

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Application of Electric Light Company for Extension of the Contract Turned Down.

From The Daily Item, May 11.

Council held a regular meeting at 8 o'clock p. m. Present: Mayor Geo. W. Dick, Aldermen H. D. Barnett, F. F. Finn, R. F. Haynsworth, H. W. Hood, O. G. Rowland, W. G. Stubbs and E. K. Wilder. Absent: Alderman E. W. Hurst.

Mr. J. L. Alnutt requested an extension of the 90 days time allowed in which to begin work on his street railway. He stated that the preliminary arrangements were progressing satisfactorily, but slowly at a large personal expense, and he felt quite sure that work would be started about September 1st and pushed rapidly to completion. The request was granted.

The minutes of April 26 and May 1st were read and confirmed.

A telegraphic message was received from Mr. D. M. Therrell through Maj. H. F. Wilson notifying Council of the acceptance by the Bell Telephone Co., of the terms of the Bell Telephone Co., of the terms of the amended long distance telephone ordinance.

The police committee reported lights not burning, and the purchase of 6 pistols at \$14 each, and that they had made certain requirements in regard to handling trash and garbage whereby it is to be placed in boxes small enough for convenient handling and the cart drivers have been directed to place the boxes back in the yards after emptying them. They had removed the police telephone station from the Court House to the corridor of the city hall. In reference to the questions referred to them, in regard to second hand clothing dealers, they asked for further time, which was granted.

Health Officer E. L. Beardon read several letters in reference to second-hand clothing.

The committee of public works reported that they had investigated the conditions as to drainage through the land of Mr. T. B. Jenkins and recommended that Council agree to lay the necessary pipe which should be furnished by Mr. Jenkins as has been done by other citizens under similar circumstances. The report was adopted.

Mr. Haynsworth submitted a proposition from the Sumter Electric Light, Ice and Power Company through their attorneys Messrs. Lee and Moise, as follows:

The company proposes to erect an entirely new system, subject to approval of the committee of public works and conduct their service upon the metre basis for domestic and commercial lighting, arch light to burn all night and every night, regardless of a moonlight schedule, and the incandescent lights, also to burn all night. For this improved service the city will be expected to pay eighty dollars for each arch light and extend the contract fifteen years from expiration of the present agreement. Improvements and changes to be subject to inspection and approval of the committee of public works. After due discussion the Council decided not to consider the proposition at present.

Mr. Haynsworth reported that streets work is much hindered by rains.

Mr. Finn for the special committee, stated that the city bell tower had been inspected and the committee considers it good and safe. The following bids were received for installing an electric switch for ringing the city bell separate from the fire alarm system.

Harth & Garren, \$15.00.
E. H. Lynam, \$12.00.

Same were referred to the fire alarm committee with power to act.

The Mayor informed Council that the City Board of Education had arranged with the First National Bank to retire five of the high school building bonds out of their sinking fund this announcement was received with pleasure and approved.

The following ordinances were read, adopted and ordered published under a resolution unanimously adopted, dispensing with the rule which requires two readings:

(1) An ordinance to declare the result of an election on the question of issuing bonds to buy the water works.
(2) An ordinance to protect the fire alarm system.
(3) An ordinance to prevent the unnecessary noise from automobiles and vehicles using artificial motive power.

The Clerk and Treasurer's report for April was referred to the finance committee as also were the following claims:
Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Co. \$3,000.
H. W. Hood, \$10.25 and \$2.50.
Jno. R. Haynsworth \$10.00.
Council then adjourned.

RAPID GROWTH OF GRASS.

Threatens to Cut Short the Cotton Crop.

The recent rains is causing the grass to grow at a rapid rate and it will cut the cotton crop short as nothing else will. Already the farmers are complaining about the heavy rains and the rapid growth of grass and they will have to get a hustle on themselves if they succeed in keeping it down.

Heavy rains have fallen throughout the country during the past week and the grass is running away with the farms. A well known farmer said to an Item reporter this morning that a reduction in the acreage of cotton would not have been necessary if it had been known that the grass was going to have taken the fields as it has during the past week. Grass, he said, would reduce the acreage when nothing else would.

The farmers are hoping that the rains will let up for awhile so that they can catch up with their work and get the grass out of their fields.

While a bilious attack is decidedly unpleasant it is quickly over when Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are used. For sale by all druggists.

THE WRONG IMPRESSION.

The Cheapest Piece of Property Now on the Market is Court House Square for \$60,000.

Some people, staggered by the big sound of \$60,000 have become wedded to the idea that a very big price is being paid for the court house square. If they will make the effort to purchase property on either side or opposite the court house square for \$300 per front foot with a liberal allowance added thereto for the value of the buildings they will find that owners of adjacent property value their holdings at more than \$300 a front foot. The court house square at \$60,000 is the biggest real estate bargain that has been on the market in years.

A QUESTION OF COSTS.

Poll Tax Delinquent Raises a Question in Magistrate Harby's Court.

Magistrate Harby has been somewhat puzzled by a question raised by a poll tax delinquent who is resisting the payment of the tax with the costs added under an execution issued by County Treasurer Lee and placed in his hands for collection. It seems that the law does not fix the amount of costs to be taxed up by the magistrate, but in this county it has been the custom for the magistrate to tax up and collect as costs one dollar for himself and the same amount for the constable. Until this year the treasurer's cost has been fixed by law at fifty cents, but at the session of 1905 the legislature passed an act fixing the treasurer's cost at one dollar.

Magistrate Harby has followed the custom and on the tax executions placed in his hands for collection he has taxed up one dollar for himself and one dollar for the constable in addition to the treasurer's fee.

One of the delinquents refuses to settle and questions Magistrate Harby's authority to collect the amount of costs taxed up against him, although the right of the magistrate to collect costs is unquestioned and undisputed. Another fact that cannot be disputed is that the magistrates have the authority to sentence poll tax delinquents to the chain gang and Magistrate Harby will solve the problem by sending those who refuse to pay the tax, penalty and costs to join the good roads brigade.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Exercises Held and a Crowd Present Notwithstanding the Rain.

From The Daily Item, May 11.

The people of Sumter honor and revere the memory of the heroes of the Lost Cause and nothing prevents on each occurring Tenth Day of May the observance of the simple, yet solemn ceremonies commemorative of the heroism and patriotic death of those who wore the grey and laid down their lives on the altar of their country in the defense of State's rights.

A more unpropitious season for the observance of Memorial Day than yesterday afternoon afforded could not have been selected from the garnered sheaves of Mays from a cycle of years, but notwithstanding the lowering clouds, the downpour of rain, the flash of lightning and the reverberating roar of thunder at intervals throughout the afternoon, the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Veterans and the Sumter Light Infantry, the Graded School Cadets, the Second Regiment Band, the little girls in white clad, and bearing the choicest flowers of May in their hands, and quite a large crowd of others assembled at the cemetery at the appointed hour and the programme as arranged was carried out.

Hon. Richard I. Manning, of the Sons of Veterans, presided and introduced the speaker, Major H. F. Wilson. The invocation was offered by Rev. C. C. Brown.

Just as Major Wilson began his address a perfect down-pour of rain came and he was unable to finish. The introduction to his address, however, which he delivered, was eloquent and appropriate to time and occasion.

Sumter Parties Interested.

The secretary of state has chartered F. N. Wilson Insurance Agency of Manning. Messrs. Perry Moses and I. H. Moses, of this city, are among the incorporators.

There is a lot of talk about the blue blooded poultry that some of our chicken fanciers are raising, but what would interest common folks would be a farm to raise a few million plebian frying size chickens that are not too blue blooded to grace a dinner table.

The suggestion has been made that the county would do well to sell the jail and adjacent lots for a sufficient sum to build a new jail in a more undesirable locality. It is argued that if the jail were removed the property in the vicinity of the jail lot would immediately be built up in residences.

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Thos. W. Carter, of Ashboro, N. C., had Kidney Trouble and one bottle of FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE effected a perfect cure, and he says there is no remedy that will compare with it.

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REPEAT THE CONCERT

Ladies of the Baptist Church Asked to Repeat Their Successful Entertainment.

There is a demand for a repetition of the concert given at Opera House recently by the ladies of the First Baptist church. A large number of people were deprived of the pleasure of seeing this splendid performance owing to the inclemency of the weather. Those present, however, have spoken so highly of the performance, particularly the baby show, that they have created a demand for another performance. The manner in which the sixteen little girls executed the interesting and complicated manoeuvres of the drill, and the unique way in which they were dressed the elocutionary ability displayed for children of age, and their acting in general were the subjects of very favorable comment. Mrs. E. M. Leiby, of this city, who trained the children did her work well. Mrs. Leiby recently took a course in elocution at St. Joseph's Academy of Sumter, and was awarded a diploma, which was accompanied with a complimentary recommendation from her teachers. Her recitation, "Music on the Rappahannock," at the concert last week was the work of an artist, and she held the attention of the audience throughout her splendid recital, and displayed unusual ability as an elocutionist. She is now engaged in teaching elocution in this city and she deserves a liberal support. Those who are fortunate enough to secure her as a teacher will not have cause to regret it.

TRUCK FARMING.

Big Profits Can Be Made on Very Small Investment.

Much has been said recently as to the reduction of the cotton acreage and raising peavine hay, etc., and for the benefit of those who cannot convince themselves that there is money in anything other than cotton the following is taken from the Elberton. (Ga.) Star, showing what one gentleman did on less than three-quarters of an acre of land:

"People who are talking hard times, that there is no money to be made on the farm, would do well to follow the example of Dr. B. F. Smith. This gentleman has a lot in Elberton containing less than three-quarters of an acre—to be accurate 70-100 of an acre—on which he has cleared already this year \$185. This profit came from the production of cabbage. Last fall he planted this plot of ground in this vegetable, which had been laid by, and Friday he sold the crop for \$250 to J. G. Ginn. Within the next month this crop will be harvested and sold, after which Dr. Smith proposes to put the same ground in celery, on which he hopes to again make a big profit. The doctor says that he owns and operates a three-horse farm, and has pitted his lot against the profits of his farm for this year."

HOTEL CONTEMPLATED.

Mr. R. B. Belsler states that several members of the syndicate that has agreed to purchase the court house square are favorably considering the erection of a four-story block with stores on the first floor and a 75 or 100 room commercial hotel on the upper floors. The hotel lobby, office, etc., would be on the first floor, of course.

A Creeping Death.

Blood poison creeps up towards the heart, causing death. J. E. Stearns, Belle Plaine, Minn., writes that a friend dreadfully injured his hand, which swelled up like blood poisoning. Buckler's Arica Salve drew out the poison, healed the wound, and saved his life. Be-t in the world for burns and sores. 25c at J. F. W. DeLorme's drug store.

Help the Sumter Light Infantry.

The Sumter Light Infantry is making an effort to increase the number of contributing members and it is an effort that should have the hearty endorsement and unqualified support of the citizens of Sumter. This organization has done much and is doing a great deal now and means much more to the community that it has ever cost. Every business and professional man in the city should be on the roll as a contributing member and in that way do a fraction of his duty for the support of law and order in Sumter and vicinity. The Sumter Light Infantry represents law and order and the protection of life and property and the young men who compose it are doing more than their duty in maintaining it. Those of us who are not members should help to support it and hold up the hands of the active members.

Chief Bradford's New Quarters.

At a recent meeting of the grand jury Chief Bradford was requested to move the police telephone station from in front of the court house. He has complied with this request and it is now located in the lobby of the city hall building. Although it is very small the chief has been mindful of the comfort of the members of his force and has arranged racks along the wall, and the officers can use it as a locker. It is much more convenient than the old one and the chief is highly pleased with the new arrangement.

There are 69 contestants this year for the Daughters of the Confederacy medals offered for the best compositions written by the High School pupils. Messrs. H. F. Wilson, C. M. Hurst and J. W. Kneat are the committee to decide which compositions shall receive the medals.

Supervisor Seale was quick to take the hint thrown out by the Manning Times and reproduced by The Daily Item that Clarendon county might save money by hiring out her convicts instead of maintaining a chaingang. Supervisor Seale immediately wrote Supervisor Owens of Clarendon making him an offer in behalf of Sumter county to hire all the Clarendon county convicts. In reply Supervisor Owens writes that Clarendon county has no convicts for hire.

The Sumter and Northern railroad is still a live enterprise. One of the corporators stated today that the final survey to locate the road north of Bishovville is now being made by Major Lee and will be completed at an early date.

Cleared for Action.

When the body is cleared for action, by Dr. King's New Life pills, you can tell it by the bloom of health on the cheeks; the brightness of the eyes; the firmness of the flesh and muscles; the buoyancy of the mind. Try them. At J. F. W. DeLorme's drug store, 25c cents.

When will the Board of Public Works organize and take action looking to the immediate purchase of the water works?

Hot Weather Piles.

Persons afflicted with piles should be careful at this season of the year. Hot weather and bad drinking water contribute to the conditions which make piles more painful and dangerous. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve stops the pain, draws out the sores and cures. Get the genuine, bearing the name of E. C. DeWitt & Co. all druggists.

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A Good Suggestion.

Mr. C. B. Wainwright of Lemon City, Fla., has written the manufacturers that much better results are obtained from the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in cases of pain in the stomach, colic and cholera morbus by taking it in water as hot as can be drunk. That when taken in this way the effect is double in rapidity. "It seems to get at the right spot instantly," he says. For sale by all druggists.

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