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WEDNESDAY, April 6, 1898.

Mr. Scheurer-Kestner, the champion in France of Capt. Dreyfus, was, when a student in 1852, sentenced to four months' imprisonment and a 2,000-franc fine for some Republican propaganda in which he was implicated. Subsequently the Empress Eugenie obtained his pardon and an grant of 100 francs was made at the same time to his cell mate. By some mistake the two orders were refused, the cell being released and Scheurer-Kestner, though he received the 100 francs, was obliged to complete his term of sentence.

THE COUNTY'S MONEY WASTED.

Supt. Ray's Father-in-Law Is Presented With \$75.

The County Commissioners—at least two of them, but it is said to Maj. Hill's credit he was not one—did something yesterday that will be condemned by the taxpayers of Wake county and all right-thinking men everywhere.

For some time Mr. Barbee has been trying to get the board to pay J. L. Pugh, Superintendent Ray's father-in-law, \$75 for his horse, destroyed in the fire at the county home a year ago; but it was not until yesterday that he could get one of the other commissioners to agree with him.

At the last meeting he proposed it, but Maj. Hill contended that such action would be illegal, unjust and without warrant, and Commissioner Chambliss agreed with him. Yesterday, however, Chambliss changed his mind and voted with Barbee to pay Pugh for a horse he happened to have in the stables at the county home the night they were burned. In this line the county lost many hundred dollars, and there can be no warrant for paying a man for a horse that he happened to have in the stable over night at the time of the fire.

The action of Commissioners Barbee and Chambliss yesterday amounts to little less than making Pugh a present of \$75 of the county's money. Now that these two worthy commissioners have presented Supt. Ray's father-in-law with \$75 belonging to the taxpayers of the county, no doubt they are about ready to whitewash the superintendent himself with an exoneration of the charges of official mismanagement that have recently been made against him.

The commissioners were in session all day yesterday, and adjourned at 6 o'clock to meet again this morning.

Most of the day was spent auditing accounts and transacting routine business.

A communication to the commissioners from the W. C. T. U. was read, calling attention to the great need at the county home of a suitable room in which to hold religious exercises for the inmates of the institution, numbering from 50 to 60 parishioners. The hope was expressed that the petition might meet the approbation of the board and result in the building of a room for religious worship.

The board thanked the ladies for their interest in the home, but stated that the finances of the county would not warrant the erection of such a building now.

The superintendent of the workhouse was authorized to repair the bridge at Milburne and the Rogers bridge across the Neuse. Ray was also authorized to have all the iron bridges in the county painted.

Chairman Hill and Supt. Ray were authorized to have a telephone put in at the workhouse quarters.

Bonds of T. C. Council, W. H. Hester and John W. Uplchurch, as cotton weighers for Wake county, were presented and accepted.

The following tax-listers were appointed for the county. Appointments have not yet been made for Raleigh. They will be announced to-day: Barton's Creek—W. A. Pugh. Buckhorn—W. C. Bright. Cary—W. M. Sorrell. Cedar Fork—Wm. Arnold. Holly Springs—C. H. Collins. House Creek—D. H. House. Little River—T. J. Hagwood. Marsh Creek—A. B. Marshburn. Middle Creek—E. T. Banks. Neuse River—W. R. Braswell. New Light—Sidney Davis. Oak Grove—J. R. Ray. Panther Branch—D. D. Banks. St. Mary's—J. P. Goodwin. St. Matthew's—R. J. Buffalo. Swift Creek—C. E. J. Goodin. Wake Forest—J. A. Wiggins. White Oak—S. S. Rogers.

DISPENSARIES CONSTITUTIONAL.

The Supreme court yesterday held (in the case of Guy vs. Commissioners) that the dispensary at Fayetteville is constitutional. There are half a dozen or more dispensaries in the State and this is the first time the question has come before the Supreme court.

"BOYS" ARE READY.

The Governor's Guard in Fine Shape For Duty.

There is no company of soldiers in this State in better condition and more nearly ready for orders than is the Governor's Guard, of this city.

"The Guard is in fine condition," said Capt. A. J. Crawford yesterday. "Three weeks ago we had only 43 men; now we have 58 well drilled and equipped. We are only allowed 60 men, and there are about a dozen applicants for the two vacancies. They will be filled by Monday night. We will draw from them, there are so many applicants.

"Then if there is war and we have to recruit to 100 men, I can in a few hours get them. My men are ready for orders; they can be collected in camp ready to move within two hours."

Many other companies in the State Guard have been for several days enlisting men and recruiting up to their full strength, but they are doing so on their own responsibility. No orders to do so have been issued either from the War Department at Washington or the Adjutant General's office here.

Under the regulations of the State Guard each company is allowed a maximum of sixty men. In case of war, however, this will, by order of the War Department, through the Adjutant General's office, be increased to 100 men.

This would make the organized war strength of the State about 5,000 men. As the State Guard is now organized there are 4 regiments of infantry of 2 battalions each. In case of war the regiments will be expanded to 3 battalions each, making 12 companies of 100 men in each of the four regiments, of a total infantry force of 4,800 and one 6-gun battery of about 200 men.

This organization—the State Guard—will be subject to the first call for troops. After that there may be a call for volunteers to fill up the State's quota, asked for by the President. This quota will be based on the voting population compared to the number called for by the President.

If troops are called out they will receive an entirely new equipment—arms, ammunition, uniforms, everything new and complete and furnished by the general government. They would be sent here simultaneously with the call for the men. It appears that the new summer campaign uniform which is about to be adopted for the army is what is known as "Khaki" cloth, which the British troops have for some years worn in campaigns in warm countries. It is a dirt colored linen, rather darker than that worn by the German troops in summer; is very light and yet fine and strong.

"Not only no orders to call out troops have yet been received," said Major Hayes, U. S. A., acting Adjutant General, yesterday, "but as yet no inquiries or communication whatever have been received at this office from the War Department. It is the intention of this office, if troops are called for, to assemble them here in Raleigh at once. We go out to-morrow to select a camp drill ground in anticipation of such emergency."

SENATOR BUTLER FOR WAR.

Senator Butler thinks there will be war. He does not see any way by which it can be averted and Congressmen Strowd, Shuford and Fowler, all of whom were here yesterday, agree with him in his views.

"Will there be war, Senator?" I asked him yesterday.

"I don't see how it can be averted," he replied, "Spain will have to get out of Cuba and give the island complete independence or there'll be war."

"Suppose, though, the President sends in another non-committal message?"

"Congress is tired of milk and cider messages and members don't propose to have any more hatching and filling. Certainly that is true of the Senate. If Mr. McKinley should to-morrow send in such a message the Committee on Foreign Relations would promptly bring in a resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba and direct the President to use the full force of the army and navy if necessary to enforce it. In other words they would authorize him to make Spain get off the island."

"The sentiment in Congress is in brief about as follows, and the sentiment in the country is stronger even than in Congress:

"That the blowing up of the Maine and the murder of our sailors was alone an act of war.

"That a nation or a people that would commit such a deed should not be allowed by the American people to float its flag on the western hemisphere.

"Neither would we permit a nation that would perpetrate such outrages and butchery of the Cubans as Spain has, to remain longer upon the island. That is sufficient cause for armed intervention even if the Maine had not been blown up.

"The conclusion that Congress has arrived at is that we should make Spain atone for the blowing up of the Maine by getting off the western hemisphere, and that Cuba should be freed as a monument to our dead sailors.

"But we can't allow any settlement of the Cuban matter with the Maine left out. The way to do that is to make Cuba free. This country wants to see every country a republic and she has a chance now to make Cuba a free country on a high ground.

"If Spain goes to war she'll not only lose Cuba but Porto Rico and every other possession she has on the western hemisphere.

Congressman Fowler thinks there will be a declaration of war to-day.

"Certainly there will be," he said, "if there is anything in what such men as Grosvenor, who is supposed to speak for the administration, says. Then there's Dalzell, Dingley and other leaders talking in the same strain."

"But will not Speaker Reed be able to keep them in line as he has been doing for the past two weeks?"

"I hardly think so, though I've seen him make so many of them commit suicide that I am afraid to predict."

Congressman Shuford didn't think the majority could longer be held in line. They are, he thought, becoming restless under the restraint and sore under the criticism that they are getting.

"I should be loath," continued Congressman Fowler, "to charge that McKinley and his advisors are in league with Wall street but there is one thing that I have noticed during all this excitement: A rise or fall in the stock market precedes any official utterance they may make. One day the excitement in Washington will be at its height, Congress threatening every mo-

ment, like a swollen stream, to break over Reed and declare war; you will be surprised to notice that in spite of this the stock quotations are away up. Then there will go forth some official statement of the most pacific kind. Next day perhaps it will look as if the war cloud is passing, but stocks will be down and the most war-like utterances will go forth from the administration. There may be nothing rotten in all this but it certainly has that odor."

RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Less Than \$10,000 Loss in This City Last Year.

Raleigh has but a volunteer fire department, only eleven of the 100 men in it receiving a penny; but there is not a city in the country that has more efficient fire protection.

And right royal good fellows are every one of these fire laddies of the capital city—from their gallant chief down to the laborers on the force.

Mr. L. A. Mahler is chief of the department and Mr. Walter Woolcott, assistant chief.

During the past year, according to Chief Mahler's report, there were fifty alarms, an increase of twelve over the preceding year.

The fire losses for the year amounts to \$12,880, less \$2,747 insurance paid, making a total loss of \$10,142.

The largest loss was on October 21st, when the brick building and stock of T. B. Yancey, on East Morgan street, was entirely destroyed, with a loss of \$9,000.

The Fire Department of Raleigh consists of four companies, with an aggregate membership of 99 men, as follows: Hook and Ladder Company, with 17 men, W. W. Parrish, foreman; A. M. Smith, assistant foreman, and F. C. Doyle, secretary.

Rescue Company, with 28 men, R. E. Lunsford, foreman; W. O. Moye, assistant foreman, and W. A. Faucette, secretary.

Capital Hose Company, with 25 men, John R. Ferrall, foreman; E. B. Bain, assistant foreman, and Alex. Keith, secretary.

Victor Hose Company (colored), with 27 men, John Hardie, foreman; William H. Palmer, assistant foreman, and S. J. Hawkins, secretary.

Of the membership of these companies, only 11 are paid or part paid.

The equipment of the department consists of three 2-horse hose wagons, each carrying 1,000 feet of rubber-lined cotton hose, one hook and ladder truck and eight horses all in service; one Gould steamer and 800 feet of hose in reserve.

The equipment of the fire alarm system consists of 28 Gamewell street boxes, one bell-sinker, three pumps in engine houses, one gong in pumping station put in during the past year; one four-circuit repeater, storage battery complete with switch board and galvanometers, twenty miles of insulated copper wire and nine miles of bare iron wire.

The entire valuation of the property of the department is \$20,200, as follows: Hook and Ladder Company, \$4,000; Rescue Company, \$2,000; Capital Company, \$2,000; Victor Company, \$2,000; Gould steamer, \$4,000; Chemical tank, \$400; building and lot on Morzan street, \$5,900; building and lot on Blount street, \$2,900; extra hose, \$400; fire alarm system, \$7,000.

The expenditures for the department during the past year have been \$7,543.54, as follows: Chief fire department, \$350; assistant chief, \$50; engineer, \$200; steamer, \$100; linemen, \$455; drivers and helpers, \$1,492.99; nightman, \$200; linework and labor, \$417.61; fire department expenses, \$972.30; fire alarm expenses, \$237; fire department permanent improvements, \$2,235.23; fire alarm permanent improvements, \$287.01.

The water supply is from 124 public and 15 private double-nozzle two and one-half inch Matthews fire hydrants. The water pressure has always been ample, varying from fifty to seventy-five pounds lower pressure, according to location, and with direct pressure from 80 to 115 pounds.

During the past year the department suffered the loss by fire of a pair of horses and the reel of the Victor Company. A new and model building for the Victor Company has just been completed on Blount street. It is fully equipped, and was occupied for the first time by the company Saturday.

The building on Morzan street has just been thoroughly overhauled and repaired. Some repairs are also necessary on the Rescue Company building and will be made at an early date.

EDITORS TO THE FRONT.

Ex-Confederate Wants to Command War Editors and Congressmen.

I was talking yesterday with a gentleman who won honor and promotion as a Confederate soldier about the prospects of war. He is a strong anti-war man, and expresses his hostility to war vigorously and emphatically.

"I thought," he said, "that I would never go to war again. I am beyond the age, and I had my share during the four years of the civil war, but I have about decided to enlist if we have a war with Spain upon one condition."

I ventured to ask what his condition was.

"I think of writing to the Governor and offering to volunteer if he will let me command a company composed exclusively of those editors and Congressmen who are clamoring for war, and who will be satisfied with nothing but war. I want to take them into the very front ranks, and where the fighting is the hottest, and let them get a taste of what they say they want."

"This anti-war man continued: 'I have no heart to see the flower of the country killed and ruins and trouble come to give freedom to a lot of negroes who are not fit for self-government. These Southern States by law disfranchise the negroes, saying that they cannot govern, and yet we are asked to go to war to procure independence for men not a whit better qualified than those whose votes gives us bad government here.'"

MAHLER-SIMMONS.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Mable Simmons, daughter of Hon. F. M. Simmons, to Mr. L. A. Mahler, in Church of the Good Shepherd, Tuesday morning, April 19th, at 10:30 o'clock. No cards in the city.

LOST.

and he is one of Vance county's most energetic men.

CONFLICT OF JURISDICTION.

Howard Case Ordered to Trial in Spite of Simonton's Action.

In the decision rendered yesterday by the Supreme court in the case of Howard vs. Southern Railway, the court affirmed the judgment of Judge McVey in directing the clerk of the Superior court of Rowan county not to send up a transcript to the Federal court at Statesville. The court further directed the court below to proceed with the trial of the case. It will be remembered the railroad company appealed from Judge McVey's judgment, its attorneys procured an order from Judge Simonton from the clerk of the State court to furnish them a transcript. The clerk obeyed the order and the attorneys docketed the case in the Federal court within an hour after the transcript was furnished to the railroad attorneys, the clerk received another order from Judge McVey again directing him not to furnish the record. The action of Judge Simonton gives rise to a very unseemly conflict of jurisdiction.

Justice Clark, who writes the opinion of the court, cites with approval, among many others, opinions of Judges Dick and Seymour which are in accord with Judge Clark's opinion, and are utterly irreconcilable with Judge Simonton's assumption of jurisdiction.

Judge Simonton seems to think that there is no limit to the jurisdiction of the Circuit court in railroad cases. Judge Brawley is assigned to hold the court at Statesville. It is to be hoped that his South Carolina education will find expression in his rulings upon constitutional and jurisdictional questions. Simonton out Herod as a Federalist.

THE BAPTIST REVIVAL.

Dr. Barron Preaching Strong Sermons Before Large Congregations With Great Success.

The revival services begun Sunday at the First Baptist Church were continued yesterday and last night with great success.

In the morning Dr. A. C. Barron, of Charlotte, who is conducting the services, preached before a good congregation, composed mainly of the lady workers of the church. His subject was "Faith In Prayer," and Dr. Barron forcibly urged the necessity of prayer at such a time in the church's life. His sermon drew the congregation near to him, and its effect was good.

Last night the church was crowded. A full choir was in the organ loft, and special hymns had been selected.

The sermon delivered by Dr. Barron was well suited to his congregation. It was addressed to those present who were not members of the church or who had backslided. He exhorted with the sinners to repent and called on those present who wished for the prayers of Christian friends to stand up. In answer to his call there was a grand response. A large number arose, and his call for those who wished to be Christians to arise met with equally as large a number of responses.

The services will be continued throughout this week, and the whole city is interested in the success of the revival. Dr. Barron is one of the ablest thinkers in the South, and his eloquence has charmed his hearers in every city from Baltimore to Atlanta.

ATTENTION, SIR KNIGHTS.

A special convocation of Raleigh Commandery No. 4, K. T., will be held this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock for work in the order of Red Cross.

The annual visitation of one of the grand officers of the Grand Commandery will take place. Every member of Raleigh Commandery is requested to attend promptly.

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