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BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORY

In Raleigh Primary Being Held Today

Chances Are That the Reform Government Party Will Have a Majority of the Board of Aldermen—A Big Vote is Being Cast and Much Interest is Manifested in Primary.

Raleigh, N. C., March 30.—At 1 o'clock it is impossible to give much idea as to who is going to carry the primary. Both sides are working hard and both are claiming the victory. The chances are that good government has a majority of the aldermen, with the mayoralty in doubt. It may take an official count tonight to decide the matter. A big vote is being cast.

FREIGHT WRECK.

Just Outside Raleigh Today Has Interrupted Traffic.

Raleigh, N. C., March 30.—All passenger trains, of the Seaboard and the Southern, are tied up here today because of the wreck of a freight train just outside the city limits on the Seaboard. The truck broke on a double header freight going north, and several cars were derailed. The wreck occurred south of the city, where the Seaboard and Southern train parallel and the wreckage is scattered over both tracks. Trains going north and east are held up just outside the city, not being able to enter, while trains west and south bound are held here. The track will probably be cleared late this afternoon.

PRESIDENT ELIOT

Will be Guest of Honor at a Banquet Tonight.

Washington, March 30.—Charles W. Eliot arrived here today from Richmond. He will speak tonight at the annual dinner to the Harvard Club to be given in his honor. President Taft, Senator Root and other distinguished guests will be present. This afternoon he spoke to the High School.

INDIAN MESSENGER

Brought a Message of Surrender Today.

Oklahoma City, March 30.—Colonel Huffman, commanding the State militia, has just received a message from Crazy Snake saying the Indians are ready to surrender if promised fair treatment. The Colonel assured the messenger that the Indians would be given a fair trial and the messenger left for the Indian camp. The surrender is expected hourly.

GREAT DECREASE

In Gross Earnings of Steel Corporation During Past Month.

New York, March 30.—Through an agency generally used for the dissemination of such information the United States Steel Corporation earnings for the month of March were announced to have been \$5,500,000, a drop of \$2,500,000 in earnings under the previous month. This report was taken as an indication in Wall Street that the cut in wages is certain.

LEATHER MANUFACTURERS

Register Decided Protest Against the Low Tariff.

Washington, March 30.—A committee of six, headed by C. E. Kagger, secretary of the National Association of Patent Leather Manufacturers, arrived here to protest to Congress protection afforded patent leather by the tariff bill a duty of 20 per cent is placed on patent leather in the bill but the manufacturers claim that the business is not profitable unless there is a duty of thirty per cent. The committee will appear before the Senate finance committee and argue for the increase to normal.

APRIL 1st-2nd.

Money deposited here on or before Friday, April 2nd, will receive interest from April 1st. Place your business with the savings bank having largest Capital, largest Surplus, largest Resources. The Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.

Easter Opening—Spring's newest and best fashions at Robber's Wednesday. Souvenirs for every customer.

The only stock of children's dresses worth looking at, at Gaylord's.

A New Interest Period. Begins April 1st, at The Peoples Savings Bank. If you deposit on or before April 2nd your interest will be credited in Three Months.

THAT LIKELY CUT.

Retrenchment Will Probably be Made for the City—Some Salaries Are Very Apt to be Rightly Slashed—List of Salaries of Both City and County and a Word from Mr. D. L. Gore Relative Thereto.

A short while ago The Dispatch noted the great probability of a monetary reduction being made in some of the city departments by the Board of Audit and Finance and indications now point stronger than ever in that direction. It is realized that there must be retrenchment, as the city has some big undertakings on hand, but even above that because the city has been deprived of large revenue in the loss of the liquor license money and in the costs from the police court being cut off, this now going to the Recorder's Court, which is a county institution. Hence, there has got to be a slash, in lieu of increased taxation. It has also been said, and with reason, that aside from any retrenchment there are some salaries that should be cut, and it is known that "the powers that be" have this important matter under consideration and will likely act accordingly. Along this line The Dispatch received the following thoughtful communication yesterday:

"With Mr. Walter G. MacRae nominated and elected for mayor and a majority of the same class of men nominated and elected for aldermen that is first class so far, but I think the system of our city government is wrong. I think it costs us twenty thousand dollars more to run our city government under the present system yearly than it would if run like a good business man would run his own business.

"I don't believe we have any dishonesty in the running of the city government, but the system, or the lack of system, is wrong. I would like to see (and I think the public would like to see) the name and salary of each man published who is employed by the city and I want to know what he is employed to do. Further, I wish to know the name, salary, and occupation of each man employed by the county.

"Yours truly,
"D. L. GORE."

The idea advanced by Mr. Gore is a good one and The Dispatch some days ago intended giving this information. Relative to the city, the appropriations made last May for the fiscal year show the following:

General Expense Account.	
Salaries	
Mayor	\$ 1,800 00
Clerk and Treasurer	1,800 00
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer	1,500 00
Commissioner Sinking Fund	400 00
Clerk Board of Audit and Finance	1,500 00
Attorney	300 00
Collector, four months	200 00
Aldermen	1,000 00
Lights	200 00
Fuel, Ice, etc.	500 00
Tax Listing	300 00
Commission on Back Tax Collections	500 00
Stationery, Advertising, Incidentals	1,000 00
Police	
Chief	\$ 1,320 00
Captain	960 00
Sergeants, four at \$2.15 per day	3,139 00
Privates, thirty-seven at \$1.80 to \$2.00 per day	25,990 00
Uniforms	1,630 00
Streets and Wharves	
Superintendent	900 00
Laborers, two at \$9 per week, 11 at \$8 per week	8,008 00
Drivers, 11 at \$8 per week	4,576 00
Keep of Teams	2,520 00
Extra Labor	1,200 00
Fire	
Chief	\$ 1,410 00
Assistant Chief	900 00
Foremen, five at \$60 per month	3,600 00
Assistant Foremen, five at \$57.50 per month	3,450 00
Engineer, one at \$60 per month	720 00
Firemen, 24 at \$45 to \$57.50 per month	15,570 00
Supt. Fire Alarm	180 00
Keep of Teams	2,600 00
Maintenance Fire Alarm	750 00
Maintenance of Fire Boat	250 00
Public Building	
Janitor and help	600 00
Repairs to City Hall	1,500 00
Insurance	1,300 00
Sanitary	
Supt. of Health	\$ 900 00
Quarantine Officer	720 00
Health Officers, one at \$660, two at \$600 each	1,860 00
Dairy Inspector	600 00
Contract with Woolard & Furlong (street cleaning)	7,812 00
Ditchers, one at \$12, two at \$9 per week	1,560 00
Extra Help	200 00
Street Lighting	
Arc Lamp, 150 @ \$63.25	\$ 9,487 00
Gas Lamp, 150 @ \$26	3,900 00
Incidentals	100 00

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COURT STILL ON THE COXE CASE

State Is Presenting Its Evidence Today

Jury Completed About 10 O'clock This Morning—Number of Witnesses Introduced So Far, But Many Yet to Testify—Deputy Insurance Commissioner Scott Most Important Witness as Yet—Trial Will Last at Least all Day Tomorrow.

The Superior Court is now on the very interesting and important case of B. Coxe, charged with burning the second toll house, the property of Alderman Martin O'Brien, early this morning of July 24th last. The trial of the case will consume all today, and no doubt, all of tomorrow's session of the court unless something unexpected happens. The case was called late yesterday afternoon and the work of getting a jury commenced. The jury was finally selected about 10 o'clock this morning and then, after a short delay to locate the bill of indictment, which had been misplaced, the taking of testimony commenced. The State has many witnesses, though most of them are to different small points which does not draw out their testimony to any great length. Up to the dinner recess time the most important witness the State had introduced, and about the only one whose testimony so far would probably be considered damaging, was Deputy Insurance Commissioner W. A. Scott, of Raleigh. His testimony was important as to bearing on the point that most of the furniture possessed by Coxe had been moved out of the house previous to the fire, although Coxe still carried an insurance policy for \$1,000. His testimony was also to show contradictory statements made by Coxe, who, the witness stated, told him first that he (Coxe) had purchased much furniture, having had some shipped from Concord to him here and had purchased some from different sources in this city. However, an examination of the records of the railroads failed to show that any furniture had been shipped to Coxe from Concord and that a round of the furniture dealers disclosed that Coxe had not purchased any furniture from them. He had purchased about thirty dollars' worth from Mr. W. J. Davis' second-hand store, then on South Second street. The witness also detailed how he met Coxe coming out of Col. Walker Taylor's insurance office and Coxe told him that Col. Taylor had offered him \$40 to surrender his insurance policy, but he (Scott) would not advise him in the matter. The witness also told of other conversations he had with Coxe and of seeing Coxe's two trunks at the Sound, after the fire, and he gave a list of what the trunks contained.

Fire Chief Chas. Schnibben and Superintendent of Fire Alarm John T. Yates were the first witnesses the State presented and they testified as to the time and character of the fire and about what small amount of furniture they saw in the house. They could not tell how the fire started. They saw Coxe, half-dressed, at the fire.

A colored woman, Mary Weston, who lived near the scene, testified to having seen the fire and that Coxe came to her house half clad and with a pistol in his hand. She had previously heard the report of a pistol and Coxe stated to her that he fired the pistol to give the alarm. She knew nothing damaging against the defendant.

Mr. James McCartney testified to having reached the fire among the very first ones and saw Coxe there. He wanted to help Coxe get out his furniture, but Coxe said there was no use. Other than this he knew nothing.

A Mrs. Cavanaugh and another witness were introduced to tell about the amount of furniture they had seen going to the house. The former testified that she saw only two dray-loads, but there could have been other furniture carried there without her seeing it. The other witness told of a double team load of furniture going to the house. So the State got nothing material from these two.

When court convened this afternoon Deputy Commissioner Scott was subjected to a hot cross-examination, conducted by Herbert McClammy, Esq. The most important part was the detailing of a conversation the witness had with Coxe, who told him the first he knew of the fire was when he awoke almost suffocated; that he jumped up, ran out and fired a pistol to give the alarm. The witness was still under cross-examination at 3:30 o'clock.

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A SWELL OPENING

The Big Polvogt Establishment Presents its Usual Brilliant Spring Opening—Fair Femininity Flocking There by the Score—Hats Are Perfect Dreams of Loveliness—in Other Departments.

The handsome Polvogt establishment is now the cynosure of feminine eyes and is setting the hearts of the possessors in a flutter. The big establishment of the C. W. Polvogt, Co. is truly the mecca today for the fair femininity and they have crowded the splendid millinery department of the store all day. The occasion is the spring opening at the Polvogt establishment and this always means much to the ladies. They eagerly look forward to it and revel in its delights. The opening this time is just as pretty and attractive as ever and the hats are of a variety of styles—each catchy and attractive. There are hats with graceful curves, hats with fascinating slant, hats with beautiful, dignified poise, so to speak, and hats with majestic staid. In fact, there are hats of all kinds, and on some every color and available kind of flower seems to have been crowded, though not in topsy-turvy by any means, but graceful and attractive. There is also an abundance of ribbon. The prevailing colors, however, appear to be wisteria, old rose and Chinese blue. One of the leading styles of hats is the Fritz Scheff, named in honor of that dainty queen of musical comedy. It is a natural beehorn, with just the prettiest brown plumes and brown satin ribbon strings. The Kittle Gray is also a charming and catchy creation and is fashioned of shirred maline, with white willow plumes. The American beauty hat is of stately grandeur, it may be stated. This hat has an abundance of beautiful American roses and is a natural Leghorn. The poke bonnet is another hat that is quite catchy and is trimmed with soft pink roses and Parma violets. There is also the Wisteria hat, which is a pretty straw trimmed with wisteria, and the Russian turban, which is of set with cross aigrettes. There are several picture hats which are "dreams," the black picture, of shirred chiffon, with black plumes, being especially beautiful.

The millinery department is in charge of Miss Alice Peacock, who is an expert milliner of remarkable taste, and the two salesladies are Mrs. Bessie Felton and Miss Lottie Haar, who are most charming in displaying the pretty hats. There is, of course, a large corps of trimmers, and other employees necessary to the successful conducting of a big millinery department such as the one at Polvogt's.

While the millinery parlors are naturally the center of attraction yet the cloak department at the establishment and which is under the skilled direction of Mrs. Emma J. Yopp, is attracting scores upon scores of the ladies. This department is most complete and one of the largest stocks carried in the South is presented. Every desire and every taste can be met. The specialties this season, which are very popular and something new, are the princess gowns of English rep and linen in all colors. The display of costumes is also particularly extensive and embraces all the very latest in styles, and there are certainly some attractive styles this year. All the other departments in the Polvogt establishment are also coming in for interested attention today and the large stock of silks is being greatly admired. The prevailing colors are wisteria, Catawba and electric blue. In the dress goods the latest idea, and its a pretty one, is the shadow stripes.

The three massive and handsome show-windows at the establishment directly at one's entrance gives a superb indication of what's on the inside. The window to the north presents a brilliant display of dress goods and pretty parasols, while the center window is radiant and lovely with fine hats, and the window to the south is attractive with beautiful dresses and coat suits. The displays here and on the inside were all arranged under the artistic eye and according to the skilled direction of Mr. A. L. Price, the decorator and general manager of the big establishment.

The Spring opening at Polvogt's will be in vogue the rest of today and throughout tomorrow.

At the Bijou.

The feature films at the Bijou theatre today are called "Jones Has Bought a Phonograph," "The Ambassador's Despatch Case" and "Kenilworth." All are interesting pictures and will please the patrons of the theatre.

APRIL 1st-2nd.

Money deposited here on or before Friday, April 2nd, will receive interest from April 1st. Place your business with the savings bank having largest Capital, largest Surplus, largest Resources. The Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.

Rompers for boys and girls at Jaylord's.

The Murchison National Bank

Of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of Business February 5th, 1909.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$2,689,533.60	Capital	\$ 550,000.00
N. C. State & other bonds	289,568.15	Surplus & net profits	315,166.33
U. S. Bonds (at par)	550,000.00	Circulation	550,000.00
Bank Buildings	65,000.00	U. S. Bond Account	100,000.00
Cash	1,089,735.97	Deposits	3,158,731.34
	\$4,673,837.72		\$4,673,837.72

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. W. YATES, Vice President.
J. V. GRAINGER, Vice President. C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

We have had printed a supply of cards with the number and location of all Fire Alarm Boxes. There have been a number of new Boxes installed recently. Besides the Box Numbers, these cards have the following on them:

CAROLINA INSURANCE COMPANY

OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

Incorporated 1887.

Represented by all Fire Insurance Agents. Ask for a CAROLINA POLICY and have your loss settled promptly.

Will be glad to present you with one of these cards upon application at the Company's office, 12 Princess Street.

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Our Beef Chipper is Making Full Time Again.

Phone 108-109

S. W. SANDERS.

Cook With Gas

The Gas Range Solves the Servant Problem.

Our Interest Quarter

Deposits made on or before April 2nd will bear 4 per cent, Compound Interest from April 1st, if left in our Savings Department.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

W. B. COOPER, President. GEO. O. GAYLORD, Vice President.
THOS. E. COOPER, Cashier.

April 1st-2nd

Money deposited with us on or before April 2nd will begin to draw interest from April 1st at rate of 4% per annum, compounded quarterly.

Why not open a Savings Account NOW?

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company
(Just Opposite Orton Hotel.)

CARPENTER GROCERY

That's All.