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CITY.

Pork plenty.
Fine fish in Market.
Ground peas rather scarce.
The City Marshal is better in health.
Fashion demands new dresses and second thoughts.
Satan is a subtle individual, but an army trader is a suttler.
He has become tame—the man that was "wild with excitement."

Let all go to the "Rink" and see Professor Briggs and his talented pupils perform.
To young ladies—Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, but half shut afterward.
The Bappler Beel has quite a reputation for quality and the "Washington Market" deserves its good name.

SAILORS DRUNK.—Three sailors were arrested yesterday by officers Howe and Davis for being drunk and disorderly.

Love's "other name" is subject to orthographic mutations. Before marriage it is "affection," after it becomes a "fiction."

Chas. D. Myers & Co., have added to their already extensive stock and are offering family groceries to our citizens at very reasonable rates.

The Raleigh Gazette is invited to correct the "sold" paragraph about the Post. The only selling done was the humping of the Raleigh and other country papers.

Geo. Myers has had his large stock of groceries re-arranged so as to suit the large jobbing and wholesale trade, he has acquired by his reputation for steady decrease in prices and the best quality of goods.

In the Advertising Agency of Geo. P. Rowell & Co., No. 40 Park Row, New York, every thing is so systematized that their immense business is conducted without confusion or delay. They have regularly on file over 5,000 newspapers.

The patrons and friends of the Wilmington Skating Rink who have received no invitations to the Friday night reception will be glad to learn that they can purchase tickets for the occasion at the same rates as at any other assembly.

G. A. R.—The members of G. A. R. Post No. 3 are requested to meet at the armory room City Hall Friday night, for business of importance.
By order of Commander,
J. S. W. EAGLES.

Ice.—J. E. Lippitt & Co. are now in receipt of "new ice" and have advertised the same at one cent a pound! Let this cool proceeding be noticed, and Messrs. Lippitt properly patronized for doing their "level best" to cool off our "dear people."

Mr. Wright has made great progress in repairing the taste of our people. No longer do we observe reputable citizens wearing in season and out of season that "shocking bad hat." They all go to T. H. Wright's and there obtain "tiles" for their "roofs."

The police of the city bear a high reputation for efficiency and good behavior. Probably no body of men employed as a city force are superior in discipline and courage as good officers. All this reflects credit on the City Marshal and his worthy captains and sergeants.

Senator Abbott, of North Carolina, will contest the right of ex-Governor Vance to a seat in the Senate. Mr. Abbott holds that Vance cannot be admitted because of political ineligibility, and that the votes cast for him by the Legislature of North Carolina are therefore null and void. As Mr. Abbott received the next highest number of votes he claims the election and the Wilmington Chronicle.

We would acknowledge the reception of a "complimentary" to attend the "Reception" of the Skating Association, to be held at the City Hall. Many pupils will exhibit their proficiency in the healthful and elegant exercise of skating, and much pleasure is anticipated.

SHIPPING.—The shipping now in port comprehends every variety of sailing vessel beside the regular steamships running on the Lorillard line to New York; Worth's Philadelphia packets, and the Baltimore steam packets. Mr. R. G. Ross has on Cassidie's dismantled in the hurricane of Matanzas, and is giving her a complete overhauling. She will be recoppered and refitted out and when done her master—the jolly Captain Gray—will give all his friends a "reception." May we be there to see!

A CARD.—In order to prevent the public from forming an opinion detrimental to the interests of the Wilmington Post, I consider it my duty to state that the sale of the paper at 11 o'clock, p. m., on the 11th inst., was prevented, for the reason that an injunction, granted by the Judge of our Court, was served upon me by the Coroner, at least one half hour before the hour above mentioned. The matter is before the Court, and of course will be decided fairly upon its merits. I am, and always have been willing to abide by constitutional authority. I have the utmost confidence in the integrity of our Courts, as far as I know.
J. W. SCHENCK, JR.

MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—The newly elected members of the Board of Aldermen met at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock; present: FIRST WARD—Wm. Kellogg and Owen Birney.
SECOND WARD—Silas N. Martin and D. Rumley.
THIRD WARD—R. P. Barry and J. E. Sampson.
FOURTH WARD—George Chadborn and H. S. Servess.
FIFTH WARD—Anthony Howe and W. H. Thurbur.

The oath of office was administered to each Alderman by Edward Cantwell, J. P. Hon. Silas N. Martin was unanimously elected Mayor, when, after having been conducted to his seat Mr. Martin said:

ELLOW CITIZENS: For the honor you confer upon me to-day—for your confidence—I give you most hearty thanks.
I feel proud to accept the position you assign me. I feel that you have confidence in me and that rewards me for all past labors and inspires me with hope that I may continue to command your confidence in the future.

I shall now take the oath to do my duty. So far as I am able, I shall do it. It has been a gratification in the past that I have received so uniform and undivided assistance from the Board of Aldermen preceding this, many of the members of which compose the new Board. I hope in the future we may act with the same unanimity as heretofore. May the blessings of Heaven descend upon the city of Wilmington.

The oath of office was administered to Mayor Martin by Edward Cantwell, J. P., when the Board went into executive session for the election of officers, with the following result:

W. P. Canaday, City Marshal, unanimously elected.
T. O. Servess, City Clerk and Treasurer, unanimously elected.
Jas. H. Chadborn, Geo. R. French and John H. Whiteman, Board of Assessors.
E. D. Hewlett, Standard Keeper.
P. M. Rice, Chief Engineer of Fire Department.
Jas. H. Richardson, Assistant Engineer of Fire Department.
G. W. Green, Clerk of Market, unanimously elected.
J. Kent Brown, City Surveyor, unanimously elected.

On motion, further appointments were postponed until next meeting.
The Mayor having stated that he expected to be absent for a few days, Alderman George Chadborn was appointed Mayor pro tem. for the period of Mr. Martin's absence.

On motion of Alderman Barry, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, That the Special or City Court has been useful in restraining crime and punishing disorder in the city, and in the opinion of this Board, the said Court is still necessary to the peace and quiet of the community, and that the same is self-supporting.

Resolved, unanimously, That this Board do memorialize the Honorable the General Assembly now in session to continue said Court.

Resolved, unanimously, That the sense of this Board upon the subject of the City Court be communicated to our members in both branches of the Legislature, with the request that the same be laid before their respective bodies, and their assistance requested in continuing said Court.

The Board then took a recess until Wednesday, the 25th inst.

Annual Report of Hon. Silas N. Martin, Mayor City of Wilmington.

I have the honor to present to the Board of Aldermen, the accompanying account, showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the City of Wilmington, during the year commencing January 10th, 1870, and ending January 9th, 1871, and to give such other information regarding City affairs as may be of interest to the citizens thereof.

The receipts from all sources amount to the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-three Thousand and six hundred and eighty-five Dollars and sixty-eight cents, \$193,085 68. The disbursements during the same period amount to the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-two Thousand and eight hundred and eighty-two Dollars and eighty-two cents, \$192,844 82. Leaving cash on hand \$240 86.

The Receipts into the Treasury have been derived from the following sources, viz:

Special Business License, and Bar Room Tax.....\$37,635 92
Real Estate and Personal.....\$46,841 03
Real Estate Tax of 1870.....\$6,755 07
Total from Real Estate.....108,596 10
From all other Taxes and miscellane.....17,983 96
From sale of bonds.....19,615 88
From Loans from Individuals.....12,582 19
From late Board of Aldermen.....1,732 18

Making the total amount.....\$193,085 68
The Real Estate Tax was fixed at 1 1/2 per cent, and the Special Tax somewhat increased, to make up the amount required for the expenses of the city. All taxes were taken off from Personal Property other than that enumerated in the Special Tax Bill, amounting in valuation of 1869 to \$1,100,000.

The Real Estate Tax of 1868 was 1 1/2 per cent, and that of 1869, 1 1/4 per cent.
The Taxes of 1870 were levied upon the assessment made in 1869. The then estimated value of Real Estate was about \$3,510,000. I am quite sure that by the re-assessment which will be made during the year 1871, the valuation will be upwards of Four Millions of Dollars.

The Receipts from various other sources named in the account have been considerably more than were expected. Great care has been taken to collect promptly all taxes, and the revenue from the different divisions as made in the account.

The amount of Real Estate Tax for 1870, uncollected will yield about \$8,000—which should be collected at once. Much labor and difficulty are met with in the carelessness of property owners failing to list their taxes. The delinquent list of 1870 charged with double tax amounts to \$4,462 41, or, an additional burden of \$2,231 21 to those who neglect to attend to this important matter. Great liberality has been extended to these persons by the Board of Aldermen and much of the double assessment remitted. I heartily concur in their action.

The Disbursements given herewith show the cost of the different departments, and the amount paid upon the City debt.

1.—STREETS.
This comprises the cost of repairing, improving and cleaning all the streets and alleys within the corporate limits, also, all materials used for bridges, culverts, and pavement of streets and gutters.

Included in this department is the recent improvement upon Rankin street.
The force employed is now thirty (30) hands, and nine (9) carts and mules. The force up to the early part of March, consisted of forty-five (45) hands, and fifteen (15) mules and carts.

During the year the eastern portion of the city, so long unhealthy and avoided, has been thoroughly ditched. The expense has not exceeded \$3,000, and I consider would have been cheap at almost any price, in view of the benefits derived.

2.—POLICE.
The police force has consisted of 2 captains, 3 sergeants and 23 men. Their compensation is fixed by City Ordinance.

The duties of the police have been generally well performed. It has been my aim to keep the force in a high state of discipline. The policemen are well paid and can offer no reasonable excuse for neglect of duty.

During the summer, the Mayor was authorized to purchase four suitable horses, and employ four of the policemen as a mounted police force, to be employed in the more remote portions of the city. I have been much pleased in the result. The amount expended in this department includes the horses and equipments of this mounted force.

3.—HOSPITAL AND POOR.
The expenditures in this department have been large. While great care has been exercised to prevent imposition and the encouragement of idleness, it seems to be indispensable that the sick and needy be provided for in this manner. Humanity requires that we should do so.

Dr. J. E. Williams, who has charge of the hospital, has been very efficient, and has been kept very busy during the year.

4.—SALARIES.
The salaries paid by the Board of Aldermen, and have generally been liberal, while the service received I think has been much

greater than is usual in public offices. The amount in this department is lessened several hundred dollars by discontinuance of the office of Assistant Clerk of the Market, and the refusal of the Commissioner of the Sinking Fund to receive any salary, upon the ground that no service has been rendered.

5.—FIRE DEPARTMENT.
The expenditures in this department include only the expenses of engines comprising as follows:

Allowed two Steam Fire Engines.....\$35,000 00
Allowed four hand companies.....1,200 00
Making fixed compensation.....\$4,200 00
Compensation of men.....\$27,000 00

Our Fire Department reflects great credit upon the officers and members of all the companies. The city is much indebted to the Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, and the Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Company, for two beautiful steam fire engines, furnished mainly by the contributions of the citizens.

6.—PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
The amount debited this department includes the care of and repairs to City Hall and Market Houses.

Our City Hall requires repairing. Its condition is such as to make it indispensable that it should soon be done.
The Theatre was rented for one year to Mr. Ford, of Baltimore, at the price of \$600, Mr. F. agreeing to expend \$150 more upon repairs of the building.

7.—CITY COURT.
The change in the Special Court by the Legislature, the past spring, made this exclusively a City Court. The expense to the city is about \$3,750 per annum. The receipts from fines and costs have kept in advance of the expense.

8.—GAS AND OTHER LIGHTS.
This department includes all the expenditures for lighting the city with gas and with kerosene oil where there is no gas; also the public buildings, and purchase of and placing lamp posts.

By a recent reduction of price in gas we shall be able to increase the number of gas lights, without additional expense.
There has been considerable addition to the number of lamps during the past year. We now have about 119 gas lamps and 23 kerosene.

9.—PRISONERS.
At the beginning of the year the prisoners were confined in the Guard House and worked upon the streets. This was expensive and troublesome. Arrangements were made with the Superintendent of the Work House and the prisoners are now kept at an expense not exceeding \$90 per month. I consider this change to be greatly advantageous to the City.

10.—MISCELLANEOUS.
This account represents all the expenses not chargeable to any one of the foregoing departments. The detailed account is given of all the Receipts and Expenditures under this head. Under the head of Stationary and Printing is comprised an entire new set of books, of every kind, the engraving and printing of bonds, check books, and large amounts of stationery, also, included in this are all the advertisements and official notices.

11.—CONSTRUCTION.
This department has to its debit \$12,940 95 which includes the cost of the lot and Engine House for Steam Fire Engine No. 1, corner of Fourth and Princess streets. Donation to the Howard Relief Fire Engine Company, purchase of horse and outfit for the same. The donation to the City Clock, purchase of Cemetery containing 3 1/2 acres at the south east corner of the city, and the building of five new cisterns and repairs to the cisterns upon the City Engine House lot. An appropriation of \$2,500 6 per cent, gold interest bearing Bonds have been made to build a proper house for the Hook and Ladder Company, which will be chargeable upon the expenses for the coming year.

Upon the administration of the past year devolved the payment of a considerable amount of bills and debts contracted by the previous Board of Aldermen. The amount paid is \$7,796 61, which, I think, comprises all claims upon the city of this nature. The bills paid were all properly audited and approved. Every bill contracted during the past year has been promptly paid, so that I am not aware of any bill or account which is not included in the general account herewith.

On the 10th day of January, 1870, there existed a floating debt, as follows:

Due in New York.....\$35,000 00
Due in Wilmington.....12,500 00
Making total of.....\$50,500 00
Carried over at a rate of considerably over 19 per cent, per annum. This debt has changed into this shape:

Due Bank payable in New York.....\$11,000 00
Due individuals.....12,582 19
Total.....\$23,582 19
This is carried at an average rate, under 1 1/2 per cent. Altogether the saving of interest in this item is over \$4,000 per annum.

Of April, 1870. They were not all presented, but other bonds, past due, were presented, amounting to \$9,500. Upon the Bank debt there has been paid the sum of \$39,500.

The present debt of our city is as follows:

Bonds issued to Wilmington and Manchester and W. O. & R. Railroad Company, past due, and not presented.....\$ 7,500
Bonds issued to the Wilmington & Manchester Railroad Company, due April 1, 1871.....10,000
City Hall bonds, due Jan. 1, 1870.....44,700
Bonds issued W. O. & R. Railroad Company, due February 1, 1870.....40,000
Bonds issued W. O. & R. Railroad Company, due Feb. 1, 1870.....45,000
Bonds issued in payment of floating debt of the city, due Jan. 1, 1870.....11,200
Bonds issued in payment of floating debt of the city, due Jan. 1, 1870.....27,000
Bonds issued to the W. O. & R. Railroad Company, due Feb. 1, 1870.....26,000
Floating bonds, 8 per cent.....60,400
Due July 1st, 1880.....4,000
Due July 1st, 1881.....140,800
Due July 1st, 1882.....33,600
Due July 1st, 1883.....500
Total.....\$464,700

The interest upon all this debt has been met punctually—much of the July and January interest was paid in advance. There have been several thousand dollars of back interest paid, the coupons not having been presented when due. There is yet considerable interest due unsettled.

The bonded debt as above stated amounts to \$464,700 00.
Bank debt.....11,000 00
Debt due individuals.....11,582 19
Total debt of every kind.....\$486,282 19

I am not aware of any other debts or claims due by the city.

I take great pleasure, in closing this report, to give my testimony to the zeal, diligence and industry with which the City Officials have performed their different duties—I have seen much to commend, little to complain of. I have found them honest, capable and efficient. In the many reforms and retrenchments required, I have generally found hearty co-operation. The books, accounts and records are open to the inspection of every citizen without charge or delay.

I told you when I had the honor to take the position of Mayor of this city, that we were the servants of the people—I repeat it. If any thing has been done wrong let the people condemn it. Let them point out the errors and they will be corrected.

At the close of my official term as Mayor of this city I give thanks to all those who have aided me, to me, a new and untired field of labor. I have received encouragement from all classes of citizens, from members of all political parties. It has been, to me, a "labor of love" to assist in adding, however little, to the prosperity of our city. If I have committed errors, I can only say, they were not of the heart.

The past year, to our city, has been one of prosperity. Our limits extended, are rapidly being covered over with buildings. Several hundred new dwellings and stores have been added within two years, some of them fine and substantial edifices, indicate the taste and wealth of these builders; while the large number of more moderate size and caste show clearly the rapid increase in the material prosperity of all classes of our citizens.

We have been blessed during the year past with unprecedented good health. No epidemics have visited us. We have had unparalleled exemption from destructive fires or floods. Altogether we have much to be thankful for.

SILAS N. MARTIN, Mayor.

Receipts and Disbursements of the City of Wilmington, N. C. for the year beginning January 10th, 1870, and ending January 9th, 1871.

January 10, 1870—Balance received of returning Board.....\$ 1,732 18
January 10, 1870—Received from Special Tax and Bank Bonds.....\$7,956 92
From real and personal tax due in 1867, 1868 & 1869, \$44,841 08
From tax, year 1870.....56,755 07
Total.....\$65,444 15
Market House rents.....\$108,596 10
City Court fines and penalties.....3,700 88
Dry and dog badges.....1,328 45
Market fees from Clerk of the Market.....1,556 74
Pound fees.....319 95
Public buildings.....619 50
Miscellaneous sources, viz:

Members of Police force for amount due on uniforms, 1869.....77 50
Error in account corrected.....30
Fee for city seal.....1 00
Sale Carbolle Acid.....1 00
Sales mules & carts 1,100 00
Benefits assessed.....2,065 65
Water street.....2,036 65
Benj. Dutton, late Treasurer.....2,036 65
Sheriff J. W. Schenck, Jr. for bonds on duty.....75 00
Mach. Poll Tax.....432 50
Sales old iron, coal, &c.....42 76
Wharage on wharf rented by city.....70 86
W. & W. R. Jew on Nat. street.....73 76
Owners of real estate for redemption property sold.....335 47
Sheriff J. W. Schenck, Jr. for 50 cents on each Poll for year 1870.....265 42
Total.....\$193,085 68

Sale of bonds.....\$19,615 88
Borrowed of individuals.....12,582 19
Total Receipts.....\$193,085 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

For streets.....\$30,585 68
Hospital and paupers.....7,715 90
Salaries.....6,000 00
Fire department.....4,200 00
Public buildings.....2,500 00
City Court.....2,000 00
Gas and other lights.....2,712 19
Prisoners.....2,500 00
Miscellaneous, viz:
Paid postage.....\$ 118 80
Printing advertisements.....60 30
Stationary, books &c.....2,747 68
Telegrams.....75 85
Rides, dry & dog.....86 00
Carriage and horse hire.....153 50
F. M. King, listing tax.....112 00
Alighting advertisements.....500 00
Alfred Howe, listing tax.....137 00
Mayor's expenses to New York.....71 00
Mayor's expenses to Charlotte.....500 00
Copies laws from State.....6 50
Examining new buildings.....5 00
Cost Supreme Court, City & R. Bonds.....44 63
Horse and buggy.....400 00
Law books and copy.....29 40
Crosby & Morris' services.....25 00
Protest on note.....25 00
Alex. Strausz's expense to Washington.....100 00
National flag.....3 00
Services investigating Treasurer's account.....30 00
Taxes refunded Wilmington fully paid into Treasury.....100 00
Property sold at auction for taxes, redeemed by owner.....346 80
Auctioneer's selling property for taxes.....64 84
City Surveyor, surveying new limits and making three maps and other work.....580 00
Vices.....50 00
Sundry smalls visiting bar improvements.....20 00
Purchase two mules.....300 00
Expenses of Sheriff's attempt to open Detective & Rev. ment of stable during repairs on city stable.....19 00

Of small charges, Freight, Express, and other expenses amount paid in account of Election expenses.....164 25
Total current expenses of City.....\$1,085 05

Paid construction of Engine House for Steam Fire Engine "J. T. Rankin," purchase of lot, alterations for Howard Relief Steam Engine Company and horse, outfit for same, subscription for Engine and City Clock.....\$12,940 95
Debt due contracted by the late Board of Aldermen.....\$7,796 61
Interest account interest on Bonds and other debts.....\$4,200 00
Bonds paid.....9,500 00
Amount paid on Bank Debt and other Loans.....40,332 97
Cash on hand.....740 86
Total.....\$193,085 68

An Interview with a Doctor and his Patient. Three months ago Mr. James Henry Redding, of 500 Grove street, New York, was, as he supposed, not far from death's door. His physician—considered a "skilful" one—had given up, pronouncing him incurable. He was fearfully wasted and debilitated, had a constant pain in his right side, was scarcely enough to keep a baby alive, and was much depressed in spirits. At this juncture, a clerical friend, who attended him, who had been employed, persuaded him to try a course of Dr. J. C. B. Bitters.

Dr. J. C. B. Bitters. Last week he returned to business; his health being quite restored. The other day on his way home, he met the physician who attended him, with the following conversation occurred: "What!" said the doctor, "is this you?"

"Even so," replied Mr. Redding, quietly; "You're not sorry to find yourself a false prophet?" "No," replied the doctor, "I'm sorry that I was so wrong. I'm glad to see you are well. How was it? Mr. W. told me the story of his recovery. (scribbling it wholly to the Bitters), and is willing to confirm it verbally or by letter whenever applied to."

For a cheap, delicious, and healthful table-dinner, there is nothing half so good as Bitter-Mango Pudding, Custards, &c., &c., made from SEA MOSS FARMER. Try it and convince your self.

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English.

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