

BEER LICENSE RAISED.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS THE PLACES WHICH SELL BEVERAGE UNDESIRABLE.

Number of Citizens Come Before Council to Ask That License Be Made Prohibitive—Action Taken on a Number of Matters of General Interest.

City Council met in its regular semi-monthly session Tuesday night. The matter which elicited the most general interest which came up at the session was the fixing of the license on near beer shops. Council after hearing citizens for and against the establishments fixed the license at \$300, a raise of \$100 over what it had been fixed at previously. This action was taken on the vote of Councilmen Booth and Rowland, Mayor Jennings being in favor of requiring a license of \$200 on the first thousand dollars worth of business and \$5 a thousand thereafter, as on certain other classes of business.

This matter was discussed at the last session of Council and action postponed until Tuesday night. Messrs. J. D. Blanding and R. L. Boyd with their attorney, D. D. Moise, appeared on behalf of the near beer establishments, while Messrs. R. J. Booth, D. W. Cuttino and other citizens to the number of about 40 or 50 were present to oppose lowering the license on the near beer establishments as had been requested. Mr. Booth asked that the license be lowered from \$300, the amount previously fixed, giving the same reasons, as previously advanced. Mr. D. W. Cuttino, representing the Baraca Bible class of the Baptist church, asked that the license be made high. Mr. R. J. Booth thought that putting a low license on the near beer establishments would mean that the negro restaurants and shops all over town would be dealing in the drink, and this would not act as a cloak for their other business. He considered that near beer establishments undesirable and read a petition from citizens asking that the license be high. The class of business was undesirable. Mr. Moise made a short talk in answer to the objections raised. Mayor Jennings stated that he had referred to various cities concerning the license required. He said that Louisville charged \$1,000, Orangeburg on the same basis as mercantile business, and other places the same as for soft drinks. After discussing the matter thoroughly Council fixed the license at \$300.

The ordinance relating to the sale of near beer as adopted by Council was as follows:
Alcoholic beverages, every person, firm, company or corporation offering for sale bottled liquids used as beverages and containing any alcohol whose gross income is \$2,000 or less per annum \$200; over \$2,000 per annum \$325.

Mr. Sandler, representing Gaston & Sandler, asked that they be allowed to install a gasoline supply filling station on front of their place of business on East Liberty street. This request was granted, the work to be done under the supervision of Supervisor White.

Superintendent McKagen of the water works department reported that work was very heavy at this time and asked for extra help. He stated that he had application from Edwards street residents for an extension of the sewer line. He also asked instruction regarding the construction of sewer line on West Liberty street from Edwards street westwardly. He estimated the cost of sewer extension from Edwards street to Walker street at \$250, as he had most of the pipe for the water extension on hand and the cost would be chiefly that for labor. Council, under its general policy of installing water and sewer on streets which would be paved over others, decided to let the Edwards street extension wait, while the extension of water mains and sewer on Liberty street from Edwards street to Walker street was authorized. Supt. McKagen asked for instructions as to the extension of the water mains on West Hampton avenue and was instructed to put in water connection under the paving, as far as necessary, with a view hereafter of laying mains on this street in the parkways.

Maj. Lee reported on the paving work construction. He presented plat showing the paving done up to date, and as proposed, he suggested that Harvin street between Liberty and Hampton avenue be paved with brick or concrete. Councilman Booth stated that Mr. Page of the Simmons-Marratt Company had offered to lay concrete paving 5 inches thick at the curb and 7 inches thick in the center at \$1.25 per square yard. Council decided to have Harvin street for this block paved with concrete, provided the contractor would also furnish the steel joints at this price.

Councilman Rowland presented correspondence between Chief Engineer Willoughby of the Coast Line and Mr. Thomas Wilson stating that the Coast Line was going ahead with the im-

MAY TAKE DRASTIC ACTION.

CONGRESS MAY BE CALLED ON TO PASS EIGHT HOUR DAY.

If Present Strike is Not Adjusted Soon Legislation Tending to Remediation Will Be Taken Up—Lansing Ready to Act With Mexican-American Commission.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Secretary Lansing is to confer with the American commissioners as soon as Judge Gray arrives, probably tomorrow. The others are already here. President Wilson called Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson, chairman of the senate and house committees on interstate commerce, to the White House for a conference on proposed legislation growing out of the threatened strike. Congressman Adamson says that if the railroad troubles are not settled congress will pass an eight hour law. They considered the whole situation with President Wilson and then left. It is announced that they will go back after President Wilson meets the railroad presidents and learns what they have decided. Unless an agreement is reached soon congress will be asked to pass drastic legislation. A lack of a quorum in the house will prevent quick action, however.

BRYAN TO CAMPAIGN FOR WILSON.

Speaker Clark Pays Maine Expenses as Contribution to Cause of Democratic Party.

New York, Aug. 23.—William J. Bryan's speaking tour in behalf of President Wilson will begin about September 15, probably in Ohio, and will continue up to election day, it was announced to-day at national Democratic headquarters. It is planned to have Mr. Bryan speak in every eastern and Middle Western State, except Missouri and Michigan.

Speaker Clark to-day returned the money advanced him for expenses in opening the Democratic campaign in Maine last week. Mr. Clark, in a letter, explained that the payment of his own expenses for speechmaking constitutes the only way he can legally contribute to the cause.

Improvements at the passenger station, as agreed upon with City Council, and that the railroad would eventually find it necessary to close Hauser street crossing as agreed under the contract. Councilman Rowland stated that he had been informed by Mr. Wilson that the Coast Line would have its yard paved, as requested by Council. Councilmen Booth and Rowland stated that they had inspected Telephone street and thought that it ought to be widened about six feet. They stated that the A. C. L. had agreed to give what land was necessary for the widening of the street.

Mr. Rowland reported that an old boiler at the water works station had been sold to Mr. Thomas Wilson and the City Clerk was instructed to send him a bill for same, to the amount of \$62.50.

The Mayor reported that it had come to his attention that under the law passed at the last session of the legislature it was necessary to make up between the dates of January first and tenth of every year in cities of 5,000 or more inhabitants, a jury box containing the names of 300 citizens to be drawn from for jury purposes.

The City Clerk reported that as the special assessments against abutting property for the cost of paving were to be collected at the same time as other taxes which were payable in November the figures necessary for making these assessments should be in his hands at the earliest date possible, so that he might make up the books. Council directed that he ask Engineer Lee to turn in these figures to him as fast as the paving was completed on the various streets.

Councilman Rowland stated with reference to the sidewalks in front of the residences of parties on Broad street where the fences had been moved back, that he thought that these parties would be willing to have the sidewalk placed in close to their fence, so as to make a parkway between the roadway and the sidewalk, provided that they were allowed to use this parkway as a place for parking their cars. Council opposed this action, as they did not think it would set a good precedent, and decided that the sidewalk should continue on the general line.

Application from the Sumter Roller Mills was made through Mr. G. A. Lemmon for exemption from taxes and license for a period of five years, as allowed under the ordinance exempting manufactories. The matter will be further investigated before action will be taken by Council.

The maintenance bond of Geo. W. Waring, who did the work on Main street was turned over to the Mayor to ascertain its terms with a view of collecting for certain defects which had developed in the paving.

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS A FAIR PRICE.

Mr. Dabbs Points Out Why Farmers Do Not Get Better Prices for Their Cotton—Variety of Farm Work in Progress.

Salem, Black River, Aug. 22.—There is a greater variety of farm work going on than at any time this year: Some plowing of cotton in the effort to help the late cotton fruit; the usual fodder pulling, in spite of all the advice against it; unusually early hay cutting, this is the only good crop we have; picking peas and sowing more peas on land where the cotton was drowned, and picking cotton.

On Friday I saw the crops from this point to Privateer, and back by different roads, and I have never seen such rapid deterioration. Mr. S. A. Harvin has the only field that promises to make a good crop. Messrs. P. E. Brunson and W. E. Kolb had a good crop already made before the storm, but their cotton is not making any thing more. I heard that Mr. George Nettles had good cotton. These three crops were the best that I saw the last of June anywhere, and their success is due to very early planting. But even with these few comparatively good crops the average is way below a half crop. When the picking is finished of the cotton that was made before the storm, and that will be about the first of October, if the weather is good, then the most optimistic will see that I have underestimated the crop damage rather than made it too big.

I was told on Friday that what I had written about getting 25 cents the pound for cotton had done incalculable harm—that many men will hold cotton on that advice—that there will be a slump in price and they will become disgusted and sell out at the bottom. This has happened before, but it was not by taking my advice; it was because men held cotton without any fixed purpose to sell through. In 1911 I advised every farmer who could not arrange to hold cotton for four or six weeks, better for a year, if necessary, not to try to hold at all, but to sell the day it was ginned. I think that is sound advice still. Further, there can not be complete success in a holding movement that is not general. Those who hold steady the market for those who sell, and should be commended, and more should be urged to do likewise, that the success might be greater. Whatever the outcome of the marketing of this crop no one has so far ventured to deny that 25 cents is a fair price for this crop of cotton, and I base it, as much upon general trade conditions as upon the shortage of this crop.

If our farmers could once see that the great handicap of their business is the failure to secure a living price for their products, they would take the necessary steps by cooperation to secure the price that will enable them to farm like other business is conducted. They should be able to pay the best wages and secure the best common labor in the world, instead they pay the poorest wages and have only such labor as is too lazy or incompetent to get a job elsewhere. Enough said for this time.

E. W. Dabbs.

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS FILED.

By Some South Carolina Candidates for Congress.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Statements of the ante-primary campaign expenditures in the South Carolina Congressional campaign have been filed with the clerk of the House as follows, under the law requiring such statements at least ten days before the date of the primary:

- 1st district, R. S. Whaley, \$50; 2nd district, J. F. Byrnes, \$135; 3d district, A. H. Dagnall, \$484.38; F. H. Dominick, \$139; H. C. Tillman, \$406.45; Wyatt Alken, \$103.47; 4th dist., Sam J. Nicholls, \$271; 5th district, D. E. Finley, \$343.35; 6th district, J. W. Ragsdale, \$85; Julius McInnes, \$127; Jas. D. Evans, \$653.26; 7th district, A. F. Lever, \$65.

It will be observed that in four cases, opponents of incumbent representatives have not filed any financial statement with the clerk of the house. This does not mean that they would be denied the seat if duly elected; but in case of a close contest or a charge of excessive expenditure the failure to file would be embarrassing and disadvantageous, and might turn the scale.

A bill is pending to bar from congress any candidate who does not comply with the requirements of the law, though there is no likelihood of the passage of the measure at this session. If there were such a provision in the law now, the Democratic congressional nominees would be known in all but two districts in the Palmetto State.

Hughes Speaks at Reno.

Reno, Aug. 23.—Candidate Hughes arrived here and made an address to-day. He conferred with Republican State leaders and then left for Ogden.

PREPARING FOR BOOSTER TRIP.

Advance Guard Meets With Cordial Reception at Places Where Boosters Will Stop.

Messrs. R. W. Plowden, J. A. Calhoun and Secretary E. I. Reardon of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, and the Retail Dealers' Association, again visited the hustling and hospitable towns of Mayesville, Lynchburg, Elliotts and St. Charles yesterday, boosting the community booster tour to be pulled off to those places and Oswego, in Sumter and Lee counties, on Friday, August 25th.

This committee of advance boosters were given a cordial reception by the hospitable people, farmers, merchants and ladies, and they were assured of a hearty welcome and large audiences at the get-together meetings. Oswego had been previously billed for the booster trip. At Lynchburg, in Lee county, where the big dinner and rally will occur, the business men, farmers and the ladies of the Civic League were enthusiastic, and conferred with the visiting committee for more than an hour.

The ladies of this progressive little city are going to a lot of trouble to prepare a sumptuous dinner for all who attend this meeting in their city. All along the route to be covered by the booster trip numbers of farmers and their lady folks welcomed the committee and assured them that large crowds will attend from the five sections of agricultural and trade communities to be visited next Friday.

The automobiles will assemble at Sumter Chamber of Commerce at 9 a. m. sharp, Friday morning, and proceed in a body first to Oswego, thence to Mayesville, St. Charles, Elliotts and then to Lynchburg, reaching the latter place about 2 o'clock p. m., in time for dinner.

Invitations have been extended to the farmers and country merchants of both counties to meet with and participate in the automobile boosting tour, which will be of a "get-together between, city, town and country nature," exploiting all communities.

Those who wish their names entered for chicken pie, friend chicken, chicken cooked in rice, barbecued shoot, hash, and rice, custard, lemon, and potato pies, biscuits of the lunar bite variety, where one bite forms a half moon, and the next bite makes a total eclipse, country ham and biscuit sandwiches, cake, home made bread, etc., had best phone their names to the Chamber of Commerce early tomorrow so that their names will be phoned to the Lynchburg ladies to be placed in the pot for Friday's booster trip dinner.

GREENWOOD SHOWS COMING ON AUGUST 28TH.

Big Attraction With Sixty People—Band of Fifteen Pieces; Clean and Good.

The Greater Greenwood Shows operating under the auspices of the Chero-Cola Company of Columbus, Ga., will be in Sumter for one week beginning August 28th.

The Greenwood Shows is possibly the most unique and interesting amusement enterprise in the world today as it is organized and financed to spread the fame of the most successful soft drink of recent years, and occupies a place in the show world that is absolutely original.

Traveling in its own special train of cars and carrying sixty-five people, the show offers two and a half hours of the most refined entertainment that human ingenuity and money can produce.

As this notice goes to press, the news comes that more than five thousand people witnessed the first performance of the company at Charleston Monday night. With such a recommendation to the people of Sumter, the management is looking forward to see this record attendance broken during their stay here.

Ladies will be admitted free to the opening performance when accompanied by a person holding a paid 15 cent ticket.—Adv't.

ASKS RECEIVER FOR RAILROAD.

Rubber Company Wants New England Road Taken Over for Debt.

Boston, Aug. 23.—Boyd Jones, attorney for the Inter-Continental Rubber Company, has gone to Portland, Maine, to see Federal Judge Putnam and make formal application for a receivership for the Boston and Maine Railroad Company. It owes the rubber concern \$50,000.

GERMANS MAKE GAINS.

Penetrate French Trenches by Fierce Onslaughts.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The Germans in furious assaults on the Somme front succeeded in penetrating the French trenches at several points in the Estrees region, it is announced. These attacks were followed by terrific artillery fire. An artillery duel is being waged north of Somme from Maupas to southwest Clercy.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT DECIDED ON BY PRESIDENTS.

Willing to Give Eight Hour Day, But Must Have Promise of Increased Freight Rates and Settlement by Arbitration.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The railroad presidents reached what appears to be a basis for a complete settlement. They recognize an eight hour day, but must get assurances that all collateral issues will be settled by an arbitration board; that the arbitration principle will be safeguarded and a promise of increased freight rates to meet the increased salary expense.

TURKISH OFFENSIVE CHECKED.

Russians Lost Bitlis and Mush to the Turks.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—The Turkish offensive on the Caucasus front in southern Armenia which resulted in the Russians losing Bitlis and Mush has been definitely checked, it is announced. The fighting all along the line is bringing gains for the Russians now.

CONFER ON MEXICAN SITUATION.

To Settle on Commission Meeting at New Jersey Resort.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Secretary Lansing and Arredondo conferred for completing arrangements for the Mexican-American commissions meeting. They are sure to select some New Jersey resort so the meeting will be near President Wilson's summer White House, Shadow Lawn. The first question to be decided is whether the Pershing expedition will be withdrawn, and then financial aid for Mexico.

USE UNDUE INFLUENCE.

Money and Woman Paid to Secure Roumania to Allies.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—Vast bribes have been given to Roumanian politicians to get Roumania in the war on the allies' side, says the semi-official Overseas News Agency, quoting a diplomat. Also the Entente has employed a beautiful woman to influence the leaders and the public.

ITALIANS MAKE GAINS.

Capture Strong Positions in Mountains.

Rome, Aug. 23.—Italian gains in the Dolomites Alps and on the Tyrol front are announced. Strong positions have been captured at Monte Tofana and in the Travenanzes valley. Artillery duels are progressing around Gorizia.

RUSSIAN LOSS HEAVY.

Continuing Attacks Without Gains.

Vienna, Aug. 23.—The Russian attacks are unceasing, but have failed to make further gains, says an announcement dated yesterday. Russian losses were enormous in Galicia and Volhynia. All attacks were repulsed.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED.

Runs Into Rear of Wrecking Train at Erie, Pa.

Erie, Pa., Aug. 23.—While running 50 miles an hour the New York Central Limited, No. 20, eastbound from St. Louis, jammed into the rear end of a wrecking train on the city limits. Several persons were injured and the engine was wrecked.

British at Thiepval Repulsed.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—The British trying to encircle Thiepval were repulsed, it is announced.

Bremen Left on the 14th.

New London, Aug. 21.—If the German submarine Bremen does not make this harbor soon, the corps of newspaper men, photographers, health and customs officers and a few thousand citizens will be disappointed. The warehouse for the Bremen's cargo, which the Scott company built in 12 days, was completed today. Just as soon as the old whaler's pass word, "thar she blows," or the "Bremen is off the light," is given, all hands and the cook will make a bee-line for their respective boats and head for Long Island sound at full speed. It was reported today that the Bremen left a German port on August 14.

Russians Claim Successes on Eastern Front.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—Two more mountain heights on the Austrian frontier have been taken, it is announced. Numerous Austro-German attacks were repulsed south of Brody. The Germans have taken the offensive.

PASSES ARMY MEASURE.

PART OBJECTED TO BY WILSON IS REVISED.

Railroad Representatives Impatient at Delay—One Moved to Call General Strike.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The senate repassed the army appropriation bill containing a revision of the articles of war. The provision objected to by President Wilson causing a veto last week was left out. Senator Underwood led a lively fight against the bill.

The session of the Brotherhoods shows many delegates highly impatient over the delay. Thomas Donovan, representing Boston and Albany employes, moved that all committeemen go home and leave four big chiefs here to arrange a general strike. He withdrew his motion under pressure.

BRITISH HOLD TRENCHES.

Attacks of Germans to Retake Lost Ground Fail.

London, Aug. 23.—Two German counter attacks against the British in the Thiepval trenches were repulsed. The British hold all the ground recently won, despite desperate efforts by the Germans to dislodge them.

Sells Tobacco for Pleasing Price.

Mr. R. A. Hewitt who is farming this year near Bannockburn, brought in his next to the last load of tobacco today and sold it for a good price at the Berger. He sold the storm wrecked tobacco for 11 cents a pound and the tobacco gathered before the storm at 25 cents. He was well pleased with results. He will realize about \$600 on three and a half acres of tobacco, but if the storm had not hit him, he would have made good money—about \$300 an acre—on his crop.—Florence Commonwealth.

REVIVAL SERVICE CLOSED.

Rev. W. A. Betts Wound up Series of Sermons at Salem School—Liberal Contribution for Salem Black River Contribution for Church at Gable.

Salem, Black River, Aug. 23.—Rev. W. A. Betts closed his series of sermons at Salem school house Sunday night, with a sermon on personal evangelism—man's responsibility for his fellow-man. It was a strong application of the scriptural doctrine that every saved soul must show forth his salvation by striving to save others, and was calculated to put church members on the anxious bench. The congregations were good and attentive, and gave some token of their appreciation of Mr. Betts' efforts by making a good contribution to the building fund for the church at Gable.

The young people's society of Christian Endeavor started a Junior department last Sunday which is interesting the children very much. It has also begun a mid-week prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

WOULD REMEMBER GENERAL SUMTER.

"Citizen" Makes Plea That Sumter Place Memorial to "Game Cock" Chieftain in Parkway on Warren Street.

Editor The Item:
Some one has said: "Both justice and decency require that we should bestow on our forefathers an honorable remembrance." This "remembrance" is eminently proper, to my mind, therefore I am asking for space in your columns to make a suggestion to the citizens of Sumter.

I suggest that on the parked space now being left on Warren street a monument be placed.

And because of the fact that this city and county bears the name of a gallant hero of the Revolution, I propose that this memorial be erected to Gen. Thomas Sumter.

I suggest, therefore, that this matter be brought to the attention of City Council, the county officials and the Daughters of the American Revolution and they form some plan for the erection of a fitting memorial on this space to Gen. Sumter.

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Peaches on Apple Tree.

J. N. Stricklin, editor of the Cheraw Chronicle, has a peach tree and an apple tree growing close together at his home in Cheraw. This year the apple tree is full of small apples but when the apples are opened they are all found to contain peach kernels; while the fruit on the peach tree has no kernels. This is a peculiar freak of nature and should be investigated by the State and national departments of horticulture, and reported to Luther Burbanks.—Pee Dee Advocate.