

THE ALDERMEN HAVE INVITED STATE FIREMEN

Anxious For The 1915 Tournament WILL HELP FINANCIALLY Numerous Matters Taken Up And Acted Upon At Last Nights Meeting

Contrary to the expectations of a number of the spectators at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen held last night no action was taken in regard to the Sunday observance law. It has had been reported that the druggist of the city would appear before the board in regard to the discrimination against them in regard to this ordinance, but this was not the case.

The Ordinance and License Committee submitted their report to the B. A. D. with only a few changes made in the license tax for the handling of different articles in the city.

For several years the newspapers have not been paying a license tax but the Board recommended that a license of twenty-five dollars per year be required from the newspapers. The twenty dollar license tax on tobacco warehouses was stricken out.

The ordinance and license committee also recommended that the license tax for cafe's be reduced to thirty dollars. Alderman Ellis moved that the license for cafe's remain at fifty dollars per year, claiming that if the cafe license tax was reduced to thirty dollars per year the town would be full of them.

The people would take cafe license in order that they may sell soft drinks, cigars and tobacco on Sunday. The motion by Alderman Ellis was adopted. License for Drug stores that do not dispense soda water and cigars and tobacco, was reduced to twenty-five dollars.

At a meeting of the Board several weeks ago that body instructed the City Attorney to notify the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, that if they did not pay the city for paving the crossings on Hancock street, the city would enter suit against them. The Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company was also given a similar notice about the crossing on Queen street. The latter company has decided that to save the trouble and expense of suit that will pay the city half of the amount they are asking for. The whole amount is \$873.00. The board accepted the proposition made by this company.

Alderman Ellis produced a list of the old cisterns now in the city. This list was made out by the city sanitary officers, and shows that forty one of unused cisterns are now in the city. The matter was referred to the City Attorney and the City Physician to investigate and draw up an ordinance that will, if enforced, make all of these who have these cisterns fill them up.

The matter of the increase of the police salary was brought up by Alderman Ellis. No discussion was made on this subject, but it was referred to a committee to investigate and report at the next meeting.

Alfred Kafer appeared before the Board and asked that five hundred dollars be given to help entertain the State Firemen's Tournament here next year, in case they accept the invitation. It was stated that the Board could not make any donations without a special act of the legislature. The Board instructed the clerk to write a letter of invitation to the State Firemen's Tournament for 1915, they also decided to ask the next Legislature to give them permission to donate the five hundred dollars, in case the invitation should be accepted.

Alderman McCarthy stated that he was appointed on a committee to purchase the fire engine that the Board decided on a few weeks ago, and at that time he thought that he was getting it as cheap as any had been sold, but since that time he has learned that this company has sold the same machine to a town in Alabama for eight thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, seven hundred and fifty dollars cheaper than the price asked for. He move that the matter be investigated, and that the company be notified to hold up the order for the present.

F. S. Erault, who has been spending a few days looking over his farm at Aska returned yesterday afternoon bringing with him a few of the large plums raised in Maryland.

Sen. Lee S. Overman



This is a new photograph of Senator Overman of North Carolina, who is chairman of the senate rules committee and member of six other committees, including that on appropriations.

INSULTED WOMAN AND DAUGHTER

Boarder Enters Room of Sleeping Matron and Afterwards Attacked her Matron

KINSTON, July 14.—E. D. Price, a white man, is in jail here upon the complaint of Mrs. Charles Waller, a young matron of West King street, and her mother, Mrs. Moore, with whom Mrs. Waller resides. Price was a boarder in the home.

Sunday morning about 3 o'clock Mrs. Waller was aroused by a noise in her room. Price was kneeling by her bed. She ordered him to leave, and an infant by her side commenced crying. Price left the room, and Mrs. Waller barred the door. She decided to trace Price made attempts to get into take action against the man, until Sunday afternoon Price who was drinking, it is said, attacked Mrs. Moore. It is alleged that he playfully spanked the elderly woman.

WILL SPEND THE EVENING ON THE WATER.

In the place of the usual social meeting to-night, the Epworth League of Centenary M. E. Church will spend the evening on the water.

All of the members are asked to on the wharf at the foot of Pollock St., at eight o'clock.

RALEIGH INUNDATED

Certain Sections Covered With Water—Boy Drowned

RALEIGH, July 14.—Raleigh was visited by the severest rain storm in its history this afternoon. In depressed portions of the city water collected in such quantities that drain pipes clogged with debris proved inadequate and the overflow flooded numerous stores causing damage to stocks. William Williamson, a thirteen year old colored boy while trying to stop the opening in a clogged drain was caught by the swirling tide and swept through the pipe, a distance of several hundred yards his body being recovered about twenty five minutes later.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET

Every member of the Chamber of Commerce who can attend is requested to attend a meeting which it to be held there at 10 o'clock this morning. A matter of vital importance is to be transacted.

JAMES CITY'S MAYOR OFF ON "JOY TRIP"

Mayor J. B. Whisnant, Manager of the V. C. Chemical of James City, left yesterday for several weeks visit in Charlotte. The Mayor stated while he was out of the city Chief of Police David Morris would act as mayor pro tem.

LOCAL RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ARE VERY EXPECTANT

DUE TO GET AN INCREASE IN PAY ON AUG. 1.

WATCHFUL WAITING POLICY

Not Believed That Any Trouble Will Occur If There Is More Delay

Several months ago a number of the men of the Norfolk Southern Railway Co. Shops became dissatisfied with the amount of remuneration they were receiving for their work and this dissatisfaction grew to the propensity of a near-strike. However, they men finally decided to arbitrate the matter and a delegation went to Norfolk, Va., to confer with President Hix an dGeneral Superintendent Witt.

After discussing the matter at length the committee was informed by the officials that just at that time it was impossible to accede to their requests but that some action would be taken within the course of six months. The general understanding of the men was that at the end of this period, which falls on the first of next month, they were to have an increase in their wages and they accepted the report of the committee upon their return.

During the five months which have elapsed since the committee conferred with the officials, President Hix and Superintendent Witt have both severed their connections with the company. Just what the men will do at the end of the period is not definitely known. It has been rumored that they have discussed the matter at length during the past few weeks and they will probably send the committee to Norfolk again on the first of next month to confer with the officials. However, it is not believed that a strike will result, even if their demands are not granted just at this time. The officials have been using all surplus cash in making improvements on the road during the past few months and are endeavoring to get it in good shape. It is believed that the men, realizing this, will take no drastic steps.

MANY TOOK ON EXCURSION OPERATED YESTERDAY

Before nine o'clock yesterday morning a long train was waiting at the Union Passenger Station to carry the crowd of excursionist to Norfolk. A large crowd boarded the train here for the trip and a number of passengers were picked up at intermediate stations along the route.

The special train will leave Norfolk Thursday afternoon at three o'clock for the return trip. ELSEWHERE

NEW BERN CITIZENS MAY EXTERMINATE RATS

CRUSADE AGAINST THE RODENTS MAY BE STARTED IN THIS CITY

Since the State Board of Health sent out warnings to New Bern and Wilmington, warning the health officials of those two cities to beware of the wharf rat, which might be infected with and carry the fatal bubonic plague germ and since other cities in the state have started to wage war on the rodents, there is a possibility that the New Bern citizens will fall in the line and go out to clean up the whole rat tribe located hereabouts.

There are some large rats in this city and there is no denying the fact that there are thousands of them here. Especially around the water front and around the warehouses in the business part of the city. Last September, when the storm visited this section of the city, and sections of the city were inundated, a horde of rats were driven from their resting places and then the public had an opportunity of witnessing just how large and numerous these critters were which infested the city.

Just what steps will be taken, if it is definitely decided to go after the rodents, is not known. The matter will probably be placed in the hands of the City Physician and he will be asked to supervise the work.

DIAMOND MINE PROVES TO BE GREAT BIG FAKE

GLITTERING GEMS ARE PETRIFIED OYSTER SHELLS

MANY BLASTED HOPES

Well Known Mineralogist Hands Irrevocable Down Decision.

When several days ago, workmen who were engaged in drilling three deep wells in the rear of the City Hall brought to the surface from a depth of seventy or eighty feet substances which greatly resembled uncut diamonds, a number of citizens at once hailed themselves to the scene and began to search through the earth which had been brought to the surface, expecting to garner in a rich harvest of the "gems". Many were found and carefully placed away in strong boxes to be held until some authority had expressed an opinion as to whether the supposed stones were worth retaining.

A well known citizen who is an expert on such questions but whom, for various reasons does not desire to have his name made public, has made some investigation in the matter and has come to the conclusion that the "stones" are in reality, petrified pieces of oyster shells or clam shells. Centuries or more ago the site of the City Hall was without any doubt covered by the waters of Neuse or Trent rivers. On the river bed oysters, clams and like dwellers of the damp regions were to be found in large numbers.

During the course of evolution these shells became covered with earth, the salt water acted as a preservative and in time they became petrified and assumed an appearance very similar to uncut diamonds. Naturally this assertion will blast some hopes but such is undeniably the facts. It is also believed that the gold recently found on the Sloan estate just west of New Bern will prove to have been washed down Trent river from a higher altitude and this will cause more hopes to be shattered.

NOVEL DISPLAY

Found At Store of S. Coplon and Son.

A very attractive display was exhibited in the window at S. Coplon and Son's department store on Middle street yesterday. It represented the beach with a board walk lined with trunks, suit cases and playing in the sand was a little child in a bathing suit. A woman also dressed in bathing costume sitting near by looked quite natural. In addition to the trunks and suitcases on the board walk, a figure dressed in a traveling suit was standing on it with the breeze blowing her veil.

This novel display was designed by Hunter M. White, special window decorator for this firm.

Erstwhile Citizen Of Craven In Trouble

J. C. STOKES CHARGED WITH VARIOUS OFFENSES CARRIED TO PITT

J. C. Stokes, white, formerly of Vanceboro, was arrested Monday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff John Russell, charged with defrauding in a horse trade in Pitt County. It was also stated that the horse that Stokes traded was under a mortgage.

Not being able to give a three hundred dollar cash bond, he was placed in the County jail where he remained until yesterday afternoon when he was taken to Pitt County for a preliminary hearing. Officer Russell also had had a warrant charging him with forging a check in Norfolk, Va.

MISS VERA HANCOCK MARRIED LAST EVENING

A marriage which came as a surprise to the numerous friends of the contracting parties took place at the Presbyterian Manse last evening when Miss Vera Hancock, daughter of W. H. Hancock, became the bride of H. Pittman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. N. H. Summrell, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Princess Clementine



The wife of Prince Victor Napoleon recently presented her husband with an heir to the pretensions of the house of Bonaparte and declares she is the happiest woman in the world.

HONOR SYSTEM SOON FOR MEN ON ISLAND

BLACKWELL'S PRISONERS HAVE OLD FASHIONED SABBATH —ONE IN BAD.

NEW YORK, July 14.—There was a good old-fashioned Sabbath day at Blackwell's Island today. All the boys were washed and shaved and went to chapel with joy in their hearts for the promise that if they will be good they shall have new suits of blue and may be a chance at the honor system. They heard Commissioner Davis preach and they sang as if the island were a choir school. Tonight they had porridge and tomorrow they are going to work.

That is, all but one hundred and fifty of them. These men have been singled out as the leaders of the revolts of last week, and they are going to live on a slice of bread a day and lots of water for some time to come. Gradually they will be worked back in the system if they prove themselves worthy of confidence. Of these 150 there are sixteen in "solitary," among them Frank Tannenbom, the I. W. W. here. There were formerly only fifteen, but in the mess today one of the men made a grab for all the corn beef in sight and then smuggled a bottle of vinegar under his jacket. When they searched his cell they found a box of talcum powder that may have done it, and they also found a hollowed out place in the leg of his chair. What was stuffed into the hollow was not determined today, but the man was stuffed into a bunkless cell as soon as they found it.

The glad word that came to the prisoners was that new cloth for their new suits had been ordered, and that the stripe suits will be gradually done away with. Commissioner Davis spoke yesterday at the Catholic service in the morning and at the Episcopal service in the afternoon. In both addresses she sought to impart the philosophy of community existence. She told them that the interest of a group are of more importance than the interests of any individual in the group, and that trouble always arises when individualistic tendencies are asserted with too much vigor. There was applause from the men who had weighed sixteen-pound cell buckets last Friday when they heard this.

"I favor self-government in the prisons for men," she went on, "but I am not sure about the women. Up at Redford the girls objected to it. They said that if a woman is placed in a position of authority she immediately begins to show favors. That reminds me of the time I polled the Bedford women on the question of suffrage.

They did not think it was natural for men to rule women."

Here there were loud cheers and then the commissioner went on to say that ultimately she hoped to establish an honor system at Blackwell's Island.

BASEBALL AT GHENT PARK THIS AFTERNOON

There will be one of the best games of baseball at Ghent Park this afternoon when the single Men and the Railroaders cross bats. The Single Men hold first place in the percentage column, with the Railroaders second. Both are strong teams and will fight hard for the game.

MOTHER OF THE MYSTERY GIRLS MAKES STATEMENT

Mrs. J. W. Nelms Bares Family Skeletons.

TELL OF MANY THREATS.

Mysterious Case From Atlanta, Georgia, Startles Country.

ATLANTA, July 14.—Baring family skeletons that she had kept closely hidden up to this time, Mrs. J. W. Nelms, mother of the strangely missing Eloise Nelms-Dennis and Beatrice Nelms, tonight told for the first time of repeated threats made upon her own life and that of Beatrice, the beloved of Innes, who, according to Mrs. Nelms, had exclaimed that she would kill both of them without any compunction if they even mentioned again the name of Victor E. Innes, her married "lover," or the mysterious "Margaret Mims," Innes' supposed aunt.

Failure of the police and special detectives in every important city in the southern tier of States from Georgia to California and northward to Oregon to get the slightest trace of the two young women in a three days' thorough search led Mrs. Nelms to make the revelation of family troubles and bitter quarrels which she had hoped it would not be necessary to expose to the public gaze.

Frantic from the long suspense that has lasted from the receipt of the death and suicide note in which Eloise calmly related slaying her sister Beatrice in New Orleans and contemplating the murder of Marshall Nelms, her brother, in San Francisco, after which she proposed to drown herself, Mrs. Nelms determined to hold back nothing, but to tell of every unpleasant and tragic incident in her family life which might assist in solving the mystery of her daughters' disappearance.

She admitted that she and Beatrice both were in daily fear for their lives, and confessed the fear that Eloise might have carried out her threat to kill her sister, but she was loath to relinquish her conviction that if Innes, the former Assistant Deputy States District Attorney at Carson City, could be made to tell all he knows, there would be no need to have any further explanation of the mystery.

To this belief on her part is ascribed her action Saturday in making a request of Governor Slaton that he take steps to have Innes arrested. She obtained audience with the Governor and pleaded for more than half an hour with him to use his official influence in her behalf. He was compelled to tell her that he was without jurisdiction.

Other important developments of the day were these:

Judge Thomas B. Lewis comes forward as the last-known person who saw Beatrice and Eloise. He traveled with them from New Orleans to Houston, leaving them at the latter city on June 14th, after they had informed him they were going on to San Antonio.

Mrs. Nelms goes into the details of her charges that her daughter, infatuated with Innes, turned over to him one express money order after another with the understanding that he was to make investments for her.

She makes the startling admission that Eloise knew that Innes was married and planned to bid defiance to the conventions by going to India, there to marry him and return with him after he had obtained a divorce from his present wife.

Innes for the first time admits that he has been out of Portland for the last two months and volunteers the information that he was in Memphis during the same period that he is said to have visited Atlanta, and in Los Angeles at times when he easily could have made trips to Houston or San Francisco, and there have met one or both of the sisters.

Mrs. Nelms, failing to enlist Governor Slaton in her fight to put Innes behind the bars, goes to the Federal officials in an attempt to obtain the detention of Innes before he leaves his present home in Portland, Oregon.

In the face of Innes' denial that he ever has been in Atlanta, Mrs. Nelms makes positive reiteration that he was here and at one of the principal hotels late in May or in early June.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blades, who are summering at Morehead City spent yesterday in New Bern.