

MORAL GUILT WAS NOT FIXED

Superintendent Furlong Resigned Following Councilmanic Investigation.

Although City Council decided that the evidence submitted was insufficient to find a verdict affixing moral guilt in the alleged charge of pay-roll padding by Mr. J. J. Furlong, superintendent of streets, at the conclusion of an investigation which lasted three and a half hours last night, the resignation of Mr. Furlong was tendered by Herbert McClammy, Esq., one of Mr. Furlong's attorneys, when City Council announced their decision a few minutes past 11:30 o'clock.

Much of the same evidence that was brought out at the first investigation by City Council was again introduced last night with some new witnesses for Mr. Furlong and also for Council. Only the alleged irregularity in the payroll with regard to pay of two men—J. Brown and E. Smith, for whom Superintendent Furlong signed the payroll and claims that he paid on October 27th, \$10.50 to each man, for work on a ditch in the northeastern section of the city, and the payment of Mr. W. L. Burkheimer, a former foreman in the Street Department, \$10 for work for the city while he was employed as a special officer during the present term of Superior Court, were threshed out.

While Mr. Furlong's attorneys did not pointedly state that such was their contention, their trend seemed to be to show that it was not in the ditch which runs past the greenhouse of Carl Rehder that the two men, Smith and Brown, worked, but it was in the continuation of the same ditch between Tenth and Eleventh streets. They produced two witnesses, both colored men living in that neighborhood, who swore that about the time the men were supposed to have done the work they saw evidences of such work having been done and one stated that he saw two men working in the ditch.

Mr. Furlong, on the witness stand to answer any questions by City Council, in reply to queries by Councilman Brading, stated that he did not remember where he had employed Brown and Smith, but did remember their working in the ditch. He also stated that since the matter first came up he had made every effort to locate the two men who he says he discharged when he paid them off on Saturday afternoon in the presence of Mr. Burkheimer, but without avail.

With regard to the payment of \$10 to Mr. Burkheimer as foreman of the gang working on Sixth street bridge, while he was employed as court officer, Mr. Furlong stated that he did not know that Mr. Burkheimer had notified Councilman W. J. Bradshaw of his resignation and had agreed to visit the work daily free of charge and that he had paid the money to Mr. Burkheimer because he had seen him on the job and thought that he was rightly entitled to the pay.

Mr. Burkheimer corroborated the statement of Mr. Furlong as to the payment of Brown and Smith and Smith and stated for himself that he attended to the work at the Sixth street bridge before court convened in the morning, at the noon recess, and in the afternoon when court had adjourned. He stated that the two men whom Mr. Furlong paid for the ditch work were strangers to him.

Councilman J. M. Hall, the first witness examined, gave a history of the matter that was called to his attention by Councilman W. D. McCaig. He also stated that he had made a diligent effort to locate Brown and Smith through the Police Department, but had failed. He testified that with the list of the men that cleaned the ditch adjacent to Mr. Rehder's greenhouse in August the names of Smith and Brown were not included. He told of the conversation with Mr. Furlong, in which the latter stated that he thought that he could produce the men.

Councilman Bradshaw, next to be examined, also told of the matter having been brought to his attention as in charge of the Street Department, and of his going to Mr. Furlong, who told him that the men in question had engaged in ditch work near Rehder's greenhouse. Mr. Bradshaw stated that he had examined the ditch and found it to be cleaned a distance of about 200 yards, which he thought could be done by two men in three days, and which he claimed that he could have done alone when he was a boy on the farm in two days.

"BUMPS" TURNER VS. FRITZ HANSON

Local Welterweight Will Tackle Middleweight at Woolvin Hall Tonight

Wrestling fans will witness a battle royal tonight at Woolvin Hall, when Fritz Hanson, the doughty welterweight, will stack his playing cards against those of "Bumps" Turner, of Washington, D. C., a crack middleweight. Both men are fast as the proverbial flash of greased lightning and when they toddle against each other there will be "some argument" as to which is the better man of the two.

Turner arrived this morning fit as a fiddle, and declared that the object of his mission here is to wipe out the sting of the defeat Hanson administered to him "down by the sad sea waves" at Lumina last summer. The match in which the Swede came out first best was one of the fastest which has ever been held here. Turner demonstrated that he has a big chunk of that wrestling ability which Joe Turner has manifested on the mat. With his performance "Bumps" made the spectators realize that Joe isn't the only member of the Turner family entitled to first mention when the names of accomplished mat artists are enumerated.

Turner will outweigh Hanson at least fifteen pounds. This difference doesn't scare the Swede in the slightest, and Fritz is confident that he will send Joe home a sadder and wiser man. Both wrestlers are in perfect condition and each is confident that the bacon will rest in his own little bafflewick after the final count has been made.

The match will start at 8:30 p. m. and will be staged on the second floor of Woolvin Hall. Gunner McGurley, of Fort Caswell, will be in charge of the affair and there will be the usual preliminary.

Hanson and Turner are both clean, skillful wrestlers and a special invitation is extended ladies to attend. Special accommodations in the way of choice seats have been reserved for the fair sex and it is expected that many fair-feminines will attend.

SECURES PROPERTY.

Washington Council Buys Site For Future Home.

George Washington Council No. 67, Junior Order United American Mechanics, yesterday purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Skinner, the building and property on the west side of Second street, between Market and Princess, that several years ago was used as the Crystal Palace theatre. The consideration was approximately \$15,000. The deal was made by Mr. F. A. Lord, real estate dealer.

The plans of George Washington Council now is to make improvements on the building that will cost about \$3,000 and in a few years build a handsome new home on the site. The property has a frontage of 85 feet and a depth of 78 feet and extends from the Garrell building to Toomer's Alley, midway the block.

A portion of the second floor will be used by the Council while the remainder of the upstairs and one of the store spaces on the lower floor will be used by the Frost Ice Cream Company. The Capps-Griffith Plumbing Company will continue to occupy the space that they now are in.

PILOTS BILL IS LAID ASIDE

Small's Measure Wont Get Before Congress at Present Session.

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The House of Representatives' committee on merchant marine and fisheries yesterday considered again the bill introduced by Congressman Small, of North Carolina, to exempt from compulsory pilotage imposed by the states, barges and sailing vessels while in tow of steam vessels navigated by Government pilots, and decided to lay it aside for this session.

The bill has been bitterly opposed by the Pilots' Association along the Atlantic Coast.

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he employed Mr. Burkheimer as special court officer and that his hours were when court was in session. Mr. Rehder testified that the ditch in front of his place was cleaned in August. Special County Officer H. Mack Godwin told of his failure to find Smith or Brown. Mr. W. S. Chadwick, a street employe, told of his looking for a man Smith at Mr. W. Sneed's store for Mr. Furlong. Other street hands to testify were Messrs. C. S. Rich, H. Malpass and H. J. Robinson. These were examined by Councilman B. H. Merritt.

At the outset of the investigation City Attorney Ruark opened the investigation by stating that Mr. Furlong admitted receiving the money and the burden shifted to him to show what had been done with it.

CHAMBER PLEASED WITH ITS WORK

Chairman Taylor Reports Progress For Better Train Service in Wilmington.

The Chamber of Commerce in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, unanimously endorsed the efforts that are now being made to have the Seaboard Air Line Railway give better train service in and out of Wilmington. It was explained by Mr. J. Allan Taylor, chairman of the traffic committee, that every angle had been considered before they had decided to ask for the proposed service and that the service to be requested was practicable rather than ideal.

Mr. Taylor, reporting for the traffic committee, stated that the Coast Line had agreed to restore the Con-way train and to inaugurate Pullman service on trains 90 and 91 while the State legislature is in session. He also stated that while the Coast Line's passenger train revenue had increased it was not normal, and he did not think it an opportune time to ask the company to restore double daily service on the New Bern and Fayetteville branches.

Mr. Taylor further reports that enough money was at hand to employ the traffic expert for the Chamber of Commerce and that the committee has a competent man in sight, who will, in all probability, be employed. In speaking of the proposed Seaboard service, Mr. Taylor stated that when the present trains are operated on time shoppers coming to Wilmington would have more than three hours in the city, but he stated, that they are hardly ever on time and that was why an additional train was being asked for.

Mr. Roger Moore, president of the Rotary Club, explained at the meeting that his organization did not endorse the movement because they did not want the service particularly, but because they primarily wanted a morning train.

Mr. A. M. Hall, president of the Merchants' Association, explained that the reason that his organization had forwarded a petition to the conference in Charlotte was because his organization also wanted a morning train into Wilmington.

Mr. W. B. Cooper was strong in his advocacy for a through train between Wilmington and the North, over the Atlantic Coast Line, leaving this city about 8:30 p. m. and returning the next morning about the same hour. Mr. Cooper stated that he did not know that anything could be done at present, but the business men of the city should keep it in mind.

As Wilmington is hardly benefited by trains 90 and 91, Mr. Cooper suggested that a solution may be to have them stop at Warsaw as practically no passengers are hauled on this side

VALUABLE FISH BANKS DISCOVERED

Fisheries Bureau Schooner Grampus Found Two Sea Bass Rocks Off Cape

Two fish banks that fairly abound with sea bass have been discovered by the schooner Grampus, of the United States Department of Commerce, bureau of fisheries, that arrived at Southport a little more than two weeks ago to locate fish, clam and scallop banks thought to be off Cape Fear bar. This announcement was made this morning by Mr. E. H. Freeman, State Fisheries Commissioner, who was greatly instrumental in getting the government's permission to have the vessel come here.

Owing to the fact that the Grampus was found to be leaking when the schooner encountered a small blow off Cape Hatteras, while en route to Southport, it was found necessary when the vessel was making its first search for fishing banks, to come to Wilmington and go on the railway. The vessel arrived in port Wednesday and will go on the marine railway in a few days.

Mr. Freeman is making every effort to have the bureau of fisheries extend the time of the stay of the Grampus at this port in order that the vessel may make further investigations off the coast. However, he has been informed that the vessel is scheduled to make investigation in the Gulf of Mexico and as there is no other vessel available to go there it is improbable that the Grampus will remain here longer than to complete repairs.

The two sea bass banks that have been found by the investigators on the Grampus are both in close proximity to the mouth of the Cape Fear and should prove of much value to the local fishermen. The largest of the sea bass, or black fish, banks is located nine miles southwest, half south, off Cape Fear bell buoy. The bank is described as being about 3 1/2 miles wide and 2 1/2 miles long. Here

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of that place by the trains. Mr. Cooper expressed his great sorrow of the fact that the people of this section remained asleep while interests in Mount Olive had the train put on.

Mr. J. J. Blair, chairman of the civic committee of the Chamber of Commerce, reported the work that the committee had done to date—having improvements made at the Robert Strange playgrounds and at the park at Greenfield Lake. He also strongly advocated a city plan for Wilmington.

Mr. Monroe Nichols, editor of the Southland, published at Richmond, Va., was introduced to the Chamber, and he, in a few remarks, expressed his great pleasure of being in the city.

New Money For Christmas

GOLD SILVER CURRENCY

As Has Been Our Custom for Many Years Past, We have Laid in a Supply of New Money for the Christmas Needs of Our Customers.

It Will Be Our Pleasure To Serve You

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

110 Princess Street. Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank.

RIVER STEAMER TO WEST INDIES

Ella Will be Used As Mail Steamer at The Island of Martinique.

Mr. Dupont, a representative of a firm of the chief seaport of the Island of Martinique, one of the French West Indian groups of islands in the Gulf of Mexico, which has purchased the river steamer Ella from Capt. J. W. Harper, was in the city yesterday and arranged to have extensive alterations made to the vessel before it steamed for its new port early in January.

Mr. Dupont is one of several men who have purchased several small steamers to be used in the freight, passenger and mail service in the French West Indies. He left last night for New York City, where he will attend to other business matters.

The steamer Ella, at the shipyard of the Wilmington Iron Works, has been stripped of all deck houses, which will be rebuilt to suit conditions in the islands where it will operate. Instead of the heavy wood superstructure, light frames will be constructed so that canvass awning might be hung and thus prevent having the cabins wrecked by some of the fierce storms which are frequent in the French West Indies. If the vessel is caught in a gale of wind the canvass will be carried away, but the vessel will be left intact.

Alterations on the Ella are expected to be completed early in January and the steamer will then leave for its new home port. The improvements that are being made to the steamer will cost several thousand dollars. The vessel was sold by Captain Harper for approximately \$10,000.

Clam beds that were discovered off the New England coast a few years ago have made small fortunes for the owners of fishing smacks who congregated there during the spring months.

The Grampus, which is at present tied up at the wharf of the Wilmington Iron Works, has been in the service of the bureau for thirty years. It is a two-master with an auxiliary motor. It carries about fifteen men. Captain George W. Carlson is the commander.

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PHOTO "WHITE WAY"

Official Photographer of General Electric Company Here.

This afternoon and tonight Mr. Schilling, of Schenectady, N. Y., official photographer of the General Electric Company, will take pictures of Wilmington's new "White Way" in order that they may be published in the Electric Journal issued by the company.

Views will be taken South and North from Front and Princess streets which should present an up-to-date appearance. Mr. Schilling was detailed here from the Philadelphia office.

The Lover—There! You are the first girl I ever kissed.

The Lass—So that was what was the matter with it. I knew there was something wrong.—Exchange.

'Not A Beverage'

Hall's Discovery for Indigestion

Is not a beverage, but it is positively the quickest known relief for indigestion, heart-burn and dyspepsia and is sold in 50c bottles under a strict guarantee to do good or money refunded. Phone us for a bottle and try it at our risk.

James M. Hall DRUGGIST

5th and Castle Sts. Phone 192.

Bon Marche The Most Up-to-Date Department Store in the Carolinas Bon Marche (Incorporated.) Ready For Your Christmas Shopping This store has undergone a complete change since Wednesday. The final shipment of fixtures has arrived and been placed in position, and the merchandise has been distributed to the various sections. With this new equipment you will find shopping much easier and more convenient as the goods are displayed for your view. With Christmas a little more than a week off we are making final preparations for the Christmas gift hunters. Here are a few of the really good suggestions that we have to offer. A Booth of Handkerchiefs To the right and towards the rear of the store you will find the new handkerchief booth showing many plain and novel ideas in Christmas handkerchiefs. There is a saying "When in doubt give handkerchiefs," and the way the ladies are buying them we presume there are any number of doubtful ones. Plain Handkerchiefs are price at 5c to 25c. Embroidered Handkerchiefs sell for 10c, 15c, 25c and up to \$1.25. Initial Handkerchiefs for men are priced at 15c and 25c. Handkerchiefs for children in Christmas boxes, three in a box, are priced at 15c and 25c. Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs in white and all colors are priced at 25c each. Another Shipment of Kid Gloves On Wednesday we received a large shipment of Kid Gloves in plain white without stitching, in all sizes, to sell at \$1.50 pair. The Centemeri Kid Gloves come in all sizes, in the attractive contrasting stitching, black on white and white on black. They are the finest imported quality, and are selling rapidly at \$2.00 and \$2.50 pair. Silk Hosiery for Christmas Giving We are selling \$1.25 McCallum Silk Hosiery, and also a large line of \$1.25 fancy silk hosiery very special this week at \$1.00 pair. Ask to see these Better hose. Gordon No. H-300 hose, in-Christmas boxes, white and black, for \$1.25 box.



Kayser and Niagara Maid Silk Underwear

On the mezzanine floor you will find a goodly collection of new silk underwear, the greater part of which came in for Christmas selling. Many people give silk underwear as presents, and we suggest these for your memorandum list.

Italian silk vests, in white and flesh, are priced at \$1.50 to \$5.00.

Italian Silk Vests, in white and flesh, are priced at \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Flesh colored knit union suits with Italian silk top, priced at \$1.25 to \$2.50.

Christmas Clearance Sale of Dresses Continues

A large line of silk and serge dresses are selling Friday and Saturday at very special prices. There are many pretty models in the assortments and the low prices make them an extremely attractive purchase.

Values to \$8.50, special at \$5.75

Values to \$16.50, special at \$8.75

Values to \$20.00, special at \$15.75

Values to \$25.70, special at \$18.75