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MEETING TONIGHT.

Report of the Street Committee Given.

THE BOND QUESTION.

Committee Presents Arguments in Favor of the Issue—An Interesting Meeting to be Had Tonight.

The board of aldermen met tonight in regular monthly session. The meeting will be very interesting, as matters of much public interest will be brought up.

We present the report of the street committee which will be submitted tonight.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Raleigh.

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee on streets beg to submit herewith the following report:

The work on the streets has been progressing rather slowly for the past month owing to lack of funds with which to prosecute the work. We have only had a small force of hands going over the city and jumping from point to point, cleaning out the worst of the ditches in the city.

We have also had a small force of hands completing the grading on South street at the lower end of Fayetteville street.

We have been awaiting patiently the action of our people in regard to the bond issue which is now pending before them, and which will be acted upon at the polls on next Tuesday, September 7th. We believe that the bond issue is one of the most important matters which has been submitted to our people for a number of years.

We fully realize that Raleigh is more sadly in need of better streets and better sidewalks than anything else, and that the lack of improvement along this line is a material check to our city's prosperity and growth.

These improvements cannot be made without a bond issue, and it would not be right to impose burdensome taxes upon the present generation in order to secure these permanent improvements which will be a benefit to future generations, as well as the present.

These improvements can only be secured by the means of a bond issue, thereby distributing the cost through a number of years and providing a sinking fund for the maturity of these bonds in order that each generation may pay its proper and proportionate share.

We do not believe that taxes can ever be decreased under the present system of conducting our city's affairs, as the present income of the city is barely sufficient to pay current expenses even with the most rigid economy, and this in spite of the fact that property is depreciating in value, and at the same time the cost of maintaining the city government is increasing in amount each year.

In view of these facts it appears to us that the only way to decrease taxes is to issue bonds and improve our streets. Whenever a street has been improved, graded, and macadamized the property along that street has at the same time improved. Take for instance Wilmington street. The increase in revenue to the city derived from property which has been improved by reason of the work done on that street will within a few years reimburse the city for the entire amount spent in making these improvements. The same result will be true all over the city as soon as the streets are improved. This will largely increase the city's revenue and in the course of a few years we will be able to reduce taxes.

Then, besides after the streets are improved and once gotten in good condition it will take much less to keep them in repair than it does under the present system, and there will be a large saving to the city in this direction.

We regret that a larger number of our people did not interest themselves in this very important matter and qualify themselves by registering in order that they may vote for the bonds on next Tuesday, because we feel satisfied after careful investigation that a large proportion of those people who have not registered are in favor of the bonds, but not sufficiently interested either one way or the other to put themselves to any inconvenience and therefore neglected to register. We believe that we are safe in predicting that the bond issue will certainly be

voted upon favorably, and after a careful canvass of the voters of the city we are convinced that at least three-fourths of them are in accord with us in this movement, and favor the issuance of bonds for permanent street improvements.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. DREWRY, Ch'm.,
J. D. BOUSHALL,
A. M. POWELL.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

A Clash of Authority in the Interior Department.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3, 1897.

It has always been considered the proper thing to make support of the National platform of a political party the test of a man's loyalty to his party. The platform adopted by a party in National convention is the only authentic declaration of the principles of that party and must be so considered until another National convention meets and adopts another platform. These facts are so self-evident that mention of them seems almost unnecessary, yet objection is being raised because democrats are insisting that the platform adopted by the Chicago convention must be accepted as the principles of the democratic party. To do anything else would be a radical departure from all political precedents.

There is a clash of authority in the Interior Department between Secretary Bliss and Indian Commissioner Jones that may end in a big row among prominent republicans. Mr. Jones' present assistant is Mr. Thomas P. Smith, who is a democratic holdover. Mr. Smith has made a tip top record and Mr. Jones would like him to remain in his office.

Boss Hanna directed some time ago that one of his Ohio protégés—Tawner, by name—who has been serving as the private Secretary of Secretary Bliss, should be appointed assistant commissioner, and the appointment was just about to be made when Commissioner Jones heard about it and notified Secretary Bliss that he would not have Tawner for his assistant. Then there was a high old time in the office of Secretary Bliss, and the relations between him and Commissioner Jones are very much strained, but Tawner has not yet been appointed. Of course, if Boss Hanna insists he will be, and if Jones doesn't like it he can resign. It is a custom to consult the wishes of bureau chiefs in selecting their assistants, and upon that custom Commissioner Jones relies.

Republicans would rather not talk about the deficit of about twenty-six million dollars shown by the official figures of the government's receipts and expenditures for July and August, the first two months of the new fiscal year. They have already done too much talking about the surplus that the new tariff was certainly going to produce.

A BEAUTIFUL VICTIM.

A Woman, Supposed to be a Nihilist Found Dead in the Seine.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—The body of a beautiful woman, naked and frightfully mutilated, with her nose and ears missing and her skull smashed in, was found in the river Seine. On the middle of her back was tattooed the words "Long live Poland," "Death to traitors." The remains are supposed to be a Nihilist who incurred the suspicion of her fellow Nihilists.

Marriage of Mr. Elm Anderson.

The Norfolk Ledger of yesterday says:

"Mr. James N. Anderson, a popular Seaboard Air Line clerk, and Miss Laura Palmer were united in marriage at 7:30 o'clock this morning at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. W. H. King, on Hatton, Park View. Rev. J. B. Funsten performed the ceremony, and the tour was south via the Norfolk and Carolina railroad."

Mr. Anderson's many Raleigh acquaintances, who are a legion, extend happy felicitations.

Bailey Gets His Fifth Office.

Mr. C. T. Bailey has been appointed eastern district of North Carolina by Judge Purnell of the United States court.

Mr. Bailey bids fair to eclipse the record now held by J. C. L. Harris, this being the fifth office to which he has been appointed.

Two extra Pullman sleepers were attached to the North bound Seaboard mail from Atlanta this morning.

REV PERRY ELECTED

Principal of the Colored Institution—Other Teachers Chosen.

The board of trustees of the institution for the deaf and dumb and blind met last evening and Governor Russell and Jim Young carried out their determination to elect Rev. Joseph Perry principal of the colored department.

Mr. Rivers, who favored Patillo at the start, was converted to the Perry way of thinking yesterday and the Rev. Joseph was elected by a majority of one. Patillo was endorsed by some of the best republicans in the state.

Maude E. Young, a daughter of Jim Young, was elected music teacher at a salary of \$35.

Sallie Upperman, who has been an instructor in the city graded schools, was elected an instructor at a salary of \$35 per month.

Rosa McDaniel was re-elected teacher.

Mr. Thos. H. Tillinghast was elected a member of the faculty at a salary of \$50 per month. Mr. Tillinghast is splendidly fitted for the position and the board did well in retaining him.

It is charged that all the candidates for music teacher, save the one elected, offered money to members to vote for them.

LEASE OF N. C. ROAD.

Southern Railway Assigns it to Central Trust Company of New York.

The lease of the North Carolina railroad, which has been held by the Southern railway, has passed into the possession of the Central Trust company of New York.

A deed of assignment of the lease of the North Carolina road has been made by the Southern railway to the Central Trust company. The deed of assignment was filed in the office of Register of Deeds—Rogers yesterday afternoon. Copies of the deed will be filed in every county in the state through which the road passes.

The assignment of the lease was made by the Southern road to cover the first consolidated mortgage made in Virginia on October 2, 1894.

The deed is a lengthy document and conveys the ninety-nine year lease of the North Carolina road together with the depots, houses, shops, buildings, fixtures, engines, cars and franchises.

The Southern is of course in actual possession of the road and will continue the operation of it as in the past.

ANOTHER HEARING

In the Charlotte Bond Case Granted by Justice Furches.

Justice Furches has granted a rehearing in the Charlotte bond case. The title of the case is "City of Charlotte vs. Shepard & Co., and it involves the constitutionality of certain bonds issued by the city of Charlotte.

The decision rendered by the Supreme Court at its last session was widely commented upon by the legal profession.

Low Accepts Nomination.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NORTH EAST HARBOR, Me., Sept. 3.—Seth Low has accepted the nomination of the citizens' union to become its candidate for mayor of Greater New York. Secretary Clark of the citizens' union notified him today in public that he was the choice of the organization. The presentation and nomination were made shortly before noon. A statement from Low is already on its way to New York.

Will Fight Payment.

Col. Charles A. Cook, of Warrenton, was in the city today gathering information connected with a case now pending in the Supreme Court relative to the payment of a certain amount of taxes to the State by the North Carolina Railroad. Under an act of the legislature the State attempted to collect taxes on one half of one per cent of the gross earnings of the North Carolina road. An injunction was gotten by the railroad restraining the State from collecting the amount. The case has been pending since. Mr. Cook is attorney for the N. C. road.

A Negro Killed.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 3.—Rufus Smith, a negro, was killed at Forest last night. He was shot through the window while attending a prayer meeting. The murderer is unknown.

WALSER IS ALLRIGHT

Railroad Commission Expresses Confidence in Him

HE IS CHIEF COUNSEL.

Commissioner Wilson Says he Invited the Governor to Appoint Additional Counsel—Was not Advised.

The railway commission today made an order in which after declaring its entire confidence in the ability and integrity of Attorney-General Walsler, it designates him as its chief counsel in the case in the federal court at Wilmington of the Western Union telegraph company against the commission.

In an interview this afternoon commissioner Otto Wilson said the commission recognized the right of the governor to appoint counsel. He added that the commission had no power to employ any one save the attorney general; that seeing the array of counsel on the other side he had asked Attorney-General Walsler to come here; that he did so and asked the governor to give him additional counsel, in this Wilson concurred; that the Governor said he would see if he had power to appoint, and Wilson asked him to let him know as soon as he made selection.

Wilson says that the first he knew of the selection of attorneys was from C. A. Cook. He says the board has confidence in the attorneys named by the Governor, and unless confidence in the Attorney General.

Col. Cook, Col. L. C. Edwards of Oxford and Mr. E. K. Bryan of Wilmington arrived here to meet Attorney-General Walsler and prepare the defense of the Railway Commission in the injunction proceedings instituted by the Western Union Telegraph Company. The Attorney General failed to arrive. Another time of meeting will be appointed for consultation.

TWO MORE SCHOOLS.

City School Committee in Favor of Establishing that Number.

The school committee on buildings has examined the Watson property in the eastern part of the city and the Lumsden property on the corner of Morgan and West streets, with a view of establishing schools there this fall. The committee will recommend that schools be opened at both places, the Watson property for colored pupils and the Lumsden property for whites. This will be done provided there is sufficient funds. Supt. Howell says it is not certain by any means that the two schools can be opened, but he hopes so.

The city schools have been very much crowded and the board has found that it will be almost necessary to establish additional schools.

One Long, Merry Laugh.

The new comedy success, "The Widow Goldstein," will be the attraction at the Academy of Music, next Friday night, Sept. 10. It is a comedy in three acts, and is fun, fast and furious. There is one scene in "The Widow Goldstein" which for dramatically funny situations has no parallel in comedy or farce.

It is a comedy constructed for laughing purposes and on its presentation at the 14th Street Theatre New York scored an emphatic success. It is a laugh from beginning to end and yet carries a pretty and interesting story. While the title role is the portrait of a Jewish character, it is one of the finest if not the noblest characters ever portrayed on the stage. A Jewish millionaire ready and willing to help anybody and everybody, and charitable to the extreme. While it is for fun, the plot for there is a plot, explodes farcically the rapid rise and fall of mining stocks, and the intense interest and excitement almost takes one's breath away, and the curtain falls among shouts of laughter and applause.

Six Passengers Injured.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—A heavily loaded coal train on the Long Island railroad at Floral park crashed into a passenger train today and six passengers were injured severely. The locomotives were damaged. The company officers began an investigation.

COOLER WEATHER

Predicted by the Weather Bureau—Fair Tonight and Tomorrow.

The weather bureau predicts cooler weather. The forecast for tonight and tomorrow is fair.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 90; the barometer this morning was 70.

A considerable high area has appeared in the lake region with a barometer of 30.3 inches, and cooler weather.

The storm center in the extreme northwest has increased in depth, although the weather is clear and no rain has fallen in that vicinity.

The weather is clear nearly every where and local rains have occurred only over the Gulf and the Atlantic States. The heaviest rains were 1.12 inches at Galveston and 1.02 at Hatteras.

Southerly winds continue west of the Mississippi, with much warmer weather; northerly winds prevail.

RATES TO STATE FAIR.

The Railroads are Liberal—Little Over One Cent per Mile.

Mr. John Nichols the secretary of the state fair received today the classified rates, which the railroads will offer on the occasion of the state fair, during the week of October 18-23.

The rates offered are prepared by the traffic association representing all the railways in this state and Virginia. The railroads are very magnanimous this year. They announce rates of a cent and a fraction per mile, but less than a cent and a quarter. The longer the distance, the better the rate offered.

Secretary Nichols is very much gratified with the rates. Bountiful crops, good prices, a big fair and cheap railroad rates are bound to make this fair a great big success. The fare from Durham will be 65 cents; from Fayetteville \$1.75 and from Goldsboro \$1.10. The tickets will include admission to the fair, which is fifty cents extra.

Secretary Nichols has secured Mr. Perrin Busbee to arrange the bicycle features. An effort is now being made to offer bicycle purses, suitably large to induce big racers to come to the fair.

Campbell & Company of Ohio announce that they will make a big exhibit of sheep.

Everything is working along smoothly for a most successful fair.

ATTACKED BY WORMS.

Tobacco Crop Affected—Specimen Leaves Brought Here.

Mr. Knight, a brother of County Treasurer Knight, of Wilson county brought here today several leaves of new tobacco, which were infested by a new kind of worm. The worm works his way in the leaf and destroys its vitality. Mr. Knight says his entire crop has been attacked by the worm and reports that other farmers in his section have experienced this same thing. A specimen leaf was taken to the agricultural building for examination.

Mr. Knight reports that the tobacco crop is splendid in his section.

The New State Secretary.

Prof. Hanna, Chairman of the Y. M. C. A. State Executive Committee, has received a letter from Mr. W. M. Lewis formerly State Secretary for Georgia and South Carolina, accepting the call to the State Secretary's work in this State for half his time, is extended by the Executive Committee. Under this arrangement Mr. Lewis will divide his time equally between North and South Carolina. He will enter actively upon his work in this State Oct. 1.

The Answers Complete.

The Charlotte News very truly says:

The statements of both commissioners are clear and explicit, and seem to leave Governor Russell's case little to stand on. The evidence in support of the governor's statements has not yet been presented, and may alter the case.

But with the evidence now in hand, it is hard to see on what Governor Russell can base his reasons for the removal of the commissioners, if he shall conclude to take such a step.

Superintendent John Ray, of the institution for the blind, informs us that he has received applications from about 75 new pupils to enter the institution this fall. The opening occurs the 15th. The attendance promises to be larger than ever before.

THE DISPENSARY LAW.

The South Carolina Constabulary to be Withdrawn.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

COLUMBIA, Sept. 3.—Today Governor Ellerbe made an announcement, the tendency of which will unquestionably tend to popularize the dispensary system, if anything will, and remove from the State a continual cause of dissension. He stated that he had given all the members of the dispensary constabulary force notice, so that they could look for other employment, to the effect that October 1st he would withdraw the constabulary from every city, town and municipal corporation in the State.

The Governor has been considering the advisability of doing this for about two months, but for obvious reasons has waited until all political issues had been swept aside before so doing.

He says that he has communicated already with the municipal authorities nearly everywhere and enlisted their services in the enforcement of the dispensary law. They will henceforth be relied upon to carry out the law.

He says that a few constables will be kept to look after the enforcement of the law in the country, where there are no municipal officers. These will be instructed not to meddle with affairs in any town or village or city.

Governor Ellerbe says that the constabulary last year cost the state \$52,036.66, which amount will be saved annually by this change.

THE AIR SHIP.

It Was Seen Last Night Hovering over Raleigh.

Accounts have recently been given by the newspapers of an air ship which has been seen in the neighborhood of Greensboro and other railroad points. It was seen by reliable witnesses and last night a similar phenomenon was observed by well known and reliable parties in Raleigh. A light appearing to be an air ship or a large balloon, was seen about 8 o'clock from the Southeast. It appeared to be about a half mile to the eastward and kept floating in that direction till it faded from view. The light presented the appearance of a round, red disc, about one quarter the size of the full moon. Several persons, whose attention was attracted by the balloon saw it and watched it for some time.

Excursion to Southern Pines.

A special train will be run to Southern Pines Friday, Sept. 10th, the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Pickford Sanitarium for consumptive colored people. The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Raleigh will lay the stone and other lodges all over the State have been invited to join them on this occasion. The Household of Ruth will also accompany the Odd Fellows. The Odd Fellows will be in full uniform. After the laying of the corner stone the dedication of the building will take place. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. J. Worlds, of the first Baptist church of Raleigh, N. C. This grand institution, the first of the kind for colored people in this country, was founded through the efforts of Dr. L. A. Scruggs. Excursion trains will run from Charlotte, Greensboro and Fayetteville also.

The special train will be under the management of Capt. T. H. Chavasse which will insure that the accommodations will be the best and that the best of order will prevail. There will be a special car for white people and the round trip rate from Raleigh will be \$1.00. The train will leave here at 7 o'clock a. m., and returning will leave Southern Pines at 7 p. m.

When the Strike is Settled.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 3.—The Ohio coal operators, representatives of the coal hauling roads in session here today are trying to make arrangements for the rapid movement of coal when the strike is settled. All Ohio coal roads are represented. There will be no step taken toward resumption of work in this State until the strike is officially settled. There is a marked scarcity of coal here. There will probably be another advance in price shortly. The Ohio operators believe the strike will eventually be settled on the basis proposed by the miners.

Haywood and Cumberland report to the state board of tax equalization. Only three counties are unreported.

SHORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

Pot Pourri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Capt. E. D. Williams of New Hanover is appointed a commissioner of wrecks by the Governor.

At a meeting of the Council of State held late yesterday afternoon it was decided not to pave the East and West walks of the Capitol with brick.

The railroad commission announces that September 15th it will take up the matter of re-adjusting freight rates on cotton, the object being to have a uniform rate.

Mr. Chas. F. Newsome, of this city will appear this season in the new comedy, "Two Suits." The play received its first presentation in Wilkesbarre, Pa., last evening.

Work on the university alumni building will be commenced at an early day in September. It will cost over \$25,000, and will be erected on the square of the Caldwell monument.

Miss Gertrude L. Bush has returned to the city and will reopen her class in music Sept. 7th, at her home on North Blount street. Early application is desirable as the number will be limited.

We call attention to day to the announcement of Messrs. Woodcock & Son. They are offering two special bargains in picnic hams and new cream cheese for one week. Look up their ad.

Mrs. A. R. Wortham shipped her household effects to Raleigh last week and will make that place her home in future. She went Saturday and Mr. Wortham followed Tuesday. —Henderson Gold Leaf.

Ex-Judge T. B. Womack received a telegram yesterday evening announcing the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Taylor, which occurred in Pilsboro, Judge Womack returned to the city today.

Monday is Labor Day, a national holiday. The day is an event of much importance in the North and West, but has never attained popularity in the South. The banks in the city will not observe the day.

Mrs. Fredell, one of the teachers of St. Mary's school, Raleigh, is in the city in the interest of that institution. She will be glad to meet any one interested at St. Peter's Episcopal church Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock. —Charlotte News.

The report that the clam at Mill-pond has been washed away is a mistake. Mr. Joseph A. Heywood who was here today says that the report is utterly without foundation and that there has been no freshet there.

Judge Purnell appoints as United States commissioners George W. Carroll, at Magnolia, and S. R. Bonnell, at Murfreesboro. The Judge issues an order that all the new commissioners who do not qualify by September 20th will be removed from office.

The popular Mineral Hot Springs, Chaco City, Va., announces special low rates for September and October. There will be visitors from Durham, Raleigh and other points. The virtue of the Chaco City water is known far and wide and it is also a most delightful resort.

Mr. A. P. Bryan, through his attorneys, Messrs. Battle & Morehead, has brought suit against R. L. Baylock & Co. The suit is brought to recover \$985.32 which amount is claimed to have been over paid for work on Mr. Bryan's Hillsboro street residence.

A new style of acknowledging an introduction has been introduced in social circles in Raleigh. It was illustrated a day or two ago by a gentleman who was introduced to a lady who as a greeting said "I am pleased to meet you," whereupon the gentleman replied, "you are welcome." There has since been some question in the gentleman's mind as to whether he said the right thing, but there is no question in the minds of his friends.