

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

A LONG DRAWN OUT TALK- FEAST.

The Dog Ordinance Adopted to Go into Effect as Once—Resolution to Sell Sewerage Bonds Rescinded—The Grady Matter Rediscussed at Great Length.

City Council was in session from 6 to 9 o'clock last night, and, as usual, there was about one-third of the time consumed in the transaction of business and the balance in talk, more or less applicable to the business in hand. The City Council cannot be truthfully characterized as a disorderly body, for it is not rowdy or uproarious, but it is unwieldy in its procedure and its sessions are unduly and unnecessarily protracted.

When the body was called to order by Geo. D. Levy was recognized. He extended an invitation from Sumter Lodge, B. P. O. E., to the mayor, city clerk and city council to attend a party at First Mill Friday evening, which is to be given complimentary to the Mill, who are in attendance upon the Annual State Convention B. P. O. E., now being held in this city. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

The minutes of meeting held June 10 were read, and, after quite a protracted discussion and minor corrections being made, were confirmed.

Mr. Barnett reported for the finance committee that the clerk's report for the year had been checked over and found correct; all bills had been examined, found correct and approved; the contract for the city printing had been awarded the Sumter Herald at the bid of 15 cents per inch for first insertion and 10 cents per inch for each subsequent insertion of advertisements and all official minutes of the proceedings of council to be published free of charge, as required by resolution of council—this being the only bid before the committee, the Ocean Publishing Co., having declined to make a bid under the conditions prescribed by council to publish the minutes free of charge.

Mr. Wright, who is a member of the finance committee, said he thought the Ocean Publishing Co., was right in its position in reference to the publication of minutes and had so stated to the committee, but the committee was left no option in the matter under the resolution, unless it should go to council and ask that the resolution be rescinded, and this the committee declined to do. He also stated that the matter of the comparative circulation within the city of the Sumter Herald and Watchman & Southron was brought out in the committee meeting and was considered in making the award.

Mr. H. G. Osteen stated that he had not made any statement in respect to the circulation of the Watchman & Southron, as he had declined to put in a bid, while the objectionable resolution remained in effect, and that if any one had taken it upon himself to make a circulation statement for the Watchman and Southron the said statement was purely imaginary.

Mr. R. F. Haynsworth denied that any circulation statement had been made and stated that the award had been made to the only bidder under the terms specified by council.

Mr. Wright contended that the circulation of the two papers had been considered. Mr. Stubbs supported Mr. Wright's assertion, stating that figures purporting to be the actual circulation of the two papers had been mentioned at the committee meeting.

Mr. R. F. Haynsworth contended that the circulation of the papers had not been discussed at the committee meeting, although the matter may have been discussed by committeemen outside.

Mr. Barnett related conversation between himself and Mr. Osteen in which the latter had informed him that he would make no bid under the conditions required by council, that Mr. Osteen had made no statement of circulation; that he had said that he would make a bid if resolution was rescinded.

Continuing the report of the finance committee Mr. Barnett stated that he financial condition of the city had been carefully investigated and it was found that the city has borrowed only \$20,000, including the amount advanced to the sewerage commission, and that the finance committee is of the opinion that it is not necessary to issue the \$50,000 sewerage bonds at this time, if at all, and recommends that the resolution adopted at the last meeting to issue the bonds at once be rescinded and the bond issue be withheld for the present. Later on the issue of bonds may be necessary when money is needed for paving. The committee recommended that \$5,000 be borrowed.

Mr. Wright, who offered the resolution at the last meeting that the bonds be immediately issued, stated that he had gotten together some figures that he desired to present for the consideration of council. He said the income of the city is about \$60,000 annually, of which \$45,000 is yet

to be collected for the current year, \$25,000 more will carry the city until the taxes are collected and if \$25,000 more is borrowed the city will then owe only \$45,000, which will be taken care of out of the income. Thus the city can pay what it owes out of regular income and at the end of the fiscal year own nothing. Therefore he favored the adoption of the recommendation of the finance committee that the bond issue be withheld.

Mr. Ligon said he was under the impression that it was fully understood that when the sewerage bonds were sold the city would be repaid money advanced for sewerage and this money would be used for paving the streets. If the bonds are not issued the city must continue borrowing money and would be unable to take up the street paving.

Mr. Wright said the difference is that if the bonds are not issued the city would be a borrower for two years and would in that time pay out, while if the bonds are issued we would be borrowing for forty years and paying interest which would necessitate a two mill increase of the tax levy.

Mr. Wright moved that the bond issue be withheld for the time being.

Mr. Ligon moved that the report of the finance committee be confirmed, with exception of the part referring to bond issue, and that that be taken up for discussion in regular order. Carried.

Mr. H. C. Haynsworth moved that the bond issue be withheld for the present. Carried, Mr. Ligon voting, No.

Mr. H. C. Haynsworth, for the committee of public works, reported that the street hands had been employed in saving the clay from the sewerage trenches for use on the streets as regularly as possible, but that for the past week the hands and teams had been engaged in harvesting the city's crop of oats and in planting the land in peas, consequently not as much progress on the street improvement had been made as desired. A fairly good crop of oats had been made—about 20 bushels per acre—a good yield for the land.

Mr. Wright expressed the opinion that the committee should have employed additional labor to harvest the oat crop and plow in the peas so as not to interfere with the street work ordered by council. Mr. Haynsworth explained that the effort to hire extra hands and to get some one to plow in the peas had been made without success.

Mr. Ligon, for the police committee, recommended the employment of two temporary policemen; that the salaries of policemen be fixed at \$50 per month for the first three months of service, \$55 for the next three months and \$60 thereafter; that the uniforms furnished policemen be worn as uniforms and not otherwise (that is to say, that the practice of removing the brass buttons from the uniforms and wearing them as ordinary citizens' dress be forbidden); that Officer Pierson be thanked by council for the rescue of the little boy, Clifton Walker, who fell into a sewerage ditch, a resolution to be prepared by the clerk, spread on the minutes and a copy presented to Officer Pierson, and that he be voted \$10 by council. On motion of Mr. Wright the report was adopted.

Mr. Ligon moved that Officer H. G. McKagen be paid \$15 that would accrue to him, under the salary schedule just adopted, when he shall have completed six months' service. Carried.

City Engineer W. L. Lee, at the request of the street committee, presented a statement showing unpaved portion of Main street between Bartlette and Canal and the cost of putting down cement sidewalks eight feet wide at \$3,389.10, and a similar estimate for Liberty street in the fire limits at \$1,800.50. The report was received as information.

Mr. Wright said he thought the work ought to be done and gave reason for having the estimate made for only eight feet of paving. He moved that work be done, seconded by Mr. Ligon. Mr. Ligon then moved to amend that the paving on Main street extend from the Presbyterian church to the railroad on Main street and Manning avenue. Mr. Stubbs moved to amend that the paving extend from Main on Bartlette and Harvin to the passenger station. Mr. Wright's original motion was adopted. The matter of making the property owners pay one-half the cost of the paving was discussed at some length. A majority appeared to be of the opinion that the property owners could be required to pay one-half the cost of the work and there was a sentiment in favor of going ahead with the work on this proposition. Mr. H. C. Haynsworth said that there is no law to make a property owner pay for street paving and that it could not be done without a constitutional amendment. Mr. Wright moved the rescind his motion so that a committee could be appointed to call on the property owners and ascertain from them if they will pay one-half the cost. The matter was further discussed and the motion of Mr. Wright was finally withdrawn by unanimous consent, and Messrs.

Wright, Stubbs, and R. F. Haynsworth were appointed on the committee to call on the property owners. The effort will be made to get all property owners to agree to pay one-half, but if some agree and some don't it will be up to council to decide whether to pave and pay all for the sections where property owners refuse to bear their share of the cost.

Mr. H. C. Haynsworth reported that City Engineer Lee had been requested by the sewerage commission to inspect and receive the completed portion of the sewerage system for the commission and the city. Mr. Lee was directed to comply with the request of the commission and in case of defects to report same to council.

The special committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare a dog ordinance presented an ordinance requiring that all dogs running at large between May 1st and October 1st be securely muzzled with muzzles that would permit the dogs drinking water at will. Dogs not muzzled will be impounded and if not redeemed within three days upon payment of \$2, will be sold or killed. Dog owners who permit their dogs to run at large unmuzzled are declared guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction will be required to pay a fine not exceeding \$5 or to be imprisoned not more than ten days. The ordinance was read, and under suspension of rules was adopted and ordered published, the second reading being dispensed with.

The next matter taken up was the election of two temporary policemen recommended by the police committee. The need for them was discussed at length and the committee stated that they are needed to carry out a more extended patrol of the city. Mr. R. F. Haynsworth entered into a lengthy discussion of the necessity of having a plain clothes man or city detective. Officer Grady's record, while so employed, was referred to and it was asserted that his services as shown by the records, were particularly valuable. He would ask that Mr. Grady be reinstated—was talking for the consideration of the police committee. Asked that they lay aside personal considerations—was not asking that anything that had been done be rescinded. But he hoped the committee would see its way clear to put Grady back, for he has done nothing for which he should be put in uniform. The police committee has had no reason to put Grady down.

Mr. Wright said it was altogether a matter for the police committee to determine and he was for leaving it in their hands.

Mr. Ligon reasserted and most emphatically disclaimed any personal animus in the matter of Officer Grady, he was trying to act in this, as in all other matters, for the best interest of the city, as he presumed all other members of council were. In the discussion which was quite lengthy, the Grady case was thrashed over several times, and it really appeared that the issue as to whether Mr. Grady is or is not to wear a uniform is the burning question with which council has to deal.

During the discussion Mr. R. F. Haynsworth succeeded in finding out what he failed to ascertain at the last meeting—how the police committee stood on the question of putting Officer Grady on the regular force instead of continuing him in the service as a plain clothes man or detective. Mr. Ligon stated that the committee stood three for uniform and two for plain clothes. Mr. Haynsworth contended that Mayor Boyle, who voted on this committee, had no right to be ex-officio member of all the standing committee. This matter was debated at length and it was finally decided to sustain the mayor in the position that he could serve on the committees ex-officio.

Mr. R. F. Haynsworth moved that one of the policemen to be elected be a plain clothes man. After further discussion this was voted down.

Mr. Ligon, for the police committee, recommended the election of G. J. Williams and T. P. Ward. They were elected.

On motion of Mr. Ligon the rule requiring a second to a motion, before it can be discussed was adopted, that a second be required only before a motion is put to a vote. Carried.

The police committee was directed to purchase disinfectants requisitioned by the health officer.

The request of County Supervisor Seale for the payment by the city of the \$500 promised on the pavement of the sidewalks around the Court House square was referred to the finance committee with power to act. The clerk reported that the expenditures for the sewerage during the month of May were \$9,049.16. Bills of sewerage commission amounting to \$1,492 were presented and ordered paid.

The water works commission reported receipts since last report of \$1,445.65 and the payment of one note of \$1,000.

All bills against the city on file were referred to the finance committee without being read.

On motion of Mr. Wright Clerk and Treasurer Hurst was granted fif-

teen days leave of absence during the year, to be taken at his convenience.

The police committee was authorized to arrange to give the members of the police force the usual ten days' leave of absence, the officers taking holiday in turn.

Mr. Stubbs brought up the matter of professional beggars making a nuisance of themselves on the streets. It was decided to issue orders to the police to keep professional beggars off the streets.

At the suggestion of Mayor Boyle it was decided that hereafter all meetings of council shall be opened with prayer. On motion of Mr. Ligon Clerk Hurst was elected chaplain. It seems that there is no limit to the number of positions under council that Mr. Hurst can fill.

On motion of Mr. Stubbs the purchase of additional hose cranes for the use of the street sprinkler was referred to the street committee with power to act. The cost, it was stated, would be a small matter—something like \$15 apiece for the five or six needed.

Mayor Boyle was granted further time to appoint a purchasing committee for council, provided for in a resolution adopted on Mr. Finn's motion some time ago.

Council then adjourned.

THE SELLERS CASE.

Jury Was Out Over Night Without Any Result—Mistrial Was Then Order.

Columbia, June 11.—The jury in the trial of Wade H. Sellers, charged with the murder of Constable James P. Farmer, failed to reach an agreement after a deliberation of more than 15 hours, and at 9:30 yesterday morning the court ordered a mistrial. The jurors were divided from the time they entered the jury room until they came out, some favoring a verdict of manslaughter, others an acquittal.

A number of ballots were taken but after the second there was no change, the jury standing eight for acquittal to four for a verdict of manslaughter to the very last.

When court reconvened at 9:30 yesterday morning Judge Gary asked the sheriff to tell the jury to come into the court room. They filed in and took their seats in the box. The clerk of court, Mr. J. Foster Walker, polled the jury, all 12 men answering to their names. They were then asked if they had agreed upon a verdict.

"We have not," replied Foreman Kirby.

Judge Gary thereupon instructed the foreman to hand up the record in the case and a mistrial was ordered, it being considered useless to have the jury spend any further time in deliberating on the case. They had been in the room since 6:10 Tuesday afternoon, the actual time spent in deliberation being 15 hours and 20 minutes.

Counsel for Sellers immediately made a motion for bail for the defendant, which was granted. Judge Gary fixed the amount of bail at \$5,000, the amount fixed by Chief Justice Pope when Sellers was granted bail in March.

Sellers did not care to remain in custody, until the bond could be arranged and immediately handed to Clerk of Court Walker a certified check for \$5,000, drawn on the Carolina National bank. The sureties on Sellers' bond are: Dr. L. B. Owens, J. E. Young and N. H. Driggers.

Sellers remained in the court room for some time after the mistrial was ordered and the jury dismissed. It was evident, however, that the result was no surprise to him nor to his counsel. Solicitor Benet was not surprised, either. Some of Sellers' friends appeared surprised, as did some others in the court room who were of the opinion that the verdict would be manslaughter.

No one expected a verdict of murder; in fact the State only asked for a verdict of manslaughter.

Sellers will probably be tried the second time at the September term of the court.

DR. SNYDER UNDECIDED.

Not Ready to Say Whether He Will Accept Presidency of University.

Spartanburg, June 9.—When seen tonight and asked if he had accepted the presidency of South Carolina College, Dr. Snyder stated that he had not done so. He said that he this afternoon was offered the presidency of the University, but at present he did not think it proper for him to discuss the matter. He said he had the matter under consideration, though he was not in position to say when he would be able to make a final decision.

Dr. Snyder is now a very busy man winding up the college year at Wofford and getting ready for commencement, which begins Sunday morning. After the exercises are over he will no doubt be in position to reach a decision.

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COTTON MILL OUTPUT.

Resolution Adopted Suggesting Curtailment Until September 1.

Glenn Springs, June 12.—The South Carolina Manufacturers' Association concluded (its work here today, officers being elected as follows:

President, Ellison A. Smyth; first vice president, Leroy Springs; second vice president, T. E. Moore; third vice president, C. K. Oliver; treasurer, J. A. Brock; secretary, T. C. Charles.

Executive committee—J. D. Hammet, W. E. Beattie, A. B. Calvert and C. C. Twitty.

The above officers were elected for one year. The meeting place for the association for next year was left to the executive committee.

The foremost question before the association today was the matter of curtailment in the manufacture of cotton goods in the next three months, and the result of the decision was the adoption by a close vote of a resolution suggesting a decrease in production by all mills between now and Sept. 1.

The resolution suggests a curtailment of 10 days, or two weeks, this action being urged on account of the unsatisfactory condition of the cotton goods market.

The action, however, is not binding upon any mill, and the method of curtailment is not set forth, that being left with the individual mills.

It is expected, however, that the association's suggestions or recommendations will be accepted by the majority of the manufacturers.

Conditions at the various mills not being identical, no fixed course was agreed upon or suggested.

The sessions of the association were held in the ball room of the hotel.

GOOD NEWS.

Many Sumter Readers Have Heard It and Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Sumter are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many lame, weak and aching backs is bad news, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

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The State board of railroad assessors met in Columbia yesterday and fixed the assessments on the same basis as last year.

Rhett Enters the race for Senator.

Goodwin Rhett is a candidate for United States senator. He will file his pledge with the Democratic executive committee at Columbia today, as required by the rules of the party, and will abide by the result of the primary elections. He appeals to the Democratic voters of the State for their support.

Mr. Rhett is now serving his second term as mayor of the city of Charleston. He was nominated for re-election without opposition. His administration of the affairs of the city has been conservative and at the same time progressive. At his instance, or under his direction, many substantial advances have been made in the affairs of this town, which now holds closer relations with the rest of South Carolina than at any previous period for half a century. Working upon broad lines for the promotion of the interests of the State without regard to the political and commercial divisions which have so distracted successful effort in the past, he has been instrumental in a large degree in bringing about, that unity of purpose and endeavor essential to the upbuilding of the commonwealth. A Democrat on principle all his life, faithful to all the traditions of the party, and loyal to all its candidates and platforms, he commits his claims to the Democratic voters of the State. He is largely interested in the development of the industrial affairs of the State; his personal investments and activities are in no sense local, and he touches the commercial life of South Carolina at more points probably than any other man in the State. In the prime of life, active in every good word and work, wise in counsel, of sound and discriminating judgment, learned in the law and at the same time practical in business, he would make an ideal senator at Washington.

In the course of a few days, or certainly at the opening meeting of the campaign, he will make a full and clear statement of the reasons which have impelled him to enter the race for senator. He will make an active campaign for the office, and a clean campaign, as well. He is the candidate of no faction or community or section, and if he shall be elected he will represent the whole State at Washington in a way that will reflect honor upon the State and upon the people who shall give him their support.—News and Courier.

EX-AIKEN BANKER ARRESTED.

C. Monroe Weeks, Former Cashier of the People's Bank Has Seven Indictments Against Him.

Aiken, June 9.—Seven indictments have been returned by the grand jury against C. Monroe Weeks, former cashier of the People's bank, and a bench warrant issued for his arrest. He is now in Waynesville, N. C.

Previous to the consolidation of the People's bank with the Bank of Aiken a year ago there was an alleged short, age of \$17,000 in the bank of which Weeks was cashier and the indictments grew out of this.

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