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THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

ALDERMEN FINALLY DISPOSE OF DAIL WATER AND LIGHT REPORT

Names on Books So Money Can Be Collected, Nothing More Necessary, Says Board.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

It Did Not Find as Many Consumers Not on Books as Mr. Dail Did.

After being held up for several months on account of various things, the much talked of Dail water and light inventory was presented to the Board of Aldermen at their regular meeting which was held last night and was finally disposed of.

Mr. George Dail was several months ago employed by the city to take an inventory of the water and light consumers in the city. It showed quite a large number of water and light consumers whose names were not on the city's books and of which there was no record at all.

Mr. John Thomas, the water and light collector, put in a report in which he stated that after Mr. Dail had gotten a list of the consumers, it was found that he had failed to secure a number of names that were on the books.

The report was placed in the hands of a committee and they were ordered to make a thorough investigation, taking Mr. Thomas' books and comparing them with Mr. Dail's report. For unavoidable reasons the report of this committee was deferred until last night. Mr. W. K. Baxter as chairman of the committee, offered the report to the Board. Before starting he explained the previous delays and stated that in going over the reports the committee had spent many hours. They had found some discrepancies, but when Mr. Dail was given the list there were a number of names he failed to get during the time that he was engaged in the inventory there were a number of water and light consumers added.

Mr. Baxter then read the list of electric light users not found on the books by Mr. Dail. This list showed that the number of consumers of electricity shown on Mr. Dail's list and the record on the books did not differ more than fifty lights and that the department did not know these were in use.

He next took up the report as to water consumers not on the list, and stated that Mr. Dail's report showed one hundred and twenty-one closets not listed. That the committee found fifty-seven. That the report showed ninety-two baths and the committee found fifty. That the report showed four hundred and forty-one small faucets in use and the committee found three hundred and nineteen.

At the conclusion of the reading of this report Mr. Baxter stated that as the Dail report was incorrect, he saw no need to publish it but if it could be revised and the exact number of surplus consumers shown he would then have no objection to its being published.

Alderman Ellis stated that as the city had accomplished what it desired by having these names placed on the books so that they could collect the money, there was no need to have it published and he moved that it be finally disposed of. Upon his motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

Road and Street Paving.

Mr. C. D. Bradham, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, appeared before the Board and stated that the Commissioners were making preparations to pave Neuse road for a distance of two miles beginning at the end of Broad street up to that point.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS

LaDon and Varetta, those grotesque artists, dancer contortionists, introducing funny tumbling, high kicking and laughable falls, close their engagement with us to night. This act is different from any you have ever seen here—a rare novelty which can't fail please you. Our pictures are as follows:

"Her Brother"—This Vitagraph picture shows a man who sacrificed his money for the sake of his sweetheart, shields and protects her brother, and results prove that he acted wisely and well.

"The Sleeper"—A Lubin Cowboy picture of Western life. "Stern Papa"—A Biograph farce comedy. A big show today sure. Matinee daily at 2:45. Show at night starts at 7:30 o'clock.

He stated that bitulthic paving would be used by the county in this work and that they would furnish the city with material. The board decided to accede to the request of the commissioners. Mr. Bradham added it was the intention of the county to pave two miles of Trent road and two miles of the Oaks road with this material, the work to follow that on the Neuse road.

City Pays for Wharf.
Mr. Clyde Eby, president of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association, appeared before the Board and stated that when the wharf which was erected at the foot of Pollock street for the use of boats during the week of the Fair, was in course of construction, the contractor who had the work in charge came to him and told him that the appropriation of one hundred and ninety nine dollars made by the city would not be enough to complete the work and that he must have two hundred and fifty one dollars additional.

The time being short, Mr. Eby stated that he and Mr. A. T. Dill, treasurer of the Association, each gave half of the required amount and that he wanted the city to reimburse them as the dock was needed by the public and should be owned by the city. Upon motion of Alderman Ellis Mr. Eby's request was granted.

Curbing Hancock Street.

Mr. L. I. Moore, attorney for the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, appeared before the Board and stated that the company was ready to begin the work of paving Hancock street if the city would do the curbing. This brought a heated and lengthy discussion. Alderman Ellis and Baxter wanted to know what the city had to do with this matter; that the Supreme Court had ruled that the railway company should pave Hancock and South Front streets according to contract and that the contract stated that the streets should be properly drained and kept in repair. Aldermen Simpson and T. F. McCarthy were on the other side of the fence and urged that the curbing be put down. At this juncture Alderman Baxter who is chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the city had no money to spend for this work. The matter was finally put to a vote and when counted there were six of the members who were in favor of the city's laying the curbing and six against the motion. The decision then lay with the Mayor and he voted to put curbing down. The city engineer was then ordered to draw up plans and specifications for grading Hancock and South Front streets. The purchasing agent was also ordered to purchase the curbing for this work.

Mr. Thomas Davis, foreman of the New Bern Fire Company No. 1, asked that new floor be put in their hall and that the roof be repaired. The purchasing agent was ordered to do this.

Thousand for Lawyers.
The bills of attorneys R. A. Nunn and W. D. McIver for \$500 each for their services in the recent suits against the A. & N. C. R. R. and the A. C. L. R. R. were presented and allowed.

The matter of electing a practical engineer at the city water and light plant to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. W. H. Smith, was next taken up. There were eight applicants for this position Messrs David J. Brinson, F. L. Brandt, R. L. Haskett, F. Ellis Williams, H. P. Willis, Joshua Smith, S. W. Morgan and X. M. Williams. The Board took a number of ballots on this and finally elected Mr. H. P. Willis for the position.

Although there was much other business to be attended to and the reports of several other committees to be received, the auditing of the bills was next taken up and at the conclusion of this a recess was taken until November 19.

WILMINGTON MEN DEFRAUDED.

Loss \$25,000 By Wire-Tapping Swindler—Three Under Arrest.

New York, Nov. 7.—On the complaint of Dr. J. W. Powell and Kirby Cleveland Sidbury, a lawyer, both of Wilmington, N. C., the New York police yesterday arrested two men on a charge of having defrauded the Southerners out of \$25,000 through a wire-tapping swindle. Sidbury identified one of the prisoners as a man who posed as a telegraph company official. The lawyer says he lost \$25,000.

The prisoners gave the names of "Charles Daly" and "Frank Graham." The police have them booked, however, as Charles H. and Frank Condon, notorious for years as swindlers.

ALLEN JURY DISMISSED.

Prospective Juror Had Discussed Case in Presence of Others.

Wytheville, Va., Nov. 8.—After a jury had been secured in the Wythe-county Circuit Court here today for the trial of Silda Allen on an indictment charging him with the murder of Judge Thornton L. Massie, the defense moved that the jury be dismissed. Immediately the prosecution joined in the request, and the court so ordered. Another venire of 50 men will be summoned from Grayson county.

In the examination of prospective jurors it developed that one of them had discussed the case in the presence of the others and this was apparently the reason for the motion of the defense to dismiss the jury first selected. Court adjourned until Monday.

TAUGHT WILSON

Interesting Story of President-elect's School Days in Wilmington.

Joilet, Ill., Nyo. 7.—John C. Baker, of Manhattan, was the happiest man in Will county over the election of Woodrow Wilson to the Presidency because it fulfilled a prediction made by his sister, Mrs. Mary Russell, more than 40 years ago.

Mrs. Russell was Mr. Wilson's teacher when he was 10 years old in Tileston School, Wilmington, N. C., and at the time predicted that the boy some day would be President. She died three years ago at Leesville, N. C., at the age of 84.

As a token of his esteem, Mr. Wilson presented his teacher with a little fretwood picture frame, which is now in the Baker home. Mrs. Russell watched Mr. Wilson grow to fame, and with each advance changed the picture in the frame. When she gave the frame to her brother she remarked: "You will want to keep this, for when he gets to be president you will be very proud of it."

Baker said that Wilson's father, Bev. Joseph Wilson, visited him at Manhattan at the time his son published his first book, and said: "Well, I don't see where Woodrow gets his smartness."

NOTED PREACHER COMING.

Dr. Franklin N. Parker of Trinity College will be in the city tomorrow and will occupy the pulpit of Centenary Methodist church both morning and evening. Dr. Parker is regarded as a great preacher and it is expected that a large congregation will turn out to hear him.

IN FAVOR OF AN EXTRA SESSION

Democratic Congressmen Arriving in Washington Want Tariff Revised.

UNDERWOOD DECLARES FOR IT

The Bryan Following in Congress Stands With Underwood in This Matter.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Democratic Congressmen now arriving in Washington are in favor of an extra session of Congress next spring to revise the tariff schedules downward.

Representatives John N. Garner and William R. Smith, of Texas, arrived here today, and both announced positively for the extra session.

The declaration of Oscar W. Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, has strengthened the extra session sentiment, and opinion is growing in Washington that congress will be called to meet some time next spring after President-elect Wilson takes up his duties at the White House.

The Bryan following in Congress stands with Chairman Underwood in his declaration for an early reform of the tariff. One of Mr. Bryan's closest friends in the House reached Washington today and said the extra session should be called. This man is also close to Governor Wilson and said he did not care to be quoted by the press until he has talked with the president-elect.

The fact that Mr. Underwood has announced for an extra session program creates the belief in Washington that it is practically settled one will be called. It is declared that Governor Wilson and Mr. Underwood understand each other as to the tariff, and the latter would have hardly given out his statement had he not known the wishes of the man who is to take up the leadership of the Democratic party in the White House next March.

MANY AVAILABLE FOR THE CABINET

No End to the Booms Started by the Friends of the Various Possibilities.

TWO PORTFOLIOS FOR SOUTH

But in All the Sections There is An Abundance of Suitable Material.

Washington, Nov. 8.—As it has always done with newly elected presidents, Washington is already picking Governor Wilson's Cabinet for him.

That he will recognize the South with two, and perhaps three portfolios seems assured. President Cleveland did this by the appointment of Hillary Herbert, Lucius Q. C. Lamar and Hoke Smith to Cabinet berths.

To meet this expected demand, the South is pointing to many favored sons. Texas would like to see either Congressman Robert L. Henry of Albert Burleson named; Virginia offers Edwin A. Alderman, president of its university; Representative James Hay, former Congressman H. St. George Tucker and Congressman elect A. J. Montague, while Louisiana comes forward with National Committeeman Robert Ewing and North Carolina selects Josephus Daniels.

In the East there is a wealth of material. Massachusetts, the home of Richard Olney, today has its Louis Brandeis; New York is no less provided with available candidates. That State is the home of Chairman William F. McCombs, Vice-Chairman McAdoo, Samuel Untermyer and Norman Hapgood. All of them have been Wilson men from the beginning.

The Far West has produced Rudolph Spreckels and Governor Burke of South Dakota, a one-time candidate for the Vice-presidential nomination. The middle West has its Harvey W. Wiley, now transplanted to Washington; Robert M. LaFollette, William Jennings Bryan and a host of others.

Mayor Baker, of Cleveland, who figured conspicuously in the Baltimore convention; Henry Morgenthau, of New York, chairman of the Wilson finance committee, and Senator O'Grady, of New York, are being "mentioned" as possibilities.

From this array of Democratic leaders Governor Wilson might easily find enough figures to fill all the Cabinet offices. Aside from Mr. Bryan, there is not one who has been named who would refuse a place in the next Cabinet, it is believed.

While Colonel Bryan has been suggested again and again by his friends for Secretary of State, it is a fact that he has held a good many people who would accept no appointive position under Wilson's administration or any other. There is reason to believe, too, that Governor Wilson is personally acquainted with the fact.

For Attorney General there are plenty of able Democratic lawyers. Samuel Untermyer, of New York; Louis Brandeis, of Boston, and Senator O'Grady are in this list. Governor Harmon, of Ohio, who held this position under Cleveland, had been mentioned for it again, but his age would probably eliminate him, if he did not eliminate himself.

Dr. Wiley or Congressman Burleson would be entirely willing to succeed Secretary James Wilson at the head of the Department of Agriculture.

Many people believe Wilson could not do better than appoint James Hay, of the House of Military Affairs Committee, to be Secretary of War. Powerful army influences will be brought to bear upon the President-elect to do this.

Novody, so far as Washington hears, has been proposed specially for the Secretaryship of the Navy.

McCombs, McAdoo and Daniels have been proposed for the Postmaster Generalship. The Postoffice Department has become the biggest business institution in the Government, and a strong business man is needed to run it.

A number of leaders would cheerfully accept the Secretaryship of the Interior Department. National Committeeman Fred Lynch, of Minnesota, is among them. So is Josephus Daniels, who was private secretary to Hoke Smith when the latter held the job. So is Representative Henry of Texas.

For head of the Department of Commerce and Labor Louis Brandeis and Norman Hapgood, both distinguished sociologists, are proposed.

It is known by all of Governor Wilson's friends that he is trying to find the ablest business man in the party for the Secretaryship of the Treasury. Morgenthau might be chosen.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR T. R.

Colonel Has Been Drawing \$12.50 A Week Since He Was Shot.

New York, Nov. 8.—Accident insurance in the sum of \$12,500 a week has been paid to Colonel Roosevelt since the attack upon him in Milwaukee, Wis.

It would have been \$125 a week but for the good luck of the company in cutting down the size of the policy from \$25,000 to \$2,500 a short time before the Colonel reached the Socialist centre.

Ten accident insurance companies originally shared the Roosevelt \$25,000 policy issued in June, 1910, shortly after Colonel Roosevelt returned from Africa. The former President was at that time comparatively quiet politically. The policy is said to have been made payable to the Outlook Company, which concern had first lien upon the Roosevelt services. Then came 1912 and the rigors of the big campaign just closed.

For several years the accident insurance companies have made a practice of refusing to insure active public men, particularly the more prominent ones, fear of their assassination being the compelling reason. Nine of the companies dropped out of the Roosevelt risk, leaving one Casualty Company in—the Missouri Fidelity and Casualty Company, of Springfield, Mo.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Editor Journal.—With the sweeping victory our party has gained, comes a fearful responsibility.

I don't even like to see the game rooster at the head of the victorious column in the papers. This is a time for conservative, thoughtful action. Of course we should rejoice—but not boast.

With the victory comes a wonderful privilege and a great responsibility. The general unrest in our country has made this change, and now if the righteous rule right, this nation will rejoice as it has not in almost half a century. I sincerely hope this will not prove a victory like the Cedar Creek victory in the confederate war.

There the enemy was completely routed at sunrise, prisoners taken a few thousand stand of arm, camp etc., but our men found too much whiskey in the camp of the enemy and gave themselves to luxury and drunkenness instead of duty and watchful prudence. The enemy saw this from a high hill and sweeping down on our unprepared troops made an easy prey of them and turned a great victory into an ignominious defeat, with the loss of our beloved Ramseur.

We are looking for a great National victory, it is in reach now, it ought to come—it will come if office holding is felt as a great responsibility, instead of a plea to exploit some great moneyed scheme.

We don't want our great Captain Wilson sacrificed as was Ramseur at Cedar Creek, but we ought from president to constable feel the responsibility of being our brother's keeper and let the world know that when the righteous rule the people rejoice.

This is not a time for place seeking, but for carrying out the principles advocated in the campaign so successfully closed on Nov. 5. Not closed either but successfully begun, the great work is before the country and from President to potato digger, every man has a duty resting on him to put down the cost of high living that ALL the people may prosper.

Nov. 7. DANIEL LANE.

HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

The Beech Grove Missionary Society will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, November 20, at the church of that name. An able speaker has been secured to deliver an address on missionary work and a picnic dinner will be served on the grounds. There will be a sufficient quantity of good things to eat for all. The public is extended a cordial invitation to come out and participate in the event.

STUDYING SHAKESPEARE.

The first regular meeting of Section A of the Shakespeare Club was held Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 4 o'clock in the Woman's Club rooms. Miss Bettie Windley presiding. Those present were Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Blandford, Misses Windley, Liette Hanft, Marks, Munger, Cahlo, Sara Stewart, Cole and Ives. The hostesses for the afternoon were Misses Mary Ward, Sara Stewart and Laura Ives, and light refreshments were served. The following papers were read: "Mystreries and Miracle Plays," Miss Cahlo; "Morals and Interiors," Miss Cole; "Transition to Regular Drama," Mrs. Dameron.

CRAVEN COUNTY'S IMPROVED ROADS

State Geologist Says County Is Losing One Hundred Thousand Dollars Annually.

URGES ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Many Miles of Roads Have Recently Been Improved—State Highway Progressing.

In a report recently issued by the State Geologist he states that Craven county has three hundred and fifty miles of public roads and that only seventeen miles of this is improved road, leaving a balance of three hundred and thirty three miles unimproved. After careful computation it is found that the annual loss to the county because of these unimproved roads is in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand dollars.

Going further in his report Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, the State Geologist, says:

"A number of towns and individuals in Craven County have pledged themselves for money and labor in connection with the rebuilding of certain roads leading from New Bern to points in Beaufort County, but aside from what has been done on the Central Highway, the county has not made any advance steps in road building during the past year. Craven County could undoubtedly obtain a good system of sand-clay roads by the issuance of \$200,000 to \$300,000 worth of bonds which could be easily supported and retired by the county, without any increase of taxation."

Since Dr. Pratt wrote the above report the Craven county Commissioners have had the county convicts at work on many of the roads and the total number of miles of improved road has been increased above that shown in his report. In addition to this much work is being done on the road all over the county and within the next year it is believed that the total number of miles of good roads will amount to more than one hundred. The Central Highway through the county will also be completed by this time.

INSTALLS NEW MACHINERY

The Tolson Lumber and Manufacturing Company have recently installed a quantity of new and modern machinery to take care of their rapidly increasing business. This company manufactures the popular Taylor trucks which are being used so extensively by the farmers all over this and other states and their plant is taxed to its capacity to take care of all the business.

LEASES HOTEL.

Mr. C. T. Bennett, who for several years was the proprietor of the Gaston hotel in this city, has leased the Southern hotel at Elizabeth City and will take charge next week. Mr. T. C. Jones, formerly manager of the Southern hotel, has assumed the management of the Stewart hotel on Middle street.

SERVICE FOR MEN.

There will be a special service for men at the Tabernacle Baptist church each Sunday night during the remainder of this year. The ladies and young people are cordially invited to attend the meetings but Rev. Phillips will speak especially to men on Old Testament characters. The morning service tomorrow will be the second of a series to young converts and all Christians are invited. The theme for the evening sermon will be "Adam's Mistake." Several men will be baptized preceding the sermon. The Tabernacle choir will furnish special music for both services.

President Taft will have plenty of time after March 4th to improve his game of golf.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. T. Willis Co.—If it doesn't come from the shop that's different, it is not the best.

Bain & Stryon—Her children have been taken away from her.

S. Coplon & Son—Saturday and Monday will be underwear days.

New Bern Banking & Trust Co.—How money makes money.

Fred C. Swert—Located here for training horses.

Hackburn—Corned mackerel &c.

W. M. Eubanks—State Agency for the Great Western Touring cars.

New Bern Gas Co.—When the furnace fails to work.