best-known fighters in the Democratic ranks. If the Democracy of Mecklenburg desire a joint debate, I will meet either Attorney-General Osborne, Hon. J. P. Caldwell, Ex-Senator T. J. Jarvis, Hon. Cy Watson or Mr. James A. Lockhart, their candidate for Congress. I will not divide time with any man of less political ability than the gentlemen named."

PROFESSIONAL BOOKS

For Colored Teachers—A Library Established at the Washington School.

A library of professional books for the use of the colored teachers in the city schools has been established at the Washington school building, and will be open one week during the rest of this vacation to give the teachers an opportunity to borrow the books. The hours will be from 4 to 6 every Wednesday evening.

The books have been carefully chosen by the Superintendent, and are the latest and best of pedagogical works. They are as follows:

- Jos. Payne's Lecture on Education, Jackman's Nature Study, Physics by Experiment, How to Teach Manners in the School Room, Hayes' Mistakes in Teaching (3 copies), Grube's Method of Teaching Arithmetic, Woodhull's Simple Experiments (three copies), Woodhull's Home-Made Apparatus, Howe's Systematic Science Teaching (three copies), Parker's How to Study Geography, King's Methods and Aids in Geography (three copies), Topics in Geography, Teacher's Manual of Geography, Trotter's Lessons in the New Geography, Shaler's Story of Our Continent, Shaler's First Book in Geology (three copies), Frye's Child and Nature, Geikie's Geology (three copies), Geikie's Physical Geography, Astronomy by Observation (three copies), Agga's Trees of the United States, Quick's Educational Reformers, Spencer's Education, McMurtry's General Method, McMurtry's Method in Literature and History, McMurtry's Method in Geography, Classic Stories, teacher's edition, Robinson Crusoe, teacher's edition, Tales of Tray, teacher's edition, Pioneer History Stories, teacher's edition, Course of Study for Eight Grades, Report on Correlation of Studies.

It is gratifying to know that many of the colored teachers have been pursuing a course of professional study during the summer. This library will make it possible for them to do some really effective work in this direction.

Improved Weather Service for North Carolina.

The North Carolina Experiment Station has been informed that the co-operation heretofore existing between the Experiment Station and the United States Weather Bureau has been discontinued, as the policy of the latter inaugurates a more perfect unification of the climate and crop services in the different States under a direct contract of the central Bureau at Washington. At more important points throughout the United States a complete equipment for printing the reports issued by the Weather Bureau will be instituted and doubtless the work generally will be improved in other ways. An equipment of this kind is planned for North Carolina. The State Weather Service remains a part of the Experiment Station, and will have no connection with the Weather Bureau, although the work formerly done by the State Weather Service will be continued by the climate and crop service of the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Miss Jennie Barner, left for Henderson, this morning to spend several days.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, August 8.

Cotton quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 56 Broadway, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, over their special wire:

MONTHS.	OPEN- ING.	HIGH- EST.	LOW- EST.	CLOS- ING.
January,	7 58	7 58	7 43	7 54
February,	7 61	7 61	7 48	7 58
March,				
April,				
May,				
June,				
July,				
August,	7 65	7 65	7 53	7 62
Sept'mb'r,	7 74	7 78	7 71	7 78
October,	7 49	7 50	7 38	7 49
Novemb'r,	7 58	7 56	7 40	7 52
December,	7 56	7 56	7 46	7 47

New York Stock Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Missouri Pacific	15 1/2
Union Pacific	42
Rock Island	49 1/2
St. Paul	40
General Electric	21 1/2
Tennessee Coal and Iron	14 1/2
Manhattan	76
American Tobacco	54 1/2
Burlington and Quincy	54 1/2
Western Union	73 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	38 1/2
United States Leather	43 1/2
Southern Railroad	6 1/2
Southern Preferred	15 1/2
Chicago Gas	45
Sugar	95 1/2
Reading	8 1/2
Des. and Cat. Feed	8 1/2
Achison	8 1/2
D. L. & W.	130
Jersey Central	88
Erie	10 1/2
Silver	68 1/2

Liverpool Cotton Market.

August	4.13 1/2 s.
August-September	4.11 s.
September-October	4.07 1/2 s.
October-November	4.05 1/2 s.
November-December	4.04 1/2 s.
December-January	4.04 1/2 s.
January-February	4.04 1/2 s.
February-March	4.05 1/2 s.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat—September, 57; December, 59 1/2.

Corn—September, 24 1/2; December, 25 1/2.

Oats—September, 17 1/2; December, 17 1/2.

Pork—September, 6.40; December, 6.88.

Lard—September, 3.12; Dec. 3.32.

Clear Rib Sides—September, 3.25.

New York Cotton Letter.

By private wire to G. E. Leach.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8, 1896.

The Chronicle weekly report today was bullish and prices advanced here at the opening 4 to 15 points on local buying. Subsequently the improvement was lost and a decline of 1 to 3 points on most months followed, but still later prices rallied and again advanced, closing at a net improvement of 4 1/2 to 11 points with the tone steady. The weather bureau reported a rainfall of 0.90 of an inch at Beville, Texas, 0.26 at Columbia, Tex., and a trace at Longview, Tex., but elsewhere in the drought-struck region no rainfall was reported. The signal service predicts continued fair weather in the southwest during the next thirty-six hours. Spot cotton here declined 1/2 to 1 1/2 points for spinning. Middling uplands 8c. Liverpool advanced 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 on the spot, with sales of 7,000 bales. Futures there declined 3/4 to 4 1/4 points, closing barely steady. New Orleans advanced 11 to 12 points, but lost 6 to 7 points of the improvement. A bullish bureau report is expected on Monday. For the moment we advise purchasers on the weak spots for quick profits. The Chronicle states that in the South the temperature has been very high during the week, that where rain has fallen the precipitation has been very light and in a large portion of the southwest there has been no rain. That it is claimed that the crop has been damaged by drought and hot winds in sections of Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee. That picking is making good progress came into sight during the week, 16,818 bales vs 9,026 last year, making the total in sight 6,976,211 bales vs 9,740,177 at this time last season. Northern spinners have taken thus far this season 1,619,342 bales vs 2,085,976 at this time last season. The total worlds visible supply is now 1,472,634 bales including 1,146,434 American vs 2,686,656 at this time last season, of which 2,371,456 were American. The exports from the ports thus far this season aggregate 4,570,465 vs 6,698,367 in the same time last season.

Big Fire at Niagara Falls.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NIAGARA FALLS, Aug. 8.—The Park theatre, Tugby's museum, and other buildings in the neighborhood were burned shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. The International hotel was afire several times. The guests fled. The loss is a quarter of a million.

ENDORSE REPUBLICANS

Populist County Convention Met Today.

HAL AYER ENDORSED

C. B. Ray Put on Record by Delegate Lassiter—Ex-Judge Whitaker Temporary Chairman and Otho Wilson Permanent Chairman.

While the nomination of delegates at large from the county was going in the Populist Convention today, Mr. J. H. Lassiter of Wake Forest precipitated a rather dramatic scene. Mr. C. B. Ray had been placed in nomination as a delegate to the State Convention and Mr. Lassiter was trying to get possession of the floor. He caught the chairman's eye and hesitated for a full minute before speaking.

"I understand that one delegate who has been placed in nomination as a delegate to the State Convention has said that he would support McKinly and Hobart, in order to bring about fusion with Democrat and Republicans in this State." Mr. Lassiter spoke slowly and deliberately.

The delegates yelled "name your man."

"I learn that Mr. C. B. Ray made the statement," said Mr. Lassiter.

"What did you say," spoke the gentleman against whom the accusation was made.

Mr. Lassiter repeated the statement.

"Produce the man who made the statement and I'll answer it," said Mr. Ray.

Several delegates spoke out that they had heard it.

"I ask that you name your man," Ray insisted. "I believe I'll give \$5 to learn who he is. I want to say however that the statement is a falsehood. I want to say that I shall abide by the action of the State Convention."

This closed the incident, but a number of delegates said that they had heard the statement and that they should have voted against him, had he not declared himself.

The Populist County Convention was called to order at noon today in the Court House by Mr. S. Otho Wilson, Chairman of the Executive Committee. There were about 225 Populists present.

Ex-Judge Spier Whitaker was appointed temporary chairman. Judge Whitaker thanked the convention for the honor. He said among other things:

"One of the great parties has acknowledged its error and nominated the man whom the Populists intended to make their standard bearer. That party has taken up the principle which the Populists have been proclaiming from the house tops since its inception. Though the Democratic party has declared for Wm Jennings Bryan, that young and noble leader stands square on the People's party platform, and we shall lead him to a grand and decisive victory in November.

"I am saying nothing about the Vice-President. I am for Watson as you all know. (Loud applause and yells.)

A call of the roll showed that all the townships were represented except White Oak township, and that there were no contests.

The temporary chairman appointed Messrs. W. A. Chamberle, C. B. Ray and R. M. Wynne a committee on permanent organization. The committee recommended Mr. S. Otho Wilson for permanent chairman, and Mr. Guy V. Barnes for permanent secretary.

Mr. Wilson said in taking the chair: "It gives me great pleasure to welcome here this large body of representative men, upon whose faces I see great determination. It is not our purpose to declare upon a policy for the Populists of this State, but simply to elect delegates to the State convention to speak for us."

It was decided to elect delegates to the State convention by townships. Chairman Wilson appointed Judge Whitaker and Hal Ayer a committee to compute the representation each township is entitled to. Mr. J. L. Banks, of Foster Branch introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, In the year 1895, the Peoples party by fusion with the Republican party, to secure, and by reason of said fusion did secure a free vote and fair count to make the

voters of North Carolina and whereas by said fusion the Peoples party obtained representatives in the National Halls of Legislature, who by their votes and voices have stood for, with and by the people and especially the effort made by the Hon. Marion Butler to check the sale or further issue of bonds: be it

Resolved, We the Peoples party of Wake county extend our thanks, and as an appreciation of their labors we even stand ready to hold them in high esteem and give to them our best efforts to maintain the right.

Emperor Green sprung to his feet as soon as Mr. Banks concluded reading it "I like a part of the resolution" he said, "but we did not care to endorse Republicans. I can afford to endorse all Populists elected to Congress, but I cannot endorse the Republicans."

Mr. J. W. Denmark, said that the resolution was an endorsement of the Republican party out and out.

The convention showed its sympathy was with the Republican party for it endorsed the resolution by an overwhelming vote.

Rev. H. W. Norris introduced a resolution recommending Mr. Hal W. Ayer for the nomination of Secretary of State and requesting Wake's delegates to secure his nomination.

Emperor Green opposed the resolution because he said it was too Democratic. "I like Mr. Ayer," he said, "but I am opposed to tying Wake's delegation."

The resolution was passed with one or two dissenting votes.

Mr. C. C. King introduced a resolution instructing the delegates from Wake to vote and use all honorable means to secure the nomination of W. A. Guthrie for Governor, Hal W. Ayer for Secretary of State and W. F. Stroff for Congress.

There was a lengthy discussion, but the resolution was finally defeated by a vote of 83 to 61.

At a meeting of the Populist Executive Committee this morning, Mr. S. Otho Wilson was re-elected chairman and Mr. Guy V. Barnes was made secretary.

Logue Harris was present and a fatherly smile of satisfaction spread over his countenance. Jim Young looked like he had recently cut a watermelon.

Capt. John Smith, of Eagle Rock, said his people were strong for Bryan and Watson, and were willing to fuse with the Democrats on electors, provided they were accorded an equitable division.

The convention was noticeable by the presence of several colored delegates.

Representative J. Hazy Bagwell is a "middle-of-the-roader" from "way back." "We don't want to fuse with the Democrats; we are going to put out a straight ticket," he said.

Raleigh's Representation.

The following delegates from Raleigh were elected to the Convention at the primary meetings held by local Populists last evening:

- First Ward—E. S. Cheek, Henry Butler, Hal Ayer, W. H. Worth.
- Second Ward—R. C. Rivers, J. W. Denmark, J. L. Ramsey, Dr. R. B. Ellis, Guy V. Barnes, Ralph Barnes, J. E. Braswell.
- Third Ward—C. E. King, T. J. Grady, A. J. Scarborough, Geo. L. Torloffski, Byrd Crudup.
- Fourth Ward—W. H. Strother, A. D. Hulin, John Collier, B. T. Bridgeford.
- Outside East—Will O'Neill.
- Outside West—W. J. Reeves.

Delegates Elected.

Barton's Creek, Hutchison's Store—State, R L Thompson, E G Penny, A. J. Thompson; Congressional, J J Penny, A J Thompson, E G Penny.

Rogers' Store—State, J A Arnold, Congressional, C B Ray.

Buckhorn—State, W H Holleman, Thos Bland; Congressional, E F. Holt, G H Womble.

Cary—State and Congressional, J Q Williams, G H Broughton.

Cedar Fork—State, M L Carlton, J E Marcum; Congressional, W G Sears, A L Niper.

Holly Springs—State, D H Fuquay, C H Collins, B S Utley; Congressional, W H Burt, J M Hare, G W Sloan.

House Creek—Edwards, J N Carpenter, H W House, R H Sanders, State and Congressional.

Harris—State, J R Medlin, H B Thomas; Congressional, R H Blake, R H Chapel.

Little River, Mitchell's—State and Congressional, J T Hagwood, Wakefield—State, A S Jones, W H Chamberle, W H Hester, Congressional, B B Brantly, J M Eddins, L W Robertson.

Mark's Creek—State and congress-

sional, Smith, J M Ferrell, B T Honn.

Middle Creek—State, C W Suggs, Alfred Powell, J P Bridgers, Congressional, S M Rowland, R H Utley, R R Sexton.

Neuse River—State, L M Green, Congressional, W R Braswell.

New Light—State, J S Bailey, W D Ray, Congressional H B Emery, W T Suit.

Oak Grove—State, J S B Penny, Congressional, A D Ross.

Panther Branch—State, C E McCullers, Congressional, J L Banks.

St. Mary's—State, J J Bagwell, Brian Todd, S R Pool, J P Goodwin, A D Honeycutt, Congressional, D P Megham, N B Bagwell, J S Holder, W L Moring, W J Beasley.

St. Matthews—Milburnie, Wilder's, State, A C Green, Congressional, H H Knight.

Swift Creek—State, W P Powell, A F Taylor, W H J Goodwin, J J Wilson, Congressional, W P Powell, A F Taylor, C E J Goodwin, W H Utley.

Wake Forest—State, J W Lassiter, L N Raines, D M Disor, J D Peoples, Congressional, A C Dunn, J C Fort, G A Raines, J M Jones.

White Oak—State and Congressional, W B Upchurch, Rufus Barbee, B E Webster, S S Rogers.

Raleigh—State, H W Ayer, C E King, J E Braswell, Congressional, W J Reeves, J W Denmark, G L Tonnoffski.

WHY WAS IT CHANGED?

Some Republicans Kicking About Changing the Date of the Ex. Com. Meeting.

There are a lot of mad Republicans just now. They can't understand why Chairman Holton changed the day of meeting of the Republican Executive Committee from the 11th until the 15th, after the Populist State Convention will have adjourned.

The meeting was called on the 11th for the distinct purpose of assembling here at the time of the Populist Convention so that an effort could be made for fusion.

Some Republicans allege that it is the work of Holton and those Republicans who are opposed to fusion. Loge Harris stated today that he could not imagine why the date had been changed. "It is too much for me," he said, "I can't understand it. Other motives are attributed for changing the date. Jim Young does not like it at all. He is a member of the committee.

Morson & Benson's School.

This institution, the Raleigh Male Academy, makes its annual announcement of opening (Monday, August 31) in our columns today. We feel that it is unnecessary to commend to our own people an institution whose work is so well known, one of whose students was the only president of the class of the class of the University of Pennsylvania from the South since the war, and another entered Annapolis with the highest record, on examination of cadets from every State in the Union, while hundreds of successful men in every walk have honored its record. The principals ask that parents will have their sons present promptly at the opening.

The Racket at the Atlantic Hotel.

A telegram from Morehead City to the Press-Visitor, desires us to state that the fight reported there a few days ago did not occur in the dining room and that it was only participated in by two waiters, being the result of personal grievances of their own, and not on account of any partiality of Alonzo Holt, the head-waiter. It is declared that Alonzo Holt maintains the strictest discipline among his men, and that there is perfect harmony among them.

The special describing the incident was wired to the Press-Visitor by a gentleman who is unquestionably reliable and we would not hesitate to give publication at any time to any statement he might make. We do not suppose that Alonzo Holt was in any way responsible for the trouble, as we know him to be a careful and courteous head waiter.

In the New Rooms.

The Y. M. C. A. men's meeting will be held tomorrow in the new rooms at 131 Fayetteville street to which all men are invited. Mr. R. H. Battle will be the speaker, and his topic will be "Co-operative sympathy."

All members and contributors to the Association work will be especially urged to be present, at 5 o'clock. The new reading room is well lighted and ventilated and supplied with all the leading literature.

BRYAN IS VERY HAPPY

Over the Demonstrations in His Honor En Route.

CHICAGO TONIGHT.

The Train Stops at Every Station and a Speech is Called For, But the Candidate Seems to Enjoy It.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

DES MOINES, Ia., August 8.—After a brief rest, hardly sufficient to recover from the fatigues of yesterday, Mr. Bryan arose at 5:30 this morning. At 6 he departed over the Rock Island for Chicago with a journey of thirteen hours ahead of him and the prospects of having to deliver a speech after reaching Chicago. The day's program calls for the hardest work laid out by Mr. Bryan in connection with the journey east. The train on which he travels calls for a stop at every station. Bryan was very happy over last night's demonstration in his honor. The party will reach New York Tuesday evening at 6:30 p. m.

A THIRD TICKET

Will be Nominated by the Sound Money Men at Indianapolis.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 8.—Most of the delegates to the third ticket conference hurried away to their homes this morning. They were in a pretty cheerful mind having done what they came to accomplish without fuss. There were delegates from every state except Arkansas Colorado, Delaware, Idaho and Louisiana, Nevada, New Jersey, Utah and Wyoming. It is thought these will send delegates to the convention. Senator Palmer says he will accept the nomination. It has been decided to hold a National Sound Money convention at Indianapolis, Sept. 2nd, when a third ticket will be nominated.

CITY IN BRIEF.

Electric lights are being put in the Supreme Court and State library buildings.

The corrected pension lists from about half the counties have been received at the State Auditor's office.

Read the new announcement of Sherwood Higgs & Co., and note the bargains they are offering. You will want to purchase at once.

The Bright Jewels of Edenton street Methodist church, will have a lawn party Tuesday night, on the Sunday School lawn. Refreshments will be served from half past seven until ten o'clock.

News was received here today of a fire at Cunnock Mines yesterday which destroyed the fan house which supplied the air for the mine. The amount of damage is not yet known.

Cards has been received here announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Kerr, daughter of Major and Mrs. Robert Bingham to Mr. Solomon Reed McKee, on Tuesday evening, August the twenty-fifth, at half after eight o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.

Subscribers to Raleigh Telephone Exchange will please add to their lists the following new telephones viz: No. 238, B. W. Upchurch, G. C. No. 237, Head Quarter Democratic Executive Committee, No. 239, Dr. D. E. Everett, I. No. 240, O. G. King, Druggist.

Mr. Penny, of Garner, who here today has discovered a remarkable change in the moon in a few weeks or months. He declares that the cusps or points of the moon used to point always to the north and that they now point southward. The question was raised today as to whether this had anything to do with the present political and other agitations.

Bailey, of North Carolina, returned this morning from a trip to south west Virginia with a screaming pair of trousers and accompanied by a smile which seemed to impart that he knew the Old Dominion would line up for McKinly in November next. He was in Wytheville when the Democratic convention of that district was in session and reports that the never saw the personnel of a political body so fine in his life. The district in question is represented by General Walker, the only Republican in Congress from Virginia and this convention nominated Judge Williams, of Wytheville, to oppose him.