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FIGHT OVER SALE OF THE CITY MARKET HOUSE WAXING HOT

Committee of Business Men Issue a Strong Statement Opposing Sale

MR. DREWRY ANSWERS MR. McDONALD

AND MAKES DECLARATION "FOR SALE"

"A. W. S." Says Monday Will be "The Last Chance of the Bribe-Taking Negro and City Boodlers to Cross Palms"—Other Hot Hits Against Sale.

Interest in the election to be held Monday on the sale of the market house is now at fever heat. It is the sole topic of conversation on the street. Many business men have been seen on the subject and they appear to be almost a unit against the sale.

Several communications, without the writers' names, have been received by this paper and were thrown in the waste basket. The writer's name must accompany all communications.

CIRCULARS ISSUED.

The following circulars have been sent out to the voters, white and colored, by the advocates of the sale:

MARKET HOUSE PRIMARY.

A primary election has been called by the Board of Aldermen of the city of Raleigh, to be held Monday, March 19, 1900, for the purpose of getting an expression of the people on the sale of the present market house. It is earnestly desired that the entire vote of the city be polled, and you are hereby urged to go to the voting places in your ward on the day above-mentioned, and by your vote express your views on the subject.

This is an important matter, and one which concerns the interest of every citizen. The method adopted by the Board seems to be fair to all concerned, so do not fail to avail yourself of the opportunity now given. We shall expect and look for you at your voting place on election day.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE VOTING PLACES.

First and Second Divisions of the First Ward, at the Capital Engine House.
First and Second Divisions of the Second Ward, at the Victor Engine House.
First and Second Divisions of the Third Ward, at Jones' Warehouse.
First and Second Divisions of the Fourth Ward, at the City Lot.

A. M. POWELL, Mayor.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The Joint Committee on Auditing and from the Chamber of Commerce met this morning to consider certain objections urged by some of our citizens to the resolution of the Board of Aldermen in regard to a sale of the present market house. And it was thought best to make a statement to the public of the proposed purposes in event the market house is sold.

The Board of Aldermen have wisely ordered the primary for the 19th, and it is provided in the resolution that no bid less than \$50,000 should be received at the sale. The primary was ordered to take the sense of the people of the city, and the purpose intended in the resolution is to use the money in building an auditorium and a new market house. The money cannot be used for any other purpose, and in the opinion of those who are capable of judging, the amount to be received from the sale of the market house will supply the city with a large and commodious auditorium and an up-to-date market.

It is intended that the Board shall secure options upon property in addition to those already taken and when the city will proceed with the work. It was never intended that the city should be for one moment without a market, and of course the Board, in the event of sale, will retain possession of the present market house until a new one is erected. The thing that is uppermost in the minds of all of us is an auditorium as well as a new market, as it is a serious question whether we can longer retain public gatherings and convocations in our city. The thousands of people who would gather here each year, had we sufficient accommodations, makes it a matter of first importance that we should at once proceed with this necessity. If the old market house is sold it will place upon the tax list of the city a large and valuable property, and the rents from the auditorium and the new market will necessarily amount to much more than those the sale will at present, and therefore by having an auditorium and new market, but it will be from a financial standpoint, of considerable interest to the city treasury, thus relieving the taxpayers.

JOINT COMMITTEE.

ADDRESS TO VOTERS

Business Men Calmly Discuss the Sale of the Market

The undersigned Committee appointed by a meeting of the business men of the city of Raleigh to give reasons why they oppose the sale of the market house, desire to call the attention of their fellow citizens to certain facts in connection with the proposed election, which induce them to protest against it and to suggest that all those who are in favor of conservative and economical government to go to the polls and vote against the sale.

ELECTION ILLEGAL.

The election ordered is absolutely and admittedly illegal. The Board of Aldermen have no power to order such election. It is to be held by pollholders who have no power to enforce any laws that exist for the regulation of elections. It is to be HELD, however, and we think it wise that those who oppose the sale of the market house shall attend the polls

thing to say about the sale of the market house, but since I have been called out by name in Mr. McDonald's article, I feel that I should state the whole truth in regard to his statements. He says some time ago "Mr. Drewry discovered that the city owned 487 shares of Raleigh and Augusta Railroad stock," which was sold for \$6,000, whereas it is now worth \$27,000 more, etc. The stock was considered worthless and had never drawn a dividend. Very few people in Raleigh knew that the city owned it until Mayor Russ found it among some cast away old papers. The title to the stock was cloudy and the city authorities had never considered it of any value. Even had the title to the stock been clear there was no market for it. The Street Committee of which I was chairman, recommended that the stock be sold if a reasonable price could be obtained. Mr. McDonald was a member of the Board and voted for the recommendation, as the action of the Board was unanimous. The Finance Committee, of which Mr. McDonald was a member, took the matter up and I remember Mr. McDonald was very active in his efforts to sell the stock. I was also a member of the Finance Committee and Mr. J. B. Boushall was its chairman. It was some time before we got a bid, as there was no demand for the stock whatever and \$10.00 per share was considered a big price for it on the New York and Baltimore stock markets. Mr. B. S. Jerman, in behalf of a Baltimore syndicate finally offered us \$12.50 per share. It was some time before we got a bid, price at that time, and the Finance Committee, of which Mr. McDonald was a member, decided unanimously to sell at that price. It seems unfair under these circumstances for Mr. McDonald to attempt to place all of the blame for selling this stock upon my shoulders. No one could look into the future at that time and see in advance the consolidation of the Greater Seaboard Air Line Railroad, and the adoption of a more progressive policy by that road, which caused the stock to advance. It was one of those chances which every business man has to take in his own private as well as public affairs.

Mr. McDonald states that I am president of the company that bid \$10,000.00 for the market house. That statement is true, but I do not believe any right-thinking man will contend that because I hold stock in a corporation it should not enter into competition with competitors in bidding on property to be sold in the city of Raleigh at public auction. In regard to the proposition in general to sell the old city market house in order to get a better one and build an auditorium, I wish to state that it has not been my purpose to do anything contrary to the wishes of the people. I think the Board of Aldermen has demonstrated this fact very clearly in deciding to have the whole matter settled by a vote of the people. If the people vote against the sale, the Board of Aldermen is advised to sell the market house to another market, or two markets, probably one for a market in the northern part of the city and one in the southern part—but all these matters will be left to the people as near as the sentiment can be obtained before any action is taken by the Board to sell the present market house. The Board of Aldermen is representing the people and our desire is to protect the interest of the city and register the will of the majority.

Believing honestly as I do that the time has come in the history of our city when the needs of the people demand a larger and a better market house, I am in favor of moving forward and thinking it would be good policy for the city to sell the old market house in order to build a new one. I think it is the only way to get an auditorium, and with an auditorium and a new market house, it will be a long step forward in the progress of our city. I did not want to have anything to say about the matter, and remained out of the city in order to avoid any active participation, but for having been singled out personally I would have taken no part, always being willing to abide by the will of the majority of the people. The Board of Aldermen are supposed to be good business men and we are not going to act foolishly. We now have options on nearly every good site in the city. I believe that we can dispose of the old market for enough to buy sites and build two good market houses, both of which will be superior to the one we now have. I hope that all of the people will turn out and vote either for or against the sale. I want to see a full and free expression of the will of the people.

JOHN C. DREWRY.

March 17th, 1900.

"FOR SALE" OR "AGAINST SALE"

"A. W. S. Answers Mr. Gorman and Stoutly Opposes Sale.

The Sale Committee of the Board of Aldermen, over the signature of Maxwell Gorman, in the morning papers of the 16th inst., makes some startling announcements about the vote on the proposed sale of Metropolitan Hall, to take place without a lawful registration of the taxpayers next Monday, of which the following is a just and fair analysis, to wit:

(a) If a sale is ordered, the Board will do as they please about obeying it.
(b) The question submitted is not simply whether it shall be sold, but whether it shall be sold at public auction after wide advertisement, at a minimum price of \$50,000, and more than any other man on earth will give for it, to secure a market house and auditorium building, which he believes the proud, patriotic owners of sites will bestow upon the city free gratis.

(c) The question is, whether you will trust the Board of Aldermen to obey your mandate to sell what you don't want sold. (d) All those who are opposed are a few silly, frivolous incompetents, who are beneath the contempt of those in favor of a sale, deserve no consideration and will receive none. (e) We, the great Selling Committee of the Board of Aldermen, are the illuminate Know-Alls, and we are going to do it—that's that!

(f) What we want is a market house and

auditorium. City officers quarters are not in it." See (b).

Now everybody with sense enough to tell a buzzard knows that there will be but two words on every ticket, "For sale" or "Against sale," and all the rest of the Sale Committee's argument is rot. Indeed this writer found at his residence today (where notoriously but one vote exists) two printed tickets, both "For sale," and a private circular in the name of the mayor urging attendance at the polls and voting, from which he infers a conspiracy of the Board of Aldermen to force a sale through the want of "Against sale" tickets at the polls, and other improper if not unlawful expedients, just as the false cry of "no increase of taxes," and "employment of idle labor" was used to cry the \$50,000 and \$100,000 appropriations in the recent past. The first was intended to silence the taxpayers, and the last was to catch the negro vote, and it did the business for both. The taxpayers stand at home and curses the tax collector while the negro took 2 1/2 bribe and voted a debt of \$175,000 upon the city, of which he pays next to nothing—but he hasn't yet seen the promised employment. Both will probably do it again next Monday, but thank goodness it will be the last chance of the bribing negro and the city boodlers to cross palms or mingle breath in unlawful lawful covenant, and both know it.

There is not a particle of the pretended safeguard thrown around the proposed sale of Metropolitan Hall, and the parties behind it do not merit the "votes of confidence" or "approbation" solicited. They are the same parties who called for a new registration on the street appropriation because there was a recent full registration already, which they knew would defeat their scheme, and they could carry it with a new registration because only the street gang, bribed negroes and a few taxpayers would register for a local election—a majority of which determined the question, even though no taxpayers voted.

If any taxpayer has not already let him now consider for a moment of the effect of the proposed sale of Metropolitan Hall. It now contains the city market, the auditorium, mayor's office, police station, city jail, office of chief of police and health officer, tax collector and city clerk, rooms in the east end of the basement and third story of west end used for storage, a clock tower and two side streets—all recently put in prime order at great expense. The market alone—without now and then a distance from an ill-manned auditorium, pays over \$2,000 per annum. If we sell the building the side streets go with it and will be closed; the market would be turned out doors with all of the city officers so carefully ignored by the Sale Committee, and I defy anybody to show that the city could provide for them furnished quarters for less than \$6,000, and under wiping out the auditorium. It would take the annual interest on \$125,000 of State bonds at their present price to pay that sum for their quarters every year, and it will scarcely be denied that if it costs \$6,000 per annum without the auditorium, to provide the quarters now furnished by Metropolitan Hall—then Metropolitan Hall is worth to the taxpayers of the city the principal sum which would be required to be invested in government bonds to produce that amount annual interest, to wit, \$165,000. No man supposes that the city will be able to sell at half that sum.

But suppose we sell at half the sum, or the entire sum—let it drop in the bucket of that which must inevitably follow in natural sequence? A great new city hall for the city government \$100,000, an elaborate auditorium to seat 3,000 people about every two years, \$50,000. A city market covering at least one acre, \$50,000. A city police station and jail, \$25,000. Law suits over the side streets, \$2,000. Furniture, sundries, utilities and sealings, \$20,000 total, \$250,000. That is what will come to in ten years. If you don't believe it—just cut this out and keep it for that time—and if not true—I'll eat it.

If we are itching for more debt and taxes, why not rebuild or rebuild the Metropolitan Hall—widen it out fifteen feet on each side—put the stairway in the center, move the market to the rear, or out of the building if you will; the city officers in front as now, and a great auditorium behind it as now—20x120 feet of floor space—large enough to seat every thing that will enter it for the next hundred years—at \$2,000? Then I'll vote it.

A. W. S.

NOT THE WAY

Man Who Votes "For Sale" to Get Aud

itorium Throws Vote Away

To the Editors of the Times-Visitor: I was talking with a member of our Board of Aldermen yesterday, and told him that we needed an auditorium, and that I should vote for the sale of the market house if the Board would only let the people have knowledge of what was intended after the sale was made. He replied: "I have no light to give on the subject, I do not know." I then informed him that I should do as many others, who were seeking light and getting none, would do—my vote would be against it.

Alderman Gorman's reason for voting for sale was a clincher indeed. In his interview he is reported as saying: "The people may vote for the sale if they wish to, but the Aldermen will not sell unless they think it advisable to do so." Whoever heard of a Board of Aldermen submitting a question to the people to vote upon, and then saying it don't make any difference how they vote, we shall do what we consider to be the best interests of the city? Such action is unprecedented.

There is a legal aspect of the auditorium question, which the man who votes on Monday should have in mind, and that is this: Has a city the legal right to build an auditorium? Can it not be enjoined by a taxpayer from such use of its money? There can hardly be a doubt of this, as an auditorium is not a necessary public expense.

The voter, therefore, who casts his ballot "for sale," with the expectation of having an auditorium built will more likely be throwing his ballot away. At any rate he will vote to get the city into

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COL. JOHN S. CUNNINGHAM WITHDRAWS

He Believes That Each Member of the Party Should Yield His Own Wishes in the Interest of Harmony and Party Success.

Hon. John S. Cunningham, who has been one of the two leading candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, and who it is believed by many, might yet succeed in receiving that honor, has decided to withdraw from the race in the interest of party success, and especially to aid the Constitutional Amendment, if such action on his part will have that effect.

The letter of withdrawal, which was given out today, is as follows:

TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Cunningham, N. C., March 16, 1900.

To the Editor: I believe the success of the Democratic party this year is paramount to the ambition of any man, and that each member of the party ought to yield his own wishes in the interest of unanimous action.

I think it is also important that the candidate for Governor, who is rightly regarded as the leader of the party, should be selected as far as possible without contest and with practical unanimity.

Holding these views and desiring always to do what is best for the party and the State, and believing what is the welfare of one is for the welfare of the other, I have decided to withdraw from the race for Governor.

I congratulate myself that in the contest which I have made, I have done nothing to create any enmities, and that the friends of other candidates have been considerate of me and of my friends.

I have endeavored to conduct my campaign upon a high plane of political ethics, including in no unkind criticism or harsh statements concerning any one.

Every patriotic citizen must admit that the success of this party in the coming campaign is more important than the triumph of any individual, and that party success at this time should be placed high above every other consideration.

The Constitutional Amendment is at issue and it must be decided in favor of WHITE SUPREMACY.

My friends throughout the State have been loyal to me and they have labored in my behalf with effective earnestness and zeal. To them I am truly grateful, and it is to them that I turn with sincere pride and shall ever cherish their loyal support as the brightest page in the history of my life.

They have waged a vigorous contest, and the assurances of support which I have received from many sources have been warm and encouraging.

I deeply appreciate every kind word they have spoken in my behalf and I feel they will understand my action in retiring from the race at this time, since I can assure them and the good people of North Carolina that I am taking this step because I believe that it is in the interest of party harmony for me to do so, and because I think my retirement will in a measure simplify the situation and increase to some extent our chances of party success. Every one who knows me will understand that my best services from now on, as they have always been in the past, will be at the command of the Democratic party, and I have never failed to enter into the thickest of the fight whenever the principles of our party have been assailed or white supremacy threatened.

Very respectfully,

JOHN S. CUNNINGHAM.

It was rumored this morning that such action would be taken by Col. Cunningham. Col. Cunningham has many warm friends and supporters in this city and a number of these were spoken to regarding the matter. One of his closest personal friends, speaking of the matter before the announcement of the withdrawal, said:

"If Col. Cunningham reaches the conclusion that unanimous action by the State convention would create more enthusiasm in the party ranks and would aid in the adoption of the Amendment, I know his unselfish and patriotic heart well enough to say this."

"Even if he was certain that his chances of being nominated were as good as those of any of his competitors, (and I believe they still are), he would not hesitate to sacrifice his personal ambition on the altar of party success and the public good."

Col. Cunningham loves his party and his people with an intensity equaled by that of few men in North Carolina, and you may rest assured that, whatever steps he takes in this matter, will be for the public good and the welfare of his party, as he sees it—especially in so far as the Amendment, of which he is such an earnest advocate, is concerned.

"I know that if he remained in the race he would receive a vote on first ballot if he was not nominated on that ballot, such as any son of North Carolina might well feel proud to secure."

"But Col. Cunningham is for North Carolina and the people and their best interests first, his individuality and future public career being secondary matter with him, and I can advise you to take that fact as the basis in crediting or not the report you allude to. Whatever course he takes the people of North Carolina will not forget John S. Cunningham, in my opinion, and they can rely upon him to work as he always has worked, for their interests and welfare."

KILLING FROST TOMORROW.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair tonight; killing frost in the morning; Sunday fair, warmer.

The temperature has fallen considerably throughout the Southern States east of the Mississippi, and below freezing as far south as Central Florida. The cold wave has not reached Florida, and will not do so. As the area of high bar is now central over the Gulf of Mexico, a new depression exists over Minnesota, the winds in the Ohio valley have shifted to southerly with rising temperatures. Fair weather continues in the South. Light snow is still falling at some northern stations. The lowest temperature was 2 degrees below zero at Marquette.

MAKING RELIEVED.

London, March 17.—It is persistently reported here that Making has been relieved. The war office does not confirm the report, but it comes from sources deemed authoritative.

Dispatches from Burgersdorf state that Commander Ollmer evacuated his position in front of the British, north of Orange River, and several Boers surrendered.

READY TO SURRENDER.

London, March 17.—The British Commander at Basutoland says that eight hundred Boers from Bloemfontein arrived there. A big contingent from Mafeking is only waiting terms of the British proclamation to surrender. It is also rumored that President Steyn is willing to surrender.

London, March 17.—The surrender of Lady Gray was due to a ruse of a few loyalists, who notified the rebels that Major Hook had ordered the surrender of the town by five o'clock. The rebels complied. The loyalists immediately dispatched a messenger to inform Major Hook of the situation. Meanwhile the rebels were instructed to salute it. The rebels were picketed in the town until the force of Hook arrived.

HE LIKES TO WALK.

The Cape Fear Enterprise, which is published at Holly Springs, in its issue of yesterday, has the following item regarding the pastor of the church of the Good Shepherd:

"Rev. I. McK. Pittenger, D. D., of Raleigh, was here Tuesday. They were in no train at the right time, he declined the use of a horse, and walked to Apex."

GREEN FLAG O'ER WINDSOR.

London, March 17.—Shamrock was every where in London today. Every Englishman wears shamrock in his buttonhole. Omnibus drivers ride under the green flag. All for once turned red, white and blue into green. Every whir and being paid to Irish gallantry. The green flag flies at Windsor Castle.

PHILADONIAN ENTERTAINED.

Misses Emma and Ella McGee entertained the Philadonian Club at their home, corner of Edenton and Dawson streets, last evening. About thirty were present. A "Book Game" was played and the prize winners, those guessing the most books, were Miss Ethel Waitt and Mr. Early Hughes. They were presented with a beautiful volume each. Mr. Edward Cole won the booby, an A. B. C. Book. Mr. Miller Hughes won a prize for drawing the best atork. Miss N. Hutchings presented the prizes. Delicious refreshments were served.

COTTON.

New York, March 17.—Cotton: March, 9.57; April, 9.57; May, 9.34; June, 9.46; August, 9.37.