

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Matters of General Public Interest Considered—Street Extensions Requested and Ordered.

City council held a regular meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

Present: Mayor Geo. W. Dick, Aldermen H. D. Barnett, P. P. Finn, R. F. Haynsworth, H. W. Hood, C. G. Rowland, W. G. Stubbs and R. K. Wilder.

Mr. L. D. Jennings requested council to open certain streets through land recently acquired by him in the southwestern part of the city and offered to make deed of conveyance to the city of so much land as may be required for streets. Same was referred to committee of public works with power to act.

Minutes of February 28th were read and approved.

Report was received from Commissioners of Public Works for month of February and received as information.

A letter was read from Health Officer Reardon advising a sub-surface drain on South side of Liberty street, a distance of three or four hundred feet, connecting with the Salem avenue drain. This drain was also recommended by the committee on sanitation, and council ordered that it be laid at once.

The mayor suggested that a sub-surface drain should be laid in Oakland avenue from Sumter to Council or Washington street, and same was referred to committee of public works with power to act.

Mr. S. H. Edmunds presented a letter from the Civic League requesting that two water spigots be placed on the Graded school grounds for the purpose of watering flowers which they propose to plant there, and that the dilapidated wooden benches on the grounds be replaced with iron benches. Mr. Edmunds urged the encouragement and assistance of council in these matters. The request for water was referred to the commissioners of public works and the clerk was directed to ascertain cost of iron benches.

Mr. Haynsworth for the committee of public works reported that all open drains have been cleaned out, and the drain and clay work on Calhoun is progressing satisfactorily.

The mayor advised that deeds should be taken for Grier and Wells streets and the houses thereon should be numbered. Same was referred to the police committee.

The mayor reminded council that a light had been ordered at corner of Haskell and Calhoun streets some time ago, and asked the attention of the commissioners of public works thereto.

The mayor stated that he had received a letter from Superintendent Anderson of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company in reference to Mary street, in which Mr. Anderson said that he would investigate the questions at issue and hoped for a friendly adjustment in a short time.

The request of Officer W. G. Pierson to be allowed pay for time recently lost by sickness was granted.

Mr. Haynsworth stated that the A. C. L. Ry. Co. had offered to bear one-half the cost of a terra cotta drain on southeast side of their track to replace wooden drain now in bad repair, and the committee of public works was authorized to accept the offer and have the work done.

Clerk's report for February was referred to the finance committee, together with the following claims:

Booth Live Stock Co. \$ 26
Sumter Iron Works. 10 26
T. B. Jenkins. 9 75
R. W. Bradham. 3 85
Epperson Feed & Coal Co. 6 50
Durant Hardware Co. 3 50
Council then adjourned.

Report of Commissioners of Public Works for month of February, 1906:

Receipts: Balance from January, \$33.95; collected on accounts, \$223.39; borrowed on note, \$496.40. Total, \$753.74.

Expenditures: Wood, \$124.60; piping, meters and other supplies, \$195.28; laborers, \$5.40; incidental expenses, \$2.50; A. Schilling for January and one-half of February, \$109.65. Total, \$437.43.

Balance to March, \$316.31.

The board has found it necessary to expend some money in improvement of machinery at the station, which has bettered conditions there very much. We have heard no complaints of inadequate pressure and the plant seems to be operating successfully. We have made some extensions and are constantly adding to the number of consumers. The board has notified all customers that the present contracts must be renewed with the city on April 1st. They are contemplating the adoption of rules that will be to the best interest of the public. These will be published during the present month. Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Hurst,
Sec. Bd. Com. Pub. Wks.
Sumter, March 1, 1906.

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Rambling Thoughts.

The man who bought Sumter dirt at the "high prices" of a year ago is patting himself on the back as a wise guy with lots of foresight.

The mass meeting is a serious proposition for the candidates for municipal honors, and it should be equally as serious to the voters, the tax-payers especially. It should be utilized as an opportunity for ascertaining as nearly as may be exactly where the candidates stand on the issues of importance.

There is talk that now is the time to elect a "do something" council. That is to say a council that will go in for big things, create a stir and spend money like it grew on trees for public improvements, even if it is necessary to bond the town for a quarter of a million. Such talk may sound big in the ears of the talker, but it don't sound good to the tax-payers and won't appeal to them, unless there is a decided change of mind and heart.

A fuss and feathers council with a violent attack of the public improvement and big bond issue mania is the worst calamity that could slip up on the blind side of an unsuspecting municipality. May the good Lord spare Sumter from such an evil visitation in this year of grace.

Necessary public improvements are good investments no matter what the cost, but it takes level headed business men to differentiate between what is necessary and what is mere outward show.

For a good many years Sumter has been fortunate in having such men in the council; taking the record by and large, it shows that the money that has been expended has been, as a rule, well spent. Mistakes have been made here and there, but they are recognized as mistakes by the light of experience. Hindsight is better than foresight because it is hindsight and for no other reason.

There are more than enough absolutely necessary public improvements already in sight to occupy the time, attention, talents and executive ability of the very best council that can be selected without thrashing around to stir up some imaginary improvement that will have the appearance of being up to the minute, progressive, etc., etc.—you know the rest of the talk.

If the council to-be will take hold of the sewerage proposition and put it through or even get it well under way the duty that lies nearest to their hands will have been discharged. Sewerage for Sumter is a big proposition, but it is the essential and vital necessity at this juncture in the town's history. The present and future healthfulness of the community is wrapped up in the sewerage proposition and the whole future of the town is absolutely and entirely dependent upon its healthfulness.

The town has managed to get along passably well without sewerage in spite of our folly and disregard of the consequences that must result from the persistent violation of the simplest and best proven sanitary rules, but this happy exemption from immediate penalty has been due to the character of the soil upon which Sumter is built. The sandy, porous, absorbent soil staved off the evil day, but the limit has about been reached, and if our people display ordinary wisdom and discretion they will not tempt Providence too far, they will not go on and on until the fact that the limit has been overstepped is brought home to them forcibly by the penalty that is the price of disregarding sanitary laws.

A sewerage system will cost a good deal of money, but health and happiness are worth a great price. We may not be altogether happy because we are healthy, but we can't be happy at all without health.

It is the opinion of those whose opinions are of value and worthy of acceptance that a sewerage system is the price Sumter must pay for a continuance of the exceptional good health the community has so long enjoyed, and the sooner and more cheerfully we pay it the better it will be for us, one and all.

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J. E. Norment, private secretary to Governor Heyward, is in the race for secretary of State.

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CONCERT AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

The Pupils of the Academy Pay Their Tribute of Honor to Their Pastor.

From the Daily Item March 14.

The celebration of Mgr. McNeal's golden jubilee was brought to a close yesterday afternoon with a very enjoyable concert given by the pupils of St. Joseph's Academy "in honor of the golden jubilee of their beloved pastor." The programme was as follows:

Opening chorus, "A Festival Greeting," Wilkins, by the vocal class.
Instrumental duet, "Golden Trumpet," gallop, Eehr, Misses Gertrude Conlon and Irene Hoine.

A sonnet, "A Golden Cycle," dedicated to Rev. A. J. McNeal on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood by the Rev. P. L. Duffy, LL.D., Miss Annie Conlon.

Instrumental duet, "Golden Chimes" Waddington, Misses Louise Epperson and Cleo Spears.

"A Golden Wand Drill," by the young ladies of the physical culture class.

Piano, Miss Helen Conlon.
Instrumental duet, "A Festive Serenade," Low, Misses Julia Burns and Susie McKenny.

"A Golden Bell Drill," introducing the song, "Auld Lang Syne," by the pupils of the elocution and physical culture classes.

Piano, Miss Helen Conlon.
Instrumental duet, "Sparks of Gold," Goerdeler, Misses Naomi Blitch and Ruth Gooding.

"Jubilee March," Misses Louise and Cyde Durant.

Recitation, "Sacredos in Aeternum," Concluded with a "Jubilee Song," by the young ladies of the elocution class.

Piano, Miss Helen Conlon.
Instrumental duet, "The Golden Chariots," Misses Lizzie Britten and Ila May Evans.

Closing chorus, "Jubilee Hymn," Haerel, by the vocal class.

Following the concert the visiting clergy and other distinguished visitors who attended the jubilee were taken in an automobile ride over the city and suburbs.

Before leaving the city for their homes the Charleston clergy expressed themselves as charmed with the gracious hospitality of their Sumter hosts. They said that the jubilee celebration was a most successful one and a happy event to all who participated in it.

THE COLUMBIA ELECTION.

Mayor Gibbs Re-elected by Over Two Hundred Majority.

Columbia, March 13.—The newly elected city council of Columbia is made up as follows: Mayor T. Hazel Gibbs.

Aldermen:
Ward 1—Ernest M. Dupre, Allen Jones, Geo. W. Collins.

Ward 2—Wm. S. Reamer, Chas. J. Lynch, Ireddell Jones, Jr.

Ward 3—Frank W. Seegars, Jno. A. Willis, L. E. Marshall.

Ward 4—T. K. Feagan, W. F. Steigltz, R. C. Keenan.

Ward 5—W. P. Hamrick, J. E. Moorhead, F. A. Norwood.

The election was held without special incident. The chief interest was in the mayoralty contest. Mayor Gibbs was re-elected, and Col. J. Quitman Marshall was defeated. Mayor Gibbs' election was largely an endorsement of his two year's administration. Col. Marshall's late announcement and the feeling that Mr. Gibbs deserved an endorsement operated against him. Mayor Gibbs gave the city an honest, progressive and clean administration, and was entitled to consideration. The result of the election for mayor follows:

Total for Gibbs, 1,022.
Total for Marshall, 816.
Total vote cast, 1,829.
Gibbs' majority, 206.

AN EMBEZZLER CONVICTED.

Public Pull Did Not Save Indiana's Rascally Auditor.

Indianapolis, March 15.—This morning the jury in the case of David E. Sherrick, former auditor of the State, returned a verdict of guilty of embezzlement of state funds on ten of the eleven counts of the indictments. The verdict carries an indeterminate sentence of from two to twenty-one years. The announcement of the verdict was followed by a motion for a new trial. Pending a decision Sherrick will be held in the custody of the sheriff.

Doctors are Puzzled.

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth Mciver, of Vanceboro, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the throat and congestion of the lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when, as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say it saved my life." Cures the worst coughs and colds, bronchitis, tonsillitis, weak lungs, hoarseness, and la grippe. Guaranteed at all druggists. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Running a Daily Newspaper.

The News, a daily paper at Sumter, has suspended publication. The News was started about a year ago with strong financial backing but in the face of many predictions of failure on account of the fact that Sumter already had one daily newspaper and is too small to support another. The inevitable result has come. There are only four towns in South Carolina that could be thought large enough to support two daily newspapers and in not all of these is it a demonstrated fact that two can be operated profitably. It costs at least \$25 a day to publish even a very small and poor daily newspaper and from that the expense runs rapidly on up almost without limit. The expense of publishing such as newspaper as the Journal is \$60 a day. It requires a liberal and steady cash income to keep from going into the hole on a proposition of this kind, but this is usually overlooked by persons who are enthusiastic to get into the newspaper business. Only a short time is necessary for such enthusiasm to ooze out and the strongest kind of financial backing wants to get from under when called on with unceasing regularity to put up a big weekly deficit. It is no fun running a daily newspaper with the balance persistently going the wrong way.—Spartanburg Journal.

Magistrate's Court.

The case of the State vs. John Burgess, indicted for petit larceny, was heard by Magistrate Harby last week. The defendant was charged with stealing a board off a fence belonging to Messrs. L. D. Jennings and W. W. Mellette. He was convicted and paid his fine which was fixed by the magistrate at \$10.00.

Thursday afternoon the trial of the case of James Robertson vs. J. R. Albrooks was concluded. The plaintiff sued under claim and delivery proceedings for the possession of a mule unlawfully withheld from his possession and damages for the loss sustained by the unlawful seizing thereof. The appearances were Major Marion Noise for the plaintiff and L. D. Jennings, Esq., for the defendant.

Magistrate Harby turned the case over to the jury late in the afternoon, and after a short deliberation, they returned their verdict, awarding the plaintiff the immediate possession of the mule and \$25.00 of the \$30.00 asked for.

The regular fishermen are getting their hooks and lines in order, for fish are beginning to bite.

When the water mains are extended so as to supply all who desire to use city water the income that the city derives from the water system will be largely increased and the cost of operation will be practically unchanged—and besides the fire hydrants can be increased in number indefinitely without extra cost to the city except for the actual cost of installing the additional hydrants. There is no rental to pay for each additional hydrant, as was the case when the water system was owned by the American Pipe Co.

It ought not to be news to the public that it is a violation of the laws to send any written communication in a package of third or fourth class mail matter—merchandise or printed matter—but the frequency with which the law is violated would appear to indicate that many are ignorant of the law. It will be news, however, to many that the postoffice officials are now making a systematic effort to enforce the law and to collect the \$10 penalty for each violation. Packages of these classes of mail matter are being inspected and wherever any communication is found enclosed the person guilty of violating the law will be required to pay the penalty.

Mr. R. H. Barnes, of Bishopville, who was shot so seriously a few weeks ago that it was thought impossible for him to survive, is now able to sit up a short while each day, and his recovery is confidently expected.

The mass meeting for the municipal election will be held in the court house on Thursday night, March 22, at 8 o'clock. The primary election will be on the 27th inst.

Dr. R. F. Divver of Anderson says he will enter the race for secretary of State.

A petition was circulated among the merchants a few days ago requesting them to close their stores at 6 o'clock p. m. from April 1st to September 1st. The petition was drawn up and circulated at the suggestion of several of the merchants who favored early closing beginning April 1st instead of May 1st, but the movement failed of success because two of the leading merchants declined to sign the agreement.

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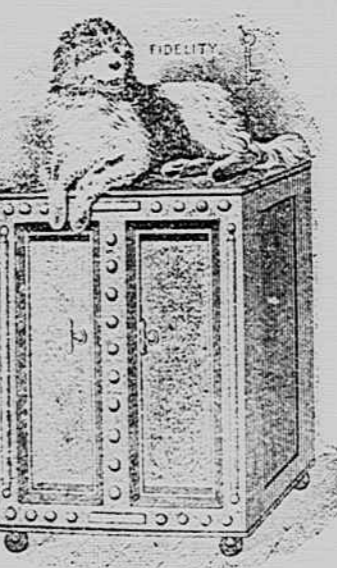
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