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REDUCE PRICE OF ELECTRIC POWER

Aldermen Decide To Make a Flat Rate of Four Cents Per Kilowatt.

LIGHT COST IS NOT CHANGED

Municipal Board Attends to Other Important Business at Regular Meeting.

Electric current for power was reduced to four cents per kilowatt at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held last night. At present users of electric current for power are paying rates ranging from four-and-one-half to six cents per kilowatt. Alderman McCarthy, who is chairman of the Water and Light Committee, stated at last night's meeting that he thought this rate was excessive and that the city could furnish power at a cheaper rate. There was some discussion, but the Board finally decided to make a flat rate of four cents a kilowatt for electricity used as motive power. Current used for illumination will continue to be sold at ten cents a kilowatt.

Another important matter before the Board last night was the opening of the bids for the proposed construction of a fireproof building to house the water and light plant. This was the second time that proposals for this work had been called for. On the former occasion there were several bidders but for some unknown reason only one bid was received last night. This was from J. S. Hancock of this city and he offered to erect the building according to specifications of the city engineer for the sum of \$9,700. After discussion the matter of investigating the bid was referred to the Water and Light Committee to be reported on by them at a special meeting to be held on January 15. At this time the contract will probably be awarded.

Bids for the construction of a sewer line on Riverside were next opened. There were three bidders for this contract, Stallings Brothers of this city, Brett Engineering and Construction Company of Wilson, and Frank Hackney of this city. These bids were so complicated that the committee who had been placed in charge of computing and finding out who made the lowest bid, were unable to complete their work and action in this matter was also deferred until the special meeting to be held next week.

Dairy Ordered Closed.
Dr. I. F. Foley, City Veterinarian and Meat and Milk Inspector, appeared before the Board and stated that he had been out of the city for several days and during his absence Dr. E. C. Hargett had acted as a substitute. During this time the dairy of H. J. Staub had been found to be below the average in percentage and as there was an ordinance requiring dairies falling below this percentage to cease selling milk to the public Mr. Staub had been ordered to discontinue the sale of milk but had not done so. Alderman Ellis made a short talk in which he stated that he saw no benefit in paying an Inspector a salary unless he enforced the rules and regulations in the ordinances over which he had supervision. Dr. Foley was ordered to close Mr. Staub's dairy this morning and to see that he discontinued the sale of milk.

There were several new ordinances passed which are for the purpose of preventing accidents. One of these makes it an offense with a penalty of two dollars for any boy under sixteen years of age to jump on a train, automobile or street car while in motion. Another ordinance was passed making it an offense with a penalty of five dollars for any bicycle rider to hang on to a street car or automobile while these latter are in motion.

Aid For Riverside.
A representative from the Riverside Hose Company appeared before the Board and asked for a donation of one hundred dollars to be used in cancelling a note given when they purchased a new wagon some time ago. The original cost of the wagon was three hundred dollars but the company had paid all but one hundred dollars of this amount. Upon motion of Alderman Bangert the request was granted and a voucher for this amount ordered issued.

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The Chief of Police was ordered to see that the city's dock at the foot of Pollock street was not used as a landing for small boats and also to see that there were no obstructions at the dock at the foot of Craven street.

SAYS FARMING IS IN ITS INFANCY

"We Are Just Getting Started," Declares the Chief of the Bureau of Soils.

IS AN AUTHORITY ON SOILS

Asserts That Generous Harvests Await Farmers Who Follow Instructions.

Washington, Jan. 7.—"Agriculture in this country," says Professor Milton Whitney, chief of the bureau of soils of the Department of Agriculture, "is in its infancy; we have hardly more than cleared the ground and got the fences up. When we settle down to the real business of farming and get a thorough knowledge of the soil of each field, as the people of the longer settled countries of Europe have done, we shall have fewer failures to pull down our average of productivity. There never have been greater opportunities offered for American farming than at the present time. In the East and South especially are cheap and productive soils awaiting re-settlement and re-occupation."

Dr. Whitney believes that farms in all parts of the Union which have long since been abandoned may be developed so as to yield generous harvests for those who are willing to follow the instructions laid down by this bureau.

"The work of the soil survey," says Dr. Whitney, "began in a very small way in 1899, and 622,595 square miles of territory have been surveyed and mapped. Over 900 different types of soils have been mapped and classified, and thereby it is now known for what crops the different types are adapted and how they should be treated to obtain the maximum yield. Within the next twelve years every type of soil in the country will have been mapped and classified."

CAPT. LONGSTRETH HERE.

Captain C. Longstreth, owner of the yacht Arrawan II which arrived in port a few weeks ago from Philadelphia, returned yesterday from that city where he spent the Christmas holidays with his family. Captain Longstreth stated that he would probably remain at this port for several days before going on a cruise through the Sounds of North Carolina.

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COLLISION IS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Searching Probe Into Chesapeake Bay Accident of Last Friday Is Announced.

SIXTEEN LOST THEIR LIVES

All Facts To Be Brought Out As To Whether Indrakula Did Her Duty.

Washington, Jan. 7.—A searching investigation is to be made by the Federal authorities into the collision in Chesapeake Bay Friday morning between the British steamer Indrakula, outbound from Baltimore, and the Julia Luckenbach, inbound from Tampa, by which the Luckenbach was sunk and 16 of her company perished, including Capt. H. A. Gilbert and his wife, and after which the Indrakula was beached to save her from sinking.

As soon as Gen. George Uhler, supervising inspector general of the Federal steamboat inspection service, learned that the Indrakula would be towed to Norfolk or Newport News for repairs, he ordered Captains Bray and Tapley, at Norfolk, to conduct the Government investigation of the causes and circumstances of the collision.

At the same time General Uhler ordered Captains Wright and White, the Baltimore local inspectors, to pursue an investigation of their own and submit their findings to the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The inspectors at New York were telegraphed to take affidavits from the members of the Luckenbach crew who were rescued by the Dutch steamer Pennsylvania and taken to that port. These affidavits will become a part of the case.

General Uhler announced that the investigation would be sweeping. It is to include every phase of the collision and the facts are to be brought out as to whether or not Captain Smith, of the Indrakula, refused to stand by the Luckenbach, as he is obligated to do, if he can, by every civilized law of navigation.

WORKING UP CORN CLUB.

S. M. Brinson, County Superintendent of Public Schools, is at present engaged in mailing to the teachers of this county printed matter relative to the Craven County Boys' Corn Club which was organized several days ago. Each teacher is being forwarded a quantity of this matter and is asked to distribute it among the boys of the schools. Although the Club has been organized only a short time a number of inquiries have been received from prospective members.

THE MUNICIPAL DINNER

Editor Edwards of Kinston Paper Writes of Banquet.

In the Kinston Free Press appears the following editorial by Editor D. T. Edwards and suggested by the recent Chamber of Commerce Municipal dinner at which he was one of the invited guests:

"New Bern's municipal dinner Friday night was a decided success, a success that ought to make Mr. J. Leon Williams, secretary, and the splendid business men who compose the city's Chamber of Commerce feel very much like congratulating themselves."

"Perhaps a hundred and twenty-five men gathered in the beautiful dining room of the Hotel Gaston for the dinner. The menu was elaborate and the intellectual feast was well-planned. The principal address of the evening was made by Hon. Josephus Daniels, editor of the News and Observer. Senator Simmons was to have been present, but his public duties forbade his being away from Washington at this time; so Mr. Daniels, who was to have been one of the guests of honor, consented to deliver the leading address. This he did with such effect as to impress his hearers with the very great importance of his message and with his own ability to diagnose and prescribe a remedy for what ever in our social life impedes progress and makes for wrong and injustice."

"The elimination of feudalism from present-day social life and the substitution of co-operation for individualism was Mr. Daniels' theme. His treatment of it could not but be very helpful to a business organization whose aim it is to further the interests of the business community represented. He showed wherein the cooperation

STEAM LAUNDRY CHANGES HANDS

E. M. Miller Sells Out To G. W. Skinner and Will Return To Lynchburg.

MR. MILLER'S HEALTH FAILING

New Owner Is Experienced Man And Laundry Will Enjoy Continued Success.

A deal of more than usual importance was consummated yesterday when G. W. Skinner of Suffolk, Va., purchased from E. M. Miller the machinery and other property of the Model Steam Laundry located on lower Middle street.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller came to New Bern several months ago from Lynchburg, Va., and took charge of the laundry. Mr. Miller had much experience in this line of business and from the very first the venture was a success. For several months Mr. Miller's health has been failing and his physician advised him to change climate. Both he and his wife have made many friends since coming to this city and it will be learned with regret that they intend returning at an early date to their former home at Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. Skinner has conducted laundries in different sections of the country for the past few years and comes to New Bern highly recommended. For the past few years he has been engaged in business at Suffolk, Va. He and his family are now in the city and have taken charge of the New Bern plant.

WOMEN GARBED AS MEN

Create Disturbance In Church Alley and Get Locked Up.

Flora Jones and Cora Boyd, two notorious colored women, attired themselves in male garb yesterday afternoon and proceeded to enliven the atmosphere of Church alley with a black face vaudeville skit in several acts. The performance failed to please the citizens of that locality and a telephone message was sent to the City Hall asking that an officer be sent to the scene. Policemen Lon Bryan and McDaniel were nearby and as soon as the message was relayed to them they hotfooted it to the air dome, arriving during an intermission of the performance. The women were placed under arrest and when told that they must go to jail, stated that they could imagine nothing of less consequence but nevertheless refused to budge a peg. But, whatever it took to get them to jail, the officers had it and the duo were soon peeping from behind the bars at Sheriff Lane's boarding house.

This afternoon at 1 o'clock they will face Mayor McCarthy, with costumes and all other paraphernalia, to answer to a charge of creating a disturbance in the business district of the city.

was the most powerful instrument that had yet been devised for effecting progress along social and industrial lines. But we must have a care, he said, that society controls the corporation rather than be controlled by it."

The speaker was introduced by Judge O. H. Guion, shortly after President Cutler had delivered the address of welcome. Secretary Williams presided as toastmaster and did it gracefully and well. Mr. Daniels' address was followed by remarks from many of the other guests of the evening and by a number of short talks and very instructive papers from various members of the Chamber of Commerce and of the city government.

"During the evening Mr. Williams displayed a chart on which was the wording, 'New-born New Bern' and this he declared was accurately descriptive of New Bern's condition today. And indeed this seems to be the case. For many years New Bern 'stood still' or made very little progress. But the spirit of co-operation came over her dreams; and she has gone forward by leaps and bounds within the last decade or more. The results are there manifesting themselves in a larger and better New Bern with excellent school buildings and equipment, with many miles of street pavement of vitrified brick, with prosperous business houses and industrial plants, with a large organization of progressive business men."

"These are sufficient proofs of the vitality of New Bern's claim to have been 'New Born' into a new and larger life. And still a greater development awaits her in the future."

IMMIGRATION IS NEED OF SOUTH

Such Is Conviction of New York Lawyer Who Is In New Bern On a Visit.

SEES MUCH PROGRESS HERE

Thinks New Bern Sets an Example To Entire South By Its Progressive Spirit.

Isaac Allen, a prominent lawyer of New York City, is in the city spending several days with his family, his wife, Mrs. B. Allen, having recently opened a store on Middle street. This is Mr. Allen's second visit to New Bern and he is greatly impressed with the progress which has been made by the city since his last visit. In an interview given a Journal man yesterday he said: "There is a very apt German saying, which, rendered in English, means, 'He tarried for a while and saw for a mile.'"

"I am a stranger in this town, came here on a visit. Three months ago I was here and stayed for about one week. When I first saw New Bern I was struck by its beauty. Coming from New York, the American metropolis, I could not be impressed by the size of New Bern, nor by the towering height of the office building on the corner of Middle and Pollock streets. But the cleanliness and evenness of its paved streets, the fine quality of drinking water, the extended sewer system, the artistic architecture of many of its private residences, the two daily newspapers, the enterprising spirit of its business men, the civic pride and consciousness of its citizens, and, above all, the natural beauty of its scenery, the two rivers holding this little town in their fond embrace, all these cannot fail to impress any stranger at all susceptible to the influences of beauty and harmony.

"Only three months passed since my last visit, and in that short space of time I find so many changes for the better. Street cars have been installed and are running on scheduled time. The Journal has been enlarged from four pages to eight, and its columns are crowded with attractive advertisements, and its appearance and editorial make-up much improved. A municipal dinner was given to boost the town, a base ball team is in the embryonic stages of formation, talk of a city park and the extension of the car service, is in the air. I find activity, enthusiasm and an abiding faith in the future and possibilities of the city, and a general desire and determination to work for the prosperity of New Bern.

Progress on Every Hand.

"I find signs of progress on every hand. Everything has improved in appearance except your town clock in the Post-office building. Three months ago I could not tell the time by it unless I was within one hundred feet from it, nor can I tell the time now; and I wonder whether any one else can. The combination of colors is such that one has to go over and feel the clock hands to be able to tell it apart from the dial. But I suppose this is not the fault of New Bern. The Post-office building is the property of the Federal Government and the city cannot do anything to improve its usefulness, except to petition Congress for an appropriation to repaint the hands or the dial of the clock; and now, that we will soon have a Democratic Congress and President the chances are that an appropriation would be made for that purpose."

"But aside from the time furnished by the Federal Government New Bern is certainly not behind the times. One can see signs of progress everywhere and if New Bern is representative of the spirit that is now animating the South generally, it is to be hoped that pretty soon the South will come into its own and take the place in the Union of States to which it is, by reason of its natural resources of wealth, entitled."

Errs in One Thing.

"In one thing, however, I believe, the South errs, and that is in its opposition to immigration. The West is a couple of hundred years younger than the South, and yet it surpasses it in manufacture, industry, mining and even in agriculture. The West is bubbling with life. Cities grow up over night and are populated by thousands in no time. Large tracts of non-productive land are turned into populous cities and prosperous farms. The air is filled with the shrill sound of the factory whistle and the booming thunders of the railroad trains. And

NOTED COLLEGES EFFECT MERGER

Medical College of Virginia And University College Of Medicine Unite.

DETAILS ARE MADE PUBLIC

Union of Institutions Means Closing of One of Richmond's Hospitals.

Richmond, Jan. 7.—With practically the entire membership present, the Board of Trustees of the University College of Medicine last night ratified the articles of consolidation, which earlier in the day had been approved by a special committee from the Board of Visitors of the Medical College of Virginia. While the merger of the two medical colleges is practically completed by the occurrences of yesterday, the full board of the Medical College of Virginia must meet within the next ten days to formally accept the plans of agreement.

While not in the written agreement, it is understood that the merger of the two colleges will be immediately followed by the closing of the Virginia Hospital, the institution attached to the University College of Medicine, and the combining in the Memorial Hospital of the work formerly done by the two hospitals separately. This is done both for the sake of economy and convenience. The Memorial is a hospital with 250 beds thoroughly modern, and sufficiently large to handle the clinical work of the New Medical College of Virginia for the present at least.

In the interest of the medical profession and training of the State, Governor Mann has already agreed to assume the responsibility for the appointment of the new board of visitors. While none of the officers cared to give out the detailed plan last night, it is understood that the merger, when once finally approved, will be put into actual effect immediately.

PAVING STARTS SOON.

City Engineer E. R. Eagle is in receipt of a letter from the officials of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company in which they state that the contract for the paving of Hancock and South Front streets has been awarded to L. Lawson of Norfolk and that as soon as he can make preparations for sending a force of men to New Bern, which will probably be during the next two weeks, the work will begin and will be rushed to completion.

WEDDED LAST NIGHT.

Mr. J. M. Wilcox and Miss Janie B. Conner, both of Riverdale, were married last night at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of A. R. Conner, 43 South Front street, Rev. J. B. Hurley officiating. The groom is a popular R. F. D. carrier and he wins as a bride an attractive young woman. The marriage will be a surprise to many friends of the couple as few knew that it was to take place.

the West is not opposed to immigration. On the contrary, it invites and encourages European immigrants to settle, and is affording them all possible opportunities to make their homes there.

"I think the South errs in discouraging immigrants from settling here. The Southern people, undoubtedly, know a good deal how to live and how to adjust their affairs to suit their convenience. But a few new ideas brought over from the other side of the Atlantic, ideas of labor, ideas of business and farming, may come in handy. The South should be willing to receive a few suggestions, even though they come from abroad. There is something very useful these Europeans bring over here, and the South should not surround itself with a Chinese wall shutting out all strangers."

"I hope that the enterprising spirit of New Bern will eventually spread throughout the Southern States and make them more kindly disposed to immigration."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

J. J. Baxter—Great clearance sale starts today.
C. T. Linnies—A real piano factory in New Bern.
S. Copson & Son—January white sale.
People's Bank—Your surplus money.