

COMMITTEE ON CITY WATER

WILL MAKE A HOT REPORT TONIGHT

Their Recommendations

They Find That There is Danger of Pollution at Cary also From the Phosphate Works—Must Change Pipe.

The Board of Aldermen have been called to meet in special session in the Mayor's office to-night. Mayor Powell issued the call to meet for the special purpose of receiving the report of the committee on city water besides transacting other business.

The report of the special committee, composed of Dr. A. W. Knox, Dr. Hubert Royster and Dr. Kemp P. Battle, who have made a careful examination of the city water, will be awaited with the keenest interest. The report will not be made public until read before the Board.

However, according to high authority, the report will be "hot." The committee will be before the board in person to impress the points they make. The committee find that there is danger of pollution to the water from drainage from the town of Cary and Yates' pond, also from the Phosphate works. Further the will recommend that the new line of pipe be laid north of Walnut creek on the hill and not where the company intends placing the pipe.

In connection with this report it is interesting to note that before the contract was made with the water company a committee of physicians recommended that the water be accepted provided certain things were done. Whether all of these provisions were carried out or not the public are uninformed. The provision in regard to Yates' pond has not been enforced, but this has not been the fault of the water company. The provision concerning obviating certain pollution of the water at Cary was, it is said, carried out.

In 1886 a committee composed of Jas. McKee, M. D., Richard H. Lewis, M. D., W. I. Royster, M. D., and Hubert Haywood, M. D., secretary appointed by the county commissioners, made a report. This report was submitted to the Aldermen November 5, 1886, and the contract was adopted by the Board of Aldermen with the water company November 11, 1886. The report cites, among other things, certain pollution of the water at Cary and objections to the dam at Yates' pond and closes saying that the water of Walnut Creek should be accepted:

Provided, 1. There are no impounding reservoirs upon the stream, or upon any of its tributaries, so that the water supply may be taken from the daily flow of the stream.

Provided, 2. That such an arrangement be made as to prevent, as far as possible, the pumping into the mains of ston water, even if filtered.

Provided, 3. That the water be so thoroughly filtered as to remove any excess of albuminous ammonia, and if any chemical method be employed, that not more than one grain to the gallon of the substance be permitted to pass into the filtered water.

Provided, 4. That none but filtered water, taken from above the Asylum sewer, be allowed, under any circumstances, to be pumped into the mains.

Provided, 5. That the source of pollution in the village of Cary and the dam at Yates' will be removed.

Provided, 6. That there shall be a constant service under high pressure.

The aldermen made the contract with the company without seeing that these "provideds" were complied with.

WOMEN DEBARRED FROM SALOONS.

Mayor Woodward was visited Saturday by two female members of the Salvation Army, who requested that the women of the organization be given a permit to visit the saloons of the city and sell the army paper, The War Cry. In answer to the request the mayor said it would be impossible for him to grant it, in that there existed a city ordinance prohibiting women from visiting saloons. He said that while the ordinance was not made with a view to keeping the Salvation Army women from the bars, and that it could not be changed by him, and that if they would have the matter brought up before the council it might be that the ordinance would be amended in such a manner as not to exclude them from the bars of the city. According to Mayor Woodward, the ordinance was prepared because at the time the negro women of the city visited the lower class saloons, and that as a result much trouble was caused the police department.—Atlanta Journal.

An inscription on the tomb of a local author in a Georgia cemetery reads—
"Here he lies, at thirty-five;
Struggled hard to keep alive;
Of his books he printed seven;
Starved to death and went to heaven."
—Atlanta Constitution.

BANK ROBBERY.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Lima, March 9.—The American National Bank was mysteriously robbed of \$18,000 some months ago. The officers decided voluntarily liquidation. Tomorrow a new bank will open in the same room under different management known as the Bank of Lima.

CONTINENTAL BANK.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Memphis, March 9.—The Continental National Bank will go into voluntary liquidation in April. The following day another bank, with ample capital will take its place.

PROTEST WITHDRAWN.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. Peking, March 10.—The Chinese foreign office has received a dispatch from St. Petersburg saying that as a result of the negotiations between Russia and Great Britain the Russian minister here will withdraw his protest to the Hong Kong contract.

SAMOAN AFFAIRS.

The Natives Will Never Agree to a German Protectorate.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. Apia, Feb. 23, via San Francisco, March 10.—Tanus Malieton and High Chief Tamasose were interviewed today on board the British cruiser Porpoise. Tanus deputed Tamasose to talk. He said we remain here awaiting a decision of the three powers and until a firm government is established. Both Tanus and Tamasose are convinced that the Samoans will never agree to the establishment of a German protectorate.

NO QUORUM.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Harrisburg, March 10.—The vote today in the Senatorial contest stood Quay 43, Jenks 37, scattering 38, no quorum.

COTTON.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. New York, March 10.—Cotton, May, 21; June, 22; July, 23; August, 24; October, 12; December, 15.

MURDERER HANGED.

Elizabeth, March 10.—Louis Rosel, murderer of farmer Pitts, was hanged in Union county jail at 10:13 this morning. Rosel objected to binding his arms, saying he wanted to walk the gallows a free man, but he was bound nevertheless. The execution was conducted quickly and without incident.

CENSUS APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, March 10.—It is announced that Albert E. Childs, of the District of Columbia, will be chief clerk to the census bureau and W. A. Kirk, of Colorado, chief statistician in charge of the bureau of vital statistics. They held the same positions with the last census.

CHICAGO DETACHED FROM SAMPSON.

Washington, March 10.—The Chicago is detached from Sampson's squadron and now sailed from Havana for Hampton Roads. She will become the flagship of Rear Admiral Howison, assigned to command the South Atlantic squadron in South America.

RILEY ON KIPLING.

The American Poet's Comments on the English Poet.

The coming of James Whitecomb Riley to Baltimore for a reading at Music Hall on March 14 lends interest to the following comments of Mr. Riley on Rudyard Kipling published in the Philadelphia Sunday Press:

"Of all contemporary writers I admire Rudyard Kipling the most. He has the greatest artistic mind of any living English writer. As yet he is merely lisping. Only the years to which I trust he will be spared will give him his full strength and power.

"We writes of what he knows. There is no field in which he fears to stray, no subject that he cannot master. He writes of men and women, of India's heat and England's summer. He writes of men who are heroes, and he writes only of what he understands. He writes for the children and he writes for the old; he writes for the present and he writes for posterity; he writes of the sea and the land; of nature and of civilization, and he is equally at home in them all.

"Whether it is in prose or verse, he knows of what he tells. That is one secret of his strength. He is simple, direct, masterly.

"It is said by some that Kipling does not write for women. That to my mind is not true. He has written of them, and consequently for them, magnificently. A scrappy prose-poem in the 'Brushwood Boy,' in his last book. It is one of the most beautiful conceptions I have ever read. It cannot fail to appeal to women.

"Everything that Kipling ever published I have in my library and I would not part with a single page. I have read many of his stories over and over again, and I never tire of them.

"Kipling is a master already, and he is just beginning to write. If he lives for another decade or two we shall see that the Kipling of then is as far above the Kipling of today as the man of learning is above the blipping child in the primary grade."

"What was that man with his throat all tied up—that fellow who looked as if he were just about to come down with pneumonia?"

"Oh! he was one of the fellows who were going around, a couple of months ago, longing for a good old-fashioned water."—Chicago News.

ALDERMAN TONIGHT

Durham to be Commissioner of Sinking Fund

BOND ELECTION

Election on \$100,000 Bond Issue for Street Improvements Will be Held at City Election Or Before.

The resignation of Mr. Benjamin R. Lacy as Commissioner of the City Sinking Fund will be accepted by the Aldermen in special session this evening, and Mr. Walter Durham will, it is understood, be elected to fill out his unexpired term. Mr. Lacy's term would expire in May. Mr. Durham is a young man of sterling worth and his election will be quite a compliment to him.

Another important matter which will come before the board is the election to be held on the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds for street improvements. This election will be called to-night for the same day as the city election, or, if the time specified in the bill permits the street bond election will be held before the city election, otherwise on the same day.

The municipal election will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd, and on the same day the township will vote on a \$50,000 bond issue for school purposes. Hence the friends of the \$100,000 bond issue for street work want that election either before or on the same day as the election on school bonds.

A different set of registrars will be appointed for the street bond issue from the regular registrars for the city election. The polling places will also be different since the act divided the city into four districts for street work. The dividing streets are Fayetteville, Newbern Avenue, Halifax and Hillsboro.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Contract Will be Let for New Building

The State Board of Agriculture had a meeting this morning in continuation of yesterday's sessions. No officers were elected, as had been anticipated, and the Board decided to defer all active work until after the next meeting on the 27th of April.

A committee, composed of three members of the Board and Prof. Holmes and T. K. Bruner, was appointed to receive bids and specifications for the annex to the Museum, and to make a report at the next meeting of the Board.

The three members of the Fish Committee (Corfield, Grimes and Capehart) were instructed to correspond with the proper authorities at Washington relative to the establishment of a fish hatchery in Albemarle Sound. Mr. Capehart explained that such action is necessary to the fishing interest of the State.

A resolution was adopted that no officer of the Board should hold any office, save in the actual line of duty as a member of the Board.

At the session yesterday afternoon Col. John S. Cunningham was unanimously elected president of the Board. The Populists and Republicans voted for him as well as the Democrats.

Mr. T. K. Bruner, who was unanimously elected secretary, will assume his duties June 15th.

FAIR AND WARMER.

The forecast for Raleigh and vicinity of the Weather Bureau says: Fair and warmer to-night and Saturday; brisk southerly winds.

The area of low barometer in the west is increasing in force. The pressure has fallen below 29.30 over Kansas. Increasing cloudiness prevails west of the Mississippi River, and a little rain is reported from extreme northern points. The winds in the central valley are generally from the south and a considerable rise in temperature has occurred, the line of 50 degrees extending as far north as St. Louis.

The barometer is highest over the Atlantic States. In the south the weather is warm and fair; on the north Atlantic coast cloudy skies prevail without precipitation.

HER LENTEN MOOD.

My sweetheart's in a charming mood
Because it's Lent.
So tender and demure and good,
So sweetly humbled is her pride,
Her vanities all laid aside,
And I'm content.

In social paths she's ceased to roam,
Because it's Lent.
Now, when I call I find her home—
She nestles in an easy chair,
I watch the lamplight on her hair,
And I'm content.

We talk about unworly things,
Because it's Lent.
The hours fit by on golden wings;
With books, with poems or a song
The moments fairly skim along,
And I'm content.

She'll tease me not, but like some nun
She will repent
Her faults till forty days are done.
If he be penance, then, I pray,
Let her do penance every day.
Not just in Lent.
—Philadelphia Inquirer.

TRANSPORT ARRIVED.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. New York, March 10.—The transport Logan arrived, bringing the Forty-Seventh New York volunteers. All are in good health.

LAWTON ARRIVES

He Will Start a Quest for Aginaldo-Rebel Incendiaries

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. Manila, March 10.—Rebel incendiaries landed at Pandaca, near Manila, and burned a number of native houses. With the exception of San Pedro Macuti, where the rebel sharpshooters incessantly annoy the American troops, matters are unusually quiet along the line.

General Lawton arrived to-day with the Fourth regulars and a battalion of the Seventeenth from the transport Grant, and will immediately take command of the troops in the field. General Lawton's arrival is a signal for an aggressive movement into the interior for the purpose of hunting for Aginaldo and dispersing the insurgents through the jungle.

NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. Vienna, March 10.—Freudenblatt declares the report that Austria is seeking to acquire territory is absolutely unfounded.

HARMLESS.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Cleveland, Ohio, March 10.—The alleged nitro-glycerine bomb found on Euclid avenue was harmless. Experts pronounce it made of dry batteries.

WOMAN HANGED.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. St. Scolastique, Quebec, March 10.—Mrs. Poirier, the murderess and accomplice of Samuel Paislow, was hanged at 8:40 this morning.

DONALDSON DEAD.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Cleveland, Ohio, March 10.—John Donaldson, injured in Madison Square Garden, died this morning in the hospital. He was unconscious for forty-eight hours.

ITALY AND ENGLAND

Agreement Complete Whereby England Will Uphold Italy in China

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. Rome, March 10.—The Gazette del Popolo says that accord between Italy and Great Britain is complete, and Italy is prepared to cede Erythra to England and the latter will vigorously support Italy's action in China.

Carriere Deua Sera says Martho, Minister to China, will present an ultimatum to the Chinese government demanding a reply to Italy's demand for Chinese port. In event of refusal Italy will adopt a bold and decisive action to protect her interests.

McKINLEY COMING

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Washington, March 10.—Senator Hanna saw President McKinley today and made final arrangements for the President's trip to Thomasville, Ga. He will leave here Monday afternoon on the Atlantic Coast Line. The party will include the President, his wife, the Vice President and wife, Senator Hanna and wife, Assistant Secretary Cortelyou. They will probably remain at Thomasville a fortnight or longer, if public business permits.

MARTIN APPOINTED.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Washington, March 10.—Vice President Hobart has appointed Senator Martin, of Virginia, a member of the postal commission in place of Senator Faulkner of West Virginia, whose term has expired.

SHELDON SUICIDED.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Auburn, N. Y., March 10.—Frank L. Sheldon, on trial here the second time for the murder of his wife, suicided in jail this morning.

TONES OF THE MARKET.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

The following were the closing quotations of the Liverpool cotton market today:

American middling, low middling clause:
March and April 3.22½
April and May 3.23b
May and June 3.23b
June and July 3.24b
July and August 3.24s
August and September 3.24½
September and October 3.23b
October and November 3.22½
November and December 3.22½
December and January 3.22½

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

The following were the closing quotations of the New York stock market today:

American Sugar 1.42½
Southern R. R. Preferred 48
Pacific Mail 48
R. R. T. 95½
St Paul 1.27
Manhattan 1.10

BREESE MADE CONFESSION

That He Realized Fortune Out of the Bank

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TRIAL AT ASHEVILLE

Examiner Coffin Stated That Breese, Although Warned by Him Not to Talk, Insisted on Telling Him of Transaction.

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Notwithstanding the warning, Breese made the confession that he, Penland and Dickerson had received the benefit of \$250,000 worth of discounted notes, and that he himself had realized \$110,000. The confession was made without promise of immunity.

The defense made a desperate effort to choke off Coffin's testimony, but the court ruled it relevant. Coffin will make further disclosures to-morrow.

STORY OF THE WRECKING.

The facts disclosed by the failure of the First National bank, and the subsequent events produced by it, form an epoch in Asheville's history. An investigation disclosed the fact that the bank had been utterly and completely wrecked; all of its available assets converted into cash; all the property of its officers heavily mortgaged or conveyed, and to cap the climax, \$250,000 worth of "accommodation notes," signed by individuals and indorsed by the bank officers, had been discounted and realized upon abroad. Three men, hitherto as highly esteemed as any in the community, were placed under tremendously heavy bonds pending their appearance in the Federal court, to answer to charges which, if proven, and were such a thing possible, would send them to the penitentiary for the balance of their life-time.

Prior to July 31, 1897, Major William E. Breese was president, W. Henry Penland cashier, and Joseph E. Dickerson one of the directors of the First National bank of this city. On the morning of the date mentioned the doors of the bank remained closed, and in explanation there was simply a statement that the bank was forced to close owing to stringency of the times and inability to collect debts due. This explanation was accepted in good faith by the great majority of people. However, vague rumors began to circulate as to the character of the bank's assets. Meanwhile Deputy Comptroller of the Currency George M. Coffin arrived on the scene, being sent by the Comptroller in response to the notification that the bank had failed. Mr. Coffin continued his investigations for more than a month, and by the end of that time became acquainted with facts which induced him to swear out warrants against Messrs. Breese, Penland and Dickerson. The case came up for trial before United States Commissioner A. T. Summey. As a result the three bank officials were bound over to the United States court for the sum of \$5,000 each. The notes were promptly furnished. The whole affair was kept secret, the public not even being aware that warrants had been issued.

A receiver of the bank was appointed, and in investigating the bank's assets he discovered the existence of hundreds of notes, drawn by financially irresponsible persons in favor of the bank and indorsed usually by bank officers. Men of all classes and occupations, not worth a dollar, began to receive notices from the receiver that the owed thousands of dollars. Similar notices poured into the city from northern banks, and leading attorneys received dozens of notes for collection by mail, all characterized by the signatures of insolvent persons and indorsed by the bank officers. In this way the signers were usually first made known of the existence of the notes. They remembered having at once time in the past signed blank notes, at the request of some friends, with the understanding that one or more of the notes was to be filled out for a trifling amount. Others admitted that they had signed notes for large sums as an accommodation, being assured that it was a temporary matter, and as they were insolvent, no harm could come to them. Others declared that they had not signed any notes at all, and pronounced the signatures to the notes forgeries. In such instances the names were usually spelled slightly different from the original. For instance, one note was signed J. W. Dillman, supposedly in imitation of the signature of J. W. Dillon, a contractor. In some instances the signatures were identical, and in these cases the explanation offered would be that the notices had been signed by other men, of precisely the same name, but who had since left town.

HOW SIGNATURES WERE OBTAINED.

The signatures that figured in these remarkable transactions were obtained by the bank officers from their employees in some cases, but the larger portion were secured by C. B. Leonard, a "go-between." Leonard was a contractor and builder, ignorant, but somewhat shrewd, and had a wide acquaintance among other contractors, as well as carpenters, brick masons, etc. In working his scheme, Leonard would usually accost one of them men, and producing a blank not, would ask that it be signed, saying that it would be filled out for a small amount, and that he needed the money, giving the sick family or some

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Familiar Faces in the Passing Throng

SHORT STATEMENTS

Movement of People You Know—Gleanings In and About the City—Snatches of Today's Street Gossip.

Mr. H. G. Dockery left the city to-day.

Mr. C. M. Parks, of Hillsboro, is in the city.

Mr. James Manning, of Durham, is in the city.

If you do not receive your paper please notify the office.

Mr. L. A. Carr, of Durham, is spending the day in Raleigh.

Mr. Wiley D. Jones is critically ill at his home near this city.

The electric lamp at the corner of Davie and McDowell streets is on a strike.

Mr. J. E. Robinson and Mr. J. A. Stevens, of Goldsboro, are at the Yarbors.

Work of tearing down the Presbyterian church will be begun next week, if the contractor comes. He is expected daily.

The motion docket was taken up in the Superior court this morning. After disposing of these on the docket court adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow.

Dr. Tracy had a large audience to hear his lecture in Metropolitan Hall last night. He will lecture again this evening. A collection is taken at the door. Only a dime will admit you.

Mr. J. L. Burns, keeper of the capitol, is now able to walk about in his room. He says that he has not decided positively whether he will surrender to the new keeper or not.

Col. F. A. Olds will leave Sunday for a pleasure trip to Cuba. Mr. Avery, who has worked here for various papers during the Legislature, will perform the Colonel's duties during his absence.

A mistake has been discovered in the bill creating the office of Bureau of Labor Statistics and Printing whereby Mr. Ben Lacy is made tax collector of Bryson City. He has received hearty congratulations to-day from his friends.

The Legislature reduced marriage licenses from \$3.00 to \$1.00. This will cut down the register of dead's fees in this county about \$200 a year. The question is asked whether this dollar is to be divided as was the former \$3.00, namely one-third each to register, the county and the State.

NO ELECTION.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Salt Lake City, March 9.—The joint assembly was declared adjourned sine die at midnight without electing a United States Senator. Ten ballots were taken last night.

HARPER.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. Chicago, March 9.—President Harper, of Chicago, does not deny outright that he was offered the presidency of Yale, but says he received no official proposition.

Mrs. McBride-Harry, I was beside myself at the condition you came home in last night.

Harry—Yes; it seems to me I did see two of you—Judge.

such hard-luck tale. If his friend mentioned his insolvency, Leonard would assure him that it made no difference; that payment would never be demanded, and that it was to be used merely as collateral to secure a small loan. When the signature was attached Leonard would produce several other notes and ask that they be signed also, giving as an excuse that some might become blotted. The men usually did as requested. Leonard then turned the notes over to the bank officers, who filled them out for a large sum and indorsed them. The notes were converted into cash, either by discounting abroad, or borrowing from the bank deposits. In this way it is alleged that \$250,000 was procured.

On September 20th, a government expert bank examiner arrived in Asheville in the person of Mr. Edward P. Moxey. Mr. Moxey's coming usually means trouble for some one. His business is the detection of criminal procedure in the conduct of banks. He made a minute examination of the bank's affairs, and after acquainting himself with all the fact at hand and consulting with the receiver, quietly left town. It is to be presumed that the officials of the broken bank breathed easier after he left, but so, it was for a brief period only. At daylight next morning Messrs. Breese, Penland and Dickerson were each awakened by a deputy United States marshal and served with a warrant, sworn out by Mr. Moxey at Greensboro, charging them with embezzlement and misappropriation. They were informed that a \$30,000 bond would be required for the release of each. The accused were taken completely by surprise. They were taken at that early hour by United States Court Clerk Moore's office, whose attorneys were summoned. The latter set to work in a desperate effort to raise the amount of the bonds by 2 p. m., the limit of time set by Deputy Marshal J. M. Bailey. The business of securing three \$30,000 bonds proved a difficult one, and despite the efforts of

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