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OTHER OFFICERS ELECTED TODAY

More Officers Selected By the Conference

Dr. Pinson Succeeds Bishop-elect Lambeth as Secretary of the Board of Missions—Dr. Ivey Editor of The Advocate—Vanderbilt Matter Compromised.

Ashville, N. C., May 18.—The election of connectional officers was resumed at today's session of the general conference. Dr. W. W. Pinson, of Louisville, was elected Secretary of the Board of Missions to succeed Bishop-elect Lambeth. Dr. H. M. Innes, secretary of the Epworth League, asked not to be considered, and F. A. Parker, assistant secretary, was elected to succeed him. Dr. T. N. Ivey, of Raleigh, was late yesterday elected editor of the Nashville Advocate. The Vanderbilt matter was settled today by way of a compromise.

HOBNOBBING WITH ROYALTY.

Doctors Turn the Kurnel Loose Today.

London, May 18.—Theodore Roosevelt hobnobbed with royalty today, while not resting. He was allowed by his physicians to go into the open for the first time in two days. He visited King Frederick, of Denmark, who is staying at Buckingham Palace, but he was cautioned to exercise care and so far for the most part has remained in doors, attending to correspondence and making final preparations for his book on his hunting trip. The book has been written, but there are still corrections to make and details to look after.

SHERMAN FIRES A "GUN."

Upholds Taft, Takes a Fling at Roosevelt and Defends the Tariff.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 18.—Another Republican gun in the Congressional campaign was fired here today by Vice President Sherman. He defended the tariff and answered the critics of Taft and held up the Payne-Aldrich measure as protection of labor and industry. He even sounded a warning against the revision downward in that measure, thinking that the country had gone too far in the way of downward revision in the present laws. He thinks it would give adequate protection to our own producers. He took a mild fling at Roosevelt, saying "Taft is less spectacular and ostentatious than any President for many terms."

ONE THOUSAND STRONG

Will be Philadelphia's Welcoming Committee at New York.

New York, May 18.—Secretary Crosby, of the Roosevelt reception committee, announced today that the Philadelphia Roosevelt reception committee, with 1,000 members, will come to New York to help welcome the ex-President. Many other cities will be in line with large delegations for the monster welcoming celebration.

AT KING EDWARD'S BIER.

Giant Concourse of People View the Body Today.

London, May 18.—When the doors at Westminster had opened today 1,000 people were in line waiting to pass before the bier of King Edward. Many of them had stood in line all night, so as to be sure of an opportunity of seeing the body. There will be a constant stream of people passing the bier all today and tomorrow.

Stocks Today.

New York, May 18.—Continued heaviness was displayed at the outset and in the first few minutes with prices in a majority of issues showing declines ranging from 1-8 to 1-2 from the close. Reading, though, was again an exception to the general tendency and was in persistent demand, starting unchanged and making moderate fractional gains in the next few minutes.

GOES TO THE CONVENTION.

Mr. George E. Leftwich to Attend World's Sunday School Convention.

Tonight Mr. George E. Leftwich, of the First Baptist Church, of the First Baptist Sunday School, will leave for Washington, D. C., to attend the World's Sixth Sunday School Convention. The gathering will be an immense and important one. There will be representatives present from all civilized countries and notable work will be done. Mr. Leftwich will be the official representative from Wilmington, though others from this city will likely go. Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D., and wife went to Washington yesterday.

FINAL GREAT RALLY

Held at Court House Last Night by Citizens' Association Preparatory to Primary Today—Sensational Features—Fight for Better Government Will be Carried to the Legislature.

A final great rally was held in the court house last night by members of the Citizens' Association. This body was formed for the purpose of purifying local political conditions and for securing better enforcement of the law. The meeting closed with a determination by the Association to continue the fight, even if the election to-day is won by the opponents of the Citizens' Movement. It was determined to go to the legislature next year and show local conditions in their true light and ask relief from the members of the legislature.

The meeting last night was featured with ringing speeches by several citizens.

Sensational Features.

There were several sensational features. One of the aldermen was openly charged with being a solicitor for a whiskey house. It was charged that he is now taking orders for whiskey in the city. Mr. C. C. Covington stated that Mr. H. O. Wallace, an employe of William E. Springer (the latter being styled as the "unhallowed chairman of the Police and Fire Commission" by Mr. Covington) made a remark yesterday morning on a train to the effect that if the reform movement won today's election that the opponents had things fixed any how. In reviewing this remark, Mr. Covington branded the persons concerned as self-confessed thieves. The position of the chairman of the County Commissioners and his supposed connection with the Recorder's court bill was also touched upon. It was stated that the Recorder could only be impeached by the County Commissioners, and that the brother-in-law of the chairman of the commissioners was the clerk of the court, the appointee of the Recorder. The danger of this condition in relation to the better interests of law enforcement and control were touched upon.

Meeting Called to Order.

The meeting opened a few minutes after 8 o'clock and the court house was filled to its capacity. The representatives of the press were requested to serve as secretaries and to keep an accurate and true account of all that was said and done.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. C. C. Covington. He stated that the Association had deemed it wise to hold another mass meeting and he called upon J. O. Carr, Esq., to state the policy of the Association and to outline what had been done.

Mr. Carr's Speech.

Mr. Carr made a most powerful speech, fearlessly discussing conditions here, just as he did in his memorable speech in the court house two weeks ago. Mr. Carr said that he had had no intention of making a second speech but that new facts caused him to want to let the people know what had transpired recently. He stated that one year ago Mayor Walter G. MacRae had been called by the people to the office. The mayor had started out with an idea of having a clean city government. All decent minded citizens wanted to uphold the mayor. Mr. Carr stated in reply to reports started by some persons that he was being paid out of the city fund of \$2,000 for ferreting out "blind tigers" that he was receiving not a penny of that fund for his services. The fund is intact yet and not a cent of it has been spent by Mayor MacRae, but the mayor has gone into his own pocket and hired men to do some work. Mr. Carr said the present campaign is one to convince the thinking men of the community and that it is not one of fanaticism. He said that the campaign is one for the enforcement of law. At present the law is being violated in such a notorious manner as to cause Wilmington to be a source of reproach to the entire State. All that is desired is to see the law enforced in decent manner and not to have it flaunted in the face of the State that Wilmington is no respecter of law. "Several days ago a member of the present Board of Aldermen was heard to make the threat that he was going to investigate that fund of \$2,000 appropriated by the city against 'blind tigers' and find out where J. O. Carr was getting the money for his services. While it is the sworn duty of that member of the Board of Aldermen to help enforce the law, I charge that he is a solicitor for a whiskey house and that he is taking orders for whiskey in this city today. I know whereof I speak. The city official in question doesn't want the \$2,000 spent to catch him in his work." Mr. Carr then told of an incident which transpired recently where a man was getting a drink in a dive. After finishing his drink the man hesitated to leave. The keeper of the place asked him why he did not go out. The reply was that there was a city official standing outside the door. "Why you — fool," was answered, "go on out, that official is only waiting for you to leave to enter himself."

PLEASANT RECEPTION

Given Last Even Complimentary to Wilmington Baseball Team.

A pleasant reception was held at the Boys' Brigade armory last evening complimentary to the members of the Wilmington baseball team. The reception was attended by quite a large number and a most delightful evening was spent. Col. Walker Taylor presided and the baseball players were cordially welcomed to the city by Mayor Walter G. MacRae. At the conclusion of the address a program of unusual merit was observed. Mr. J. Ed Smith, owner of the Wilmington baseball franchise, expressed the thanks of the players for the cordial reception tendered them and responses on behalf of the team were made by Players Hyames, Doak and Guerrant.

ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY.

Six Piece Orchestra Will Play at Lumina Friday Night.

Upon the occasion of the celebration at Lumina Friday night by the Wilmington Light Infantry, in honor of the 20th of May, the Tidewater Power Company will have a 6-piece orchestra on hand to render music. The orchestra will furnish a fine program for dancing and will be a big additional attraction.

THE ELECTION IN PROGRESS

Quiet Primary; Light Vote Polled So Far

Australian System is Working Well, Save That Some Voters Have Marked Their Ballots Incorrectly—This May Cause Many Votes Not to be Counted—Dummy Tickets in the Fifth Ward—Second Primary is Assured—Notes of the Election.

Polls Close—7 P. M. The Democratic primary election is being held throughout New Hanover county today. It is quiet, due to the new system of voting, and also uncertain.

Just how the vote stands and just who will get nominated today is a matter of mere speculation even at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Australian ballot system is responsible—pleasingly so—for this state of affairs. This rigid system of secrecy, isolation and protection for the voter made its debut here today and while it is giving trouble to many people, who do not understand its workings yet with thought and the exercise of a little care there is no reason for a voter to mark his ballot wrong. Some confusion has arisen over voting for county commissioners. Two have to be voted for for a 4-year term and three for a 2-year term. There are two candidates for the long term, but four for the short, and as all the names appear under one heading there is some confusion as to which five to vote for. However, care is all that is needed even as to this.

The voting up to four this afternoon had not been as heavy as generally, due to the new system, and it is not expected that the total vote cast will equal the vote of the last county primary.

There is a pleasing absence of ward-healers at the polls today and no tickets are being pushed in a person's face. However, a shrewd political scheme is being worked in the Fifth Ward. One side, apparently the supporters of Recorder Furlong, Mr. George H. Bellamy for the Senate and Woodus Keilum, Esq., for the House, have workers on the outside with dummy tickets. They get a voter and mark a dummy for him and the voter carries the dummy inside the booth and marks the official ballot to correspond.

Many ballots will likely be found incorrect at the count tonight and, according to the construction placed upon the law by the Executive Committee, such ballots will have to be thrown out. In other words, the wrong marking of any ballot will make the entire ballot void.

It is an assured fact that there will be a second primary and, as noted in The Dispatch yesterday, Woodus Keilum, Esq., will likely be one of the candidates in this primary, which will be held Friday, and Mr. John Haar, one of the candidates for registrar of deeds will also be in this run-off.

There is no opposition to Sheriff Cowan, Clerk of the Superior Court Taylor, Treasurer Green, Coroner Bell and Constable Savage, and therefore their nominations are assured. There will, of course, be no second primary as to Senator, as there are only two candidates in the field, George H. Bellamy and Fred W. Bonitz, and the race looks somewhat close at this hour.

DECREASED TAX RATE

Is Recommended to Aldermen by Audit and Finance Board.

At the meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance last night the budget was not considered owing to the position taken by the Board that it had not been submitted by a majority of the aldermen. The board refused to discuss the developments Monday afternoon when a number of the aldermen remained away from their meeting to prevent a quorum.

An appropriation of \$500 for advertising, in connection with the visit of the State Press Association in June, was authorized.

A back tax matter presented by W. P. M. Turner, Esq., was satisfactorily adjusted.

Alderman Willard was heard with reference to an appropriation of \$3,000 for street improvement in the southern part of the city and the matter was approved.

The budget for the police and fire departments was presented. It was adopted with the exception of an appropriation of \$1,200 for plain clothes men. This was stricken out. The chief of the fire department receives an increase of salary to \$1,550 per annum, the assistant chief from \$900 to \$1,000, the foremen and engineers \$5 per month, and the firemen from \$2.50 to \$5 per month, conditioned upon length of service.

The salary of the clerk for the Street Commission was made \$50 per month. The usual bills were audited. The board recommended to the aldermen that the tax rate be decreased from \$1.40 per hundred valuation to \$1.30 valuation, it being felt that such a step could be taken with proper retrenchments.

It was thought the reduction could be made for the benefit of tax-payers without interfering materially with the balance on hand at the end of the fiscal year.

JULY 21ST IS DATE

For the Annual Celebration at Moores Creek Battle Ground—Military Feature Will Probably be Added to the Occasion—Names of Speakers to be Announced Later.

Arrangements have practically been completed for the annual basket picnic and celebration to be held at Moores Creek battle ground a few miles from the city. The date selected for the occasion is July 21st and a gala occasion is anticipated. The committee on arrangements is now engaged in preparing the program for the occasion and a number of interesting features are under contemplation. A feature which has never before been attempted is a military idea in connection with the celebration. If present plans are carried out a number of neighboring military companies will be invited to participate in the celebration. It is believed that the several companies will accept the invitation.

The Moores Creek celebration is always a fine occasion and it is participated in by thousands of people living in the vicinity as well as by scores of Wilmingtonians who go to share in the pleasures of the day. The speakers for the occasion will be announced later.

AT THE BIJOU.

The feature film at the popular Bijou Theatre today is called "A Romance of the Western Hills." This is a most interesting picture and it will please the patrons of the theatre.

AT PIANO CONVENTION.

Wilmington Well Represented at the Big Convention in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., May 17.—Piano dealers, piano manufacturers and piano salesmen from all over the United States and Canada are here attending the Seventh Annual Convention of the three associations. That Wilmington is well represented here is shown by Mr. J. B. Wilson, one of the prominent piano dealers of Wilmington, N. C., who is taking a conspicuous part in the convention. He is scheduled for prominent part in some of the important debates to come up on the floor of the convention during the session. Mr. Wilson has always taken a prominent part in the work of the association and is one of the most popular men attending the convention. He is known by his colleagues for his high ideals of honor and ethics in business dealings and, as a result, is very much respected in all the meetings of the association.

BAR MEETS TOMORROW.

A meeting of the bar of the county will be held at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at the court house to arrange a calendar for the next term of the Superior Court. This will be a fortnight's term, commencing Monday, May 30th.

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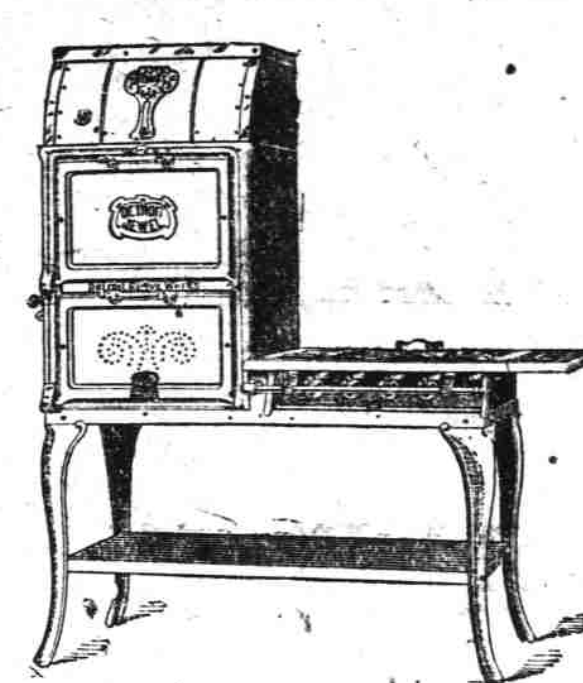
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