

# ELECTRIC PLANT CLOSED DOWN

## In Accordance With Order of Mayor Johnson

# CITY WITHOUT LIGHTS

### At 7 O'Clock Last Night Current Was Turned Off on Account of Sleet and Danger From Broken Wires—No Cars Were Operated. Candles Used at Yarbrough.

The city of Raleigh had a desolate appearance last night, for not an electric light burned in the city and only a building here and there was lighted, and some of those faintly, for in many instances candles had to be resorted to. At seven o'clock last evening Mayor Johnson ordered the power house closed down as poles had been broken in many places by the sleet and wires were strung along the sidewalks and also across the roadways. Until the electric plant was closed down it was very dangerous. The street car company had not been warned and all of the cars were left where they were when the power was turned off. One car was left opposite the Rancey library, one in front of the supreme court building, one on Blount street, one near West street and one on Saunders. A light was placed on each car and a man left in charge.

The night was unusually quiet for very few people were to be seen on the street, there was no rumble of the passing cars, and only now and then was a conveyance to be seen. The stillness was occasionally broken by the crunching of the ice as some one passed along the street, or as a limb would come crashing to the ground. Those who passed through the capitol square beneath the large and majestic oaks did not seem to realize the danger that they were in. There was at least one person who had a narrow escape. Just as a man passed from under one of the mighty oaks a portion of a large limb broke and came crashing to the granolithic pavement.

It is not usual that the city of Raleigh has a sleet that does so much damage. During the greater part of the day yesterday it did not look like the sleet would amount to much, and at one time during the day it appeared to be melting, but towards nightfall it got worse and then it was that the wires began to break. On Salisbury street, just west of the capitol, where twenty or thirty telephone wires leave a cable and go in various directions, the top of the pole supporting the cross-arms broke and fell to the sidewalk. It is a solid pole and was snapped off like a pipe stem, which shows what a terrible weight it had on it. Last night the Postal Telegraph was entirely disabled and the Western Union was in the same fix as far as wires to the south were concerned, but the sleet did not seem to be very bad north of Raleigh. The telephone companies suffered as bad or worse than the telegraph companies and it was difficult last night to get any connection whatever.

Despite the fact that there were no electric lights the streets were not dark by any means for the clouds were not sufficiently thick to prevent the moon from giving some light and this combined with the light afforded by every thing being covered with ice made the streets very light.

Like an Inn of the Long Ago. In the far distant past when the ordinary lamp, when gas and electric lights were unknown, light was furnished by tallow candles, and even in this day and time they often have to be resorted to. They were brought into use last night at the Yarbrough House, and it is not known how many other places. The lobby of the Yarbrough looked like the lobby of an inn might have appeared a century or more ago. On each side of the register was a candle and several were on the cigar stand, and on the ornamental cigar cutter were two tallow candles. The faces of the men gathered in the lobby could be seen only with difficulty, every thing being dim and indistinct. There were a large number of legislators in the lobby, a larger number than usual, and the darkness possibly made the noise more noticeable. It was not loud but sounded like a bee hive on a summer's night. In the writing room men sat around the table and tried to accustom themselves to the small tallow candles which gave a soft steady glow; at the tables in the dining room guests, many of them perhaps for the first time in their life, ate the meal by the light of a candle, and ever and anon some one would come to the office and want a candle for their room. One gentleman stepped up to the desk on which is kept the register, leaned over and lit his cigar by means of the candle, and as he did so remarked, "That is the first time in thirty years I have done that," and looked down at the candle as one would look at a long-absent friend. The scene at the Yarbrough House was truly one of the long ago, and those gathered at the hostelry will, no doubt, long remember the night in Raleigh when the building was lighted by means of tallow candles.

Power Turned On At 11 O'Clock. The plant of the Raleigh Electric Company was started up this morning at 11 o'clock and the street cars that had stood in different parts of the city since early last night moved off and began to make their regular runs, much to the gratification of the general public. On account of there being no power The Evening Times was badly crippled, for the linotype machines are operated by motors and it was 11 o'clock before they could be started. The officials of the electric company say that they had their line in readiness to turn the current on by 10 o'clock but could not find the mayor or chief of police in order to get permission to do so. There was no trouble about the wires of the electric company, but many wires of the telephone companies were across the street car and electric light wires, which made it very dangerous. The lights would not have been cut off or the cars stopped, it is said, if the mayor had not ordered it done. The sun worked a wonderful transformation this morning in a very short time. When the first rays of the early morning sun broke through a rift of clouds the trees presented a beautiful sight in their glistening armor of ice but this rapidly disappeared and by 10 o'clock they had been freed of their burden and the mighty oaks in the capitol square had paid but little tribute to the cruel ice which last night caused the limbs to bend almost to the point of breaking, but only a few gave way under the weight. It will probably be several days before the telephone systems get as of their telephones in good working order, for wires are broken in many places. Both telegraph companies were badly crippled this morning, but this afternoon their wires were in much better shape.

NOT ALLOWED TO OUST M'CAEREN. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 25.—The state democratic committee was permanently enjoined today from ousting State Senator Patrick McCarren, of Brooklyn, from membership in that committee, by a decision given by Supreme Court Justice Kelley in Brooklyn.

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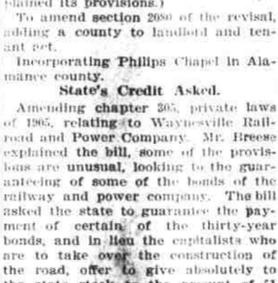
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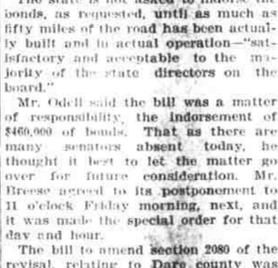
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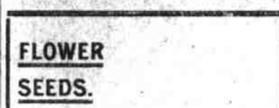
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