

A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN TAKE ACTION ON MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS.

Committees Make Reports of Work Being Done and New Work Planned Which Will be of Great Value to Sumter in Future—Most Successful Meeting Yet Held by Chief Men of Chamber of Commerce Along the Line of Work Accomplished.

The meeting of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen of the Chamber of Commerce held Thursday evening in the Chamber of Commerce hall was without doubt the most successful meeting yet held by that body or by a full attendance of members of the Chamber of Commerce in point of work accomplished. Reports were made by the committee chairmen of what their committees had done, were doing and of what they intended to do and plans were mapped out for future work of the Chamber of Commerce towards the upbuilding of the city.

What was done and what will be done, who was there and the part taken by those present can best be told by the minutes of the meeting kept by the secretary:

Those present: Directors: Baker, O'Donnell, Moise, Belser, McCallum, Manning, Jennings, Committee Chairmen: Cuttino, Scarborough, Haynsworth, E. C., Ryttenberg, Stubbs, Osteen, Moses, Herbert; Edmunds, Hood, Moses, Henry; Booth, E. S., Haynsworth, H. C., Westcott, Stuckey.

Dr. Baker presided. The secretary explained the purpose of the meeting, stating that it was to review the work of the committees and to plan new work.

President Baker then called upon each committee chairman as follows: Advertising, H. G. Osteen. Mr. Osteen reported that his committee had done very little for lack of funds, except to distribute the Sumter folder and miscellaneous work. He further stated that he did not believe that further work should be done until the business men were ready to support enterprises having merit with their money. This brought about a general discussion along this line. Mr. Osteen then suggested that a holding company be organized to promote industries for Sumter, the company to take the necessary stock of the proposed enterprise subject to a careful examination by a special committee of the same. This question was postponed until later. Dr. Baker suggested that we should advertise for farmers and promote industries that would aid the agricultural interests.

The question of placing a large show case with proper electrical equipment at the A. C. L. station was then discussed and it was moved by Mr. Herbert Moses, and seconded that the advertising committee be instructed to take up this matter, investigate the cost and report to the Board of Directors; carried.

Committee on Press, Herbert Moses. Mr. Moses stated that he had endeavored to secure a meeting of his committee, but had failed. He would try to get them together soon. He was requested to push this matter and to see that Sumter secured her proper space in the daily press and elsewhere.

Committee on Excursions, Bartow Walsh, absent. The Secretary explained that the National Corn Show to be held in Columbia in January was arranging to hold a State Day and that Sumter was expected to make a good showing at that time. This committee was instructed to look after this matter.

The question of running an excursion over the South Carolina Western when that road was completed, Sumter to entertain the same, was discussed and it was moved and seconded that this committee be instructed to arrange such an excursion with the proper subscription. Carried.

Mr. Edmunds explained that his committee was working on the subject of better sanitary conditions for the country schools.

Dr. Baker also stated that the matter of a school day for the county was being pushed and that it was badly needed. The meeting was unanimous that this was an important matter and instructed the committee to aid the work in every possible way.

Highways, H. J. McLaurin, Jr. Out of city. Mr. Belser explained that this committee had held a meeting and had laid out a line of work to be taken up with the County Commissioners of which more will be heard later.

Home Market, R. F. Haynsworth, absent. Under this head the question of securing a canning factory for Sumter was discussed at length. The secretary stated that he had been in correspondence with a certain party for some time and that it was now necessary that definite action be taken. After a discussion it was

moved, by Mr. Jennings, and seconded, "that we proceed at once to organize a canning factory with a capital of \$10,000 and that the roll of all those present be called to ascertain how much stock can be secured." Carried.

The roll was then called and resulted in securing a total subscription of \$3,950.

It was moved and seconded that Messrs. Belser, Stuckey and Lemmon be appointed a committee to make a canvass to secure the additional amount needed. Carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee be authorized to communicate with the party who was proposed as manager whenever the committee in their discretion thought necessary.

As the hour was then growing late the secretary was requested to read over the list of the remaining committees and point out the work that they were doing and which it was thought they should take up.

Under Farm Improvement it was suggested that the work of organizing tomato clubs be taken up. It was also suggested that Sumter have a corn show to prepare for the State and National Corn Shows to be held in Columbia. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Board of Directors be requested to appropriate prizes for this work, a first prize of \$25 and a second prize of \$15, the rules for the contest to be worked out by that committee.

It was reported that the County Fair Committee was busy securing subscriptions for the proposed fair and that over \$4,000 had been subscribed.

Under the head of the Finance and Banking Committee it was moved, seconded and carried that that committee be instructed to work with the Membership Committee to increase the membership of the Chamber and further that a plan be worked out to secure the services of Mr. Weir to raise an advertising fund.

Under New Industries, it was moved and seconded that the plan of forming a holding company to take stock in new industries as proposed by Mr. H. G. Osteen be taken up and a plan formed and that the proposition be referred to this committee. Carried.

The Legislation Committee was requested to take up the matter of paving under the ten year plan or by the abutting property holder and that they lay out plans to secure the necessary legislation.

The Committee on Public Buildings and Parks was requested to look into the question of securing a Carnegie Library and also of obtaining a public park on the outskirts of the city.

The Committee on Fire Protection and Building code reported that they had about finished their work on the building code and that it would soon be in shape to report to the commission.

Mr. Henry Moses, for the Committee on New Members, stated that a list had been compiled of those who should be members and that a canvass of these names would be made.

Dr. Booth for the committee on Conventions reported that little work had been done by his committee owing to the poor hotel facilities but that as soon as these were completed that the committee would make an active canvass for conventions.

On Traffic and Freight Rates it was reported for Mr. Crosswell that his committee was actively at work and would be in a position to take up this subject with the railroads soon. It was suggested that a Freight Bureau be formed and that an expert freight man be secured who would go over the entire freight rate situation and also would collect all over-charges on a commission basis.

Under Railroad Extension and Passenger Service, the question of improvements at the A. C. L. depot were discussed. The committee was instructed to proceed immediately with securing track connections between the A. C. L. railway and the South Carolina Western. The committee was further instructed to take up with the A. C. L. railway the matter of the Sunday train from Lanes for Sumter.

The meeting then adjourned.

Gas Mains Being Laid.

The work of laying the gas mains is still proceeding steadily, although not with great rapidity. It is probable that by Monday night the main now being laid on Hauser Street will be extended on down to reach the gas plant buildings.

Wednesday night the force of hands was engaged in digging the trench for the pipe in under the railroad tracks at the Hauser Street crossing, the men being at work until after three o'clock in the morning in digging the trenches, putting in the pipe and filling up the ditch and tamping the earth down again. At present the force of hands is at work between the railroad crossing at Telephone Street and the near yard out near the plant.

FREED FROM MURDER CHARGE

JOHN DAVIS AND THOMAS WILSON ACQUITTED BY JURY OF KILLING OF JOE RANDOLPH.

Number of Bills Returned with Indictments and Many Continued Because of Lack of Witnesses—Case of Highway Robbery Now in Process in Court.

Thursday afternoon the jury returned a verdict of acquittal in favor of John Davis and Thomas Wilson, colored, freeing them from the charge of murder, which was placed against them when the two men shot Joe Randolph in a difficulty entered upon during a hot supper at Wilson's house.

Thursday morning at the conclusion of the State's evidence Mr. L. D. Jennings, for the defendants, made a motion for the judge to direct a verdict of not guilty in favor of the two men, on the ground that they had shot Randolph in self defense and on the additional ground on the part of Wilson that he was protecting his home. Solicitor Stoll wanted to not press the case, but Judge Spain refused to allow him to do so at that stage of the proceedings. Judge Spain did direct a verdict of not guilty in favor of Thomas Wilson on the grounds of defense of his own home.

The arguments were completed before court adjourned for dinner and the Judge charged the jury when court was convened at 3 o'clock. The jury remained out only a short while before returning with a verdict of not guilty in favor of both of the men.

The next case commenced upon was that of the State vs. Mingo Smith, Captain Ludd, Henry Smoot and Bunyon Smith, charged with assault and battery and highway robbery. The prosecuting witnesses are Messrs. E. L. Osteen and E. P. Osteen. In this case all of the alleged eye-witnesses of the difficulty between the men were excluded from the court room during the hearing of other witnesses.

The difficulty between the four defendants, colored men, and the two prosecuting witnesses, white men, commenced when the negroes took a car away from the white men. Later there was some trouble between two of the men as to the ownership of a pistol and, it was alleged by the State's witnesses, that after the two white men had started to leave the siding where the difficulty had started, that the negroes followed and took the pistol and twenty dollars away from E. L. Osteen.

The State closed its case at about noon and the defense started out by putting up witnesses to testify to the good reputation of the defendants.

Messrs. Jennings and Epps represented the defense and the State was represented by Mr. J. H. Clifton and Solicitor P. H. Stoll.

The following bills which were referred to the grand jury, completing all ready at this term of court, have been returned with indictments, as follows:

Primus Hopkins, alias Wade Hopkins, violation of prohibition law, true bill.

Anthony Felder, larceny of live stock continued, no witnesses.

Silas Davis and Eunice Kirby, fornication, continued, no witnesses.

Blain Smith, violation of prohibition law, continued, no witnesses.

Garfield Wiley, breach of trust with fraudulent intent, continued, no witnesses.

John W. Coffey, Jr., breach of trust with fraudulent intent, continued, no witnesses.

Lewis Little, murder, continued, no witnesses.

R. S. Brunson, breach of trust with fraudulent intent, continued, no witnesses.

Dave McClary, burglary and larceny, continued, no witnesses.

Henry Davis, burglary and larceny, continued, no witnesses.

Abram Richardson, assault and battery with intent to kill, continued, no witnesses.

Thomas Haynsworth, violation of prohibition law, continued, no witnesses.

Frank Taylor, assault and battery with intent to kill, continued, no witnesses.

John Hudson, forgery, continued, no witnesses.

Friday night the jury before whom the case of the State vs. Mingo Smith, Bunyan Smith, Henry Smoot and Captain Ludd was tried, returned a verdict of not guilty, freeing the men from the charge of highway robbery on which they had been indicted.

It was shown in the testimony that a case very similar to this one had previously been tried in Magistrate Ingram's court at Privateer when all of the defendants had been acquitted except one who was fined for simple assault. The defense set up a plea of persecution of the negroes by the prosecuting witnesses, E. L. and E. P. Osteen.

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Free Street Parade, 10 A. M. 2 Exhibitions, Afternoon at 2, Night at 8.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate have been left with the auditor during the past two days to be recorded:

L. L. Reams to E. S. Wactor, two lots in Broad Street section, \$500.

Peter R. Wilson to R. A. Chandler, Administrator of the estate of R. A. Chandler, Sr., lot in town in Mayesville, \$722.23.

Robert P. and A. C. O. Thompson to Henry McFadden, 122 1-4 acres in Shiloh Township, \$1,488.

Pearl V. Pinckney to T. M. Bradley, 35 acres in county with buildings thereon, 1,300.

Horace Harby to W. T. Rowland, lot on Walsh Street, \$375.

Realty Development Company to Lydia Bynum, lot on Harvin Street, \$200.

Personal News From Egypt.

Egypt, Oct. 9.—Cotton picking seems to be the order of the day with the farmers. Very little corn has been gathered, while from all accounts a very good crop is expected. The cotton crop is unusually small and it will not be a great wonder if the most of our farmers hold for a better price.

Mr. W. J. Gibson of Bishopville spent Thursday here.

Misses Sadie White and Ruth Smith spent Wednesday in Camden.

Mr. Olin White has returned to Wofford.

Miss Eva Britton, who has been engaged in teaching a summer school near Kershaw has returned to her father's for a few weeks stay.

Mrs. T. S. Davis has been very sick, but we are glad to report her much better.

Miss Irene Weldon spent the weekend at her father's, Mr. J. W. Weldon. Miss Sallie McLeod left several days ago for Sumter, where she will

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attend school at St. Joseph's college. Mr. S. H. White spent yesterday in Bishopville.

Miss Helen Smith and Ethel Rodgers of Bishopville spent today here.

Mrs. J. C. McLeod and daughter, Miss Lota, spent Monday in Camden.

Messrs. Wylie Hogue and Gliston Huggins of Camden spent Sunday at this place.

Miss Rubie Smith of Bishopville returned to her home today, after several days visit to friends here.

Miss Minnie Grier, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Grier, was quietly married to Mr. A. L. McLeod of the Beulah section at the Methodist parsonage in Camden last Wednesday evening. Rev. Browne officiating. Only a few friends were present.

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