

BETSEY WILL BUILD LOCK-UP

But How Much Will Be Spent For This Purpose Not Decided On

Great interest was manifest last night, when Mayor T. P. Nash called on Dr. C. B. Williams for a report from the Committee appointed to investigate the condition of the County Jail. Dr. Williams stated that the Committee had found the County Jail in a very unsightly and unsanitary condition; "uneverything," he said. He urged the Board to take definite action. Dr. Fearling stated that he was at the jail yesterday morning, that 17 prisoners were there; the young having to be confined with the old and the healthy in the same cell with the diseased. He said those that were sick. He said the only remedy was for the town to look after its own prisoners.

Sentiment among the aldermen appeared to be unanimous for the recommendation. Mayor Nash said that the town should take immediate action. Alderman Robinson spoke for a lock-up that would be of service to the town in the future, and expressed himself as being against wasting money on temporary arrangements. He thought if necessary, the town should issue bonds to enable it to have a lock-up adequate to the needs of the town for some years to come. He urged quick action, so as to get the permission from the Legislature now in session as to the Bond Issue.

Other members of the Board, however, inclined to the opinion that an architect be employed to submit plans to the board on a lock-up not so expensive that could be enlarged as it becomes necessary.

The Board acted on the latter suggestion and Aldermen Owens, Grandy and Pritchard were made a committee to take this step. As soon as the Committee is ready to report, a meeting of the Board will be called and definite action taken.

A BIG CROWD FOR LIVE PLAY

"Alma Where Do You Live" Just the Thing For E City Audience

A musical treat, backed by one of the most popular farce comedies ever produced in New York, is in store for local amusement lovers when "Alma, Where do you Live," comes to the Alhambra on Tuesday, February 9th.

This farce, with music, from the German-French has the unique distinction of registering a pronounced hit in New York City before it has ever been heard in London. It was originally pro-

MARKET HOUSE AGAIN IN SIGHT

Believed That With Slight Amendments To Bill Bonds Can Be Sold.

The market house question was again brought up at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night. The discussion was started by the reading of some minor amendments read by the clerk, which Baker Watts and Company the prospective purchasers of the City's Market House Bonds, wish added to the Market House Bill at this session of the Legislature. The Aldermen passed the amendments; Aldermen Anderson, Owens and Ballance voting against it, as they have previously done in the fight.

Alderman Anderson told the Board that he wanted a market house, if the people wanted it. He made a motion that the market house question be submitted to the vote of the people. The motion was lost, however, by the usual market house vote.

Slight changes in the bill asked for by the bond purchasers will now be incorporated in the measure while the legislature is in session, and it appears that there is again promise of early action and definite result.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At the annual stockholders meeting of the C. W. Stevens Company last week the following officers were elected: C. H. Brock, president, W. A. Brock, vice-president and secretary, C. W. Stevens Treasurer and Manager. The directors of the company are: C. H. Brock, W. A. Brock, George J. Spence, E. S. Scott, W. C. Jackson, M. N. Sawyer and C. W. Stevens.

duced in Paris. The book is by Paul Hervey and the music by Jean Briquet. It scored so heavily that the German rights were secured by Adolph Phillip and he prepared it for a run in Berlin. This was accomplished and then Mr. Phillip brought it to America and produced it in German at the theatre of that national city on the East Side, New York City.

The play was first attended by only those who understood German; then the brilliancy of the music and especially the haunting waltz melody, "Alma", which gives the play its title, commenced to attract attention. In a few weeks thousands who did not understand a single word of German were flocking to hear the music of Jean Briquet.

The American version was written by George V. Hobart, the well known humorist, and is said to be superior to the French and German.

Several new and novel French dances have been introduced including the latest Tangos and Hesitations.

Miss Celia Mavis, the Australian comedienne, has the title role, supported by Alex Loftus, Jean de Guissac, Helen Tilden and a thoroughly capable cast.

CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM CHAIN GANG

The New Superintendent Comes To Take Charge And Prisoners Flee

When J. Frank Weeks, the retiring superintendent of the chain gang, made his report to the board of county Commissioners on last Saturday he reported twenty-three prisoners on the chain gang.

When J. E. Prove, the new superintendent and road supervisor took charge of the aforesaid chain gang on the following Monday, February 1st, he found only thirteen prisoners in the camp. Whether they were afraid of their new boss or what motive prompted the fugitives has not yet been made evident, out with one consent they had taken leg bail. Neither is it clear how they all made their escape in such startling succession.

The new superintendent does not look like an ogre. He was before the board yesterday to make requisition for better cooking utensils and better bedding and covering for the convicts, and impressed those who met him very favorably. He stated yesterday, in the presence of an Advance reporter, that one of the first needs of the

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WILL BOETTCHER GET HIS'N?

If the order made by the city fathers in their meeting last night holds good, Mr. William Boettcher will get only \$25.00 for his three weeks work on the books of the city tax collector and the city sanitary inspector.

The reading of Mr. Boettcher's bill at the aldermen's meeting last night disclosed the fact that the aldermen were very much averse to paying for Mr. Boettcher's services. It is the sentiment of the board that Mr. Boettcher's report is of little value to the town as it embodies only what the tax collector and the sanitary inspector already have on their own books. They hold further that in employing Mr. Boettcher Mr. Ballance went beyond his authority. The minutes show that Ballance was authorized by the board to investigate the delinquent tax list and that the board would employ him an assistant if necessary. Certain members of the board were disposed to protest when they first heard that Mr. Ballance had employed Mr. Boettcher but desisted that they were given to understand that Mr. Boettcher's services would not cost the city over \$25.00.

The board has taken no action, however, on Mr. Boettcher's letter to the several members and mayor which was published some days ago in the Advance, holding that the matter of collecting the taxes and looking after delinquents is the business of the city tax collector.

RALEIGH HEARS W J BRYAN

Last Speech of Great Commoner Said By Some To Be Up To Best

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 30th.—The North Carolina Conference for Social Service concluded its 3rd Annual Session this morning, holding its final meeting in the city auditorium, and having as its distinguished guest and speaker, Secretary of State, Wm. J. Bryan. Hon. T. W. Bickett introduced Mr. Bryan to one of the largest audiences Raleigh has ever given any man and for an hour and a half on the subject: Man's Relation to Society, the speaker intensely interested his listeners.

By many his address was considered second to none of his former master orations or public utterances. Mr. Bryan expressed himself heartily in favor of the aims, objects and field of service of the Conference, and spoke with telling effect on the subjects of child labor, public health and prohibition.

From the auditorium he went direct to the House of Representatives where he spoke to the Legislature on Man's Relation to Government.

Mr. Bryan left Raleigh in the afternoon for Durham where he was scheduled to speak under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. on the subject of Man's relation to God.

The election of officers and the adoption of resolutions was the concluding business of the morning session. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. A. W. McAlister of Greensboro; 1st Vice President, Dr. E. K. Graham of Chapel Hill; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. W. R. Hollowell of Greensboro; 3rd Vice President, Mr. W. H. Swift of Greensboro; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Warren H. Brooker of Raleigh.

This session of the Conference will go on record as favoring and propagating resolutions and ideas making for the States advancement along all lines of social betterment.

HEALTH CONDITIONS IN CITY

The City Health Officer, Dr. G. B. Williams, in his monthly report to the Board of Aldermen last night said that the general health conditions of the town were good. The city water was reported fit for drinking purposes. He reported 15 white births and 11 deaths; 7 colored births and 6 deaths, making a total of 22 births and 17 deaths.

The Sanitary Inspector also reported the general health conditions of the town good. He stated he had condemned 283 toilets in the first ward and would begin on the fourth ward at an early date.

G. W. Switzer made a proposition to the Board to build an incinerating plant which would dispose of refuse at a fixed price per load for 5 years. No definite action was taken last night by the Board.

SHALL HOSPITAL SERVE POOR?

Ministers of City Want Town To Make Donation To This End.

The discussion of the need of a bed for the poor at the Elizabeth City hospital, took up the first hour at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen in regular session last night.

The Ministerial Board of the city, present in a body and speaking through Dr. Henning, pastor of the First Baptist Church, urged that the Board pay \$700.00 a year for the maintenance of this bed. In making his plea to the Board, Dr. Henning set forth the need here, and said that he knew of towns of only 7,000 population which were doing this much and more, naming Charlottesville, Va., a town of only six thousand population, where there are two hospitals. The physicians to the Mayor and to for their services in these cases, he was informed, and he suggested that such cases could be reported by the respective family physician to the Mayor and to the Manager of the Hospital. He stated that no money appropriated by the board would be put to any other use than the taking care of the poor; that the hospital was no money making enterprise.

The entire board, apparently, wanted to see this plan carried through. Mr. Anderson moved, and the motion was carried that a Committee be appointed by the chair to look into the matter and report at the meeting of the Board in March. Aldermen Owens, Gregory and Anderson constitute this committee.

TEMPERANCE PRIZES AWARDED

A large number was present at the High School Auditorium on Friday night to enjoy the program prepared by the students. Among the enjoyable features were: the recitation by Joe Spence, "A total Abstinence" which was rendered in a manner that would do credit to a much older boy; a recitation by Miss Emily Hall, and "Little Blossoms" by Katherine Skinner. "Little Blossoms" was given at the State W. C. T. U. Convention and only lacked one point of winning the medal. A prize of \$5.00 in gold was awarded to Rodger Hayman for the best essay on the "Evil of Cigarette Smoking" by Mr. Roscoe W. Turner. Bradus Reed gave Hayman a close chase and won the second prize, "In Ancient Albatra", the new book written by Miss Katherine Albertson, principal of the Elizabeth City High School.

Winnie Wood won the prize of \$5.00 in gold for the best essay on "The Evil Effects of Alcohol on the System". Amy Winslow won the second prize.

Mr. S. G. Sawyer of Harbinger was in the city Monday, leaving this morning for a business trip to Norfolk.

COUNTY JAIL NEEDS CHANGES

Commissioners Think Building Will Have To Be Remodeled

The present condition of the county jail occupied most of the attention of the county commissioners at their regular meeting yesterday. The county physician Dr. Z. Fearling, in presenting his report called attention to the fact that the county jail is not adequate to the needs of both city and county and further directed the attention of the board to the abominable arrangements, or lack of arrangements, for heat in the cells where the inmates are confined and to the necessity of providing better sleeping accommodations for the prisoners.

It was apparently the sense of the board that present conditions are a discredit and a menace to the town and to the county and that early action should be taken to render less intolerable the surroundings of the offenders brought into Pasquotank county's house of correction. With this end in view it was ordered, first, that the city authorities be notified that after June 1st, the county jail may not be used as a place of confinement for the city's prisoners; and, second, that the clerk of the board get in immediate touch with a number of jail construction concerns and invite them to have a representative before the board at a special meeting on Tuesday, February 9th, for the purpose of submitting estimates as to the probable cost of increasing the cell capacity of the jail from five to twenty four or thirty cells.

The idea of so increasing the number of cells is to give each prisoner a cell to himself. This step, it is held, is dictated not only by ordinary considerations of humanity, but by those of prudence as well; for the separation of the prisoners would tend no less toward the prevention of mischief in the jail than toward the health, comfort and protection of the prisoners.

It is thought that the changes proposed will cost the county about two or three thousand dollars. It is the purpose of the board, when they have more nearly ascertained the amount necessary for the work, to have a bill prepared for passage at this session of the legislature authorizing them to issue bonds to get funds for the work.

MRS. W. H. UPTON DEAD

Mrs. W. H. Upton, one of the best known women in Camden County, died Saturday night after an illness of a few days of apoplexy at the age of 63 years. The funeral service was conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the home and the interment took place in the Upton burying ground.

She is survived by a husband, two daughters, Miss Bettie and Linda Mercer; one step daughter, Miss Mary Lee Mercer, and one son, Luther Gerald.