

## SECOND WARD MEN AGREE TO NOTHING

Four Councilmen Think They Have Grievance and Go on Fault Finding Rampage.

## ANNUAL BUDGET GOES OVER TO NEXT MEETING

With Only Twelve Members Present One Kicker Could Have Blocked Proceedings—Cox Roasts Everybody, From the Mayor Down—Fellows Registers a Protest.

Councilman Ernest C. Cox, of the Second ward, gave vent to his spleen at the regular meeting of the common council last night by "roasting" nearly everybody connected with the city government, from Mayor Jones down, and opposing practically all of the recommendations of the council committee. In most of his fights Cox was supported by his adherents from the Second ward, but in spite of their combined opposition and arguments, the recommendation of the finance committee that a retrenchment committee be appointed by the council to consolidate offices and otherwise reduce the city's expenses was adopted by a vote of eight to four. The Second ward members lined up solidly against the recommendation.

Only twelve members of the council were present last night and the budget for the coming fiscal year had to be passed over again as it was very apparent from the start that the Second ward members were very much opposed to anything that the finance committee reported.

The recommendation of that committee that the license tax on fire insurance companies be fixed at a flat rate of \$25 per annum and five per cent of the gross receipts of the companies on the business done here was killed by the votes of three members from the Second ward and one member from the Fourth ward.

**Would Kill School Matter.**  
Cox and Fellows announced that they also intended to kill the committee's recommendation as to the school appropriation and it was then that Mr. Cheadle picked up his hat and said that the council might as well adjourn and let the budget go over until the next meeting as one vote would kill any section of it (twelve votes being necessary to pass the budget) and it was evident that certain of the members were opposed to any and everything that came up.

Mr. Cheadle was prevailed upon to remain and immediately afterwards City Attorney Massie called the council's attention to the fact that the recommendation of the committee on the fire insurance tax could not legally come before the body as the rules set forth that the council cannot act upon any resolution fixing license taxes on the same day that such ordinance is introduced. This ruling means that the recommendation will come up again when the budget is considered.

**'Designed to Fool People.'**  
The council next turned its attention to the recommendation of the committee that a retrenchment committee be appointed. Mr. Cox offered violent opposition to the adoption of the recommendation. He said that it was too late now to get a bill introduced into the legislature to consolidate the offices of mayor and police justice and of city clerk and city auditor and that the recommendation was the most absurd thing he ever heard of. He declared that it was made merely to "pull the wool over the eyes of the people," and to fool them into believing that the council really wanted to cut down the running expenses of the city.

Councilman Fellows offered even more violent opposition to the recommendation that did Mr. Cox. He declared that there were a select few in the council who wanted to run the whole government. They got together in the committee, he said, and decided on what they would have done, and they came before the council and expected every one else to sit still and vote "aye" at their bidding. The speaker said that he was getting very tired of that sort of thing and that he proposed to vote as he pleased and say what he pleased. Mr. Cheadle told him to exercise that right and Mr. Fellows rejoined by saying that certain members of the council could talk as much as they wanted to, but when certain other members arose some of the councilmen "grabbed their hats and said 'come on, let's go home, we can't get anything through tonight.'"

**Chair Calls Mr. Fellows Down.**  
Continuing, Mr. Fellows said that the Second ward did not have proper representation on the committee and that the members were not given proper recognition on the floor of the council. He declared that the ward did not have a councilman on either the finance or highways and sewers committee and that he was tired of the treatment being received.

Mr. Fellows spoke at great length along this line and occasionally used the word "damn." Mr. Harris, acting

as chairman, rapped for order and told Mr. Fellows that he would not permit such language to be used on the floor of the council chamber. Several amusing incidents arose while Mr. Fellows was speaking and when he finished nearly everybody in the chamber indulged in laughter. By this time the meeting had been reduced to a regular circus and the spectators apparently were very much amused by the proceedings.

**Fellows' Motion is Lost.**  
After some further discussion, the council voted on Mr. Fellows' motion not to adopt the recommendation that a retrenchment committee be appointed, the motion being lost by a vote of eight to four. Says—Bolling, Hutchens, W. E. Jones, W. E. Sprull, Via, Whitley and Harris, eight—yes—Cox, Christie, Fellows and W. A. Sprull, four.

Messrs. E. I. Ford, of the First ward; E. E. Christie, of the Second ward; W. E. Jones, of the Third ward, and W. E. Sprull, of the Fourth ward, to compose the committee on retrenchment from the lower branch. The recommendation will go to the board of aldermen at the regular meeting of that body, and if it is adopted, President E. W. Robinson will appoint a committee to act with the committee from the common council.

**Cox Has Last Fling.**  
Councilmen Cox and Fellows offered opposition to several other matters that were brought up, chief among them being the erection of a wooden addition to the East End fire house, and Cox had another fling just before came up again. Mr. Cox contended that there was no phone in the city stables and he declared that one ought to be provided at the station at once. Other members of the council told him that the phone from the residence of the superintendent of streets was to be moved to the stables, but Cox wanted to take the phone out of the mayor's office and place that in the city stables. "The mayor is nothing more than a pensioner and now you furnish him with a telephone," declared the speaker amid general laughter. City Clerk Hudgins finally explained about the phone for the city stables and the matter was dropped.

**Insurance Agents Oppose Tax.**  
When the license tax on fire insurance companies was taken up by the council, Richard W. Reynolds, of the firm of Reynolds Brothers, and Sol Miller, were granted the privilege of the floor. Both offered opposition to the tax on the ground that it would work a hardship on the agents. They declared that the agents would have to make public reports on the amount of business that they were giving to each company they represent and that other agents might offer some of the companies more business than they were getting and thus secure the agency for that company. Both advocated a flat tax of from \$100 to \$200 per annum. They declared that if the tax is raised too high the insurance companies will raise the rates as was done several years ago when the license tax was increased.

**Mr. Harris Elected Chairman.**  
In the absence of President D. S. Jones and Vice-President J. C. Wallace, Clerk Floyd Hudgins called the meeting to order at 8:23 o'clock. Mr. W. C. Harris was nominated and unanimously elected chairman pro-temp. Mayor Jones opened the meeting with prayer. Mayor Jones' communication relative to the inadequate car service of the Newport News & Old Point Railway & Electric Company for the workmen going to the shipyard was read by the clerk. The mayor recommended that the city attorney be directed to ascertain if the company is not violating its franchise in regard to the service furnished.

Appended to the mayor's letter was a copy of a letter he wrote to both President W. J. Payne and General Manager W. S. Butler relative to the service and the reply made by Mr. Butler. The mayor reported that he had not yet received a reply from Mr. Payne.

**Couldn't Control Circumstances.**  
Mr. Butler said that circumstances over which his company had no control were responsible for the delay of the cars on several mornings during the past month. On February 16, Mr. Butler said, there was an extremely low tide in Hampton creek and sufficient water could not be had to run the big turbine-motors. Again on February 18, the circuits on one of the cars burned out a dozen times and all of the cars were consequently delayed about twelve minutes.

Continuing in his letter, Mr. Butler said that he deeply regretted the delays thus occasioned and that his company was using every effort to give the patrons the best car service possible.

**Matter Referred to Committee.**  
Following a lengthy and lively debate, the entire railway matter was referred to the committee on highways and sewers. General Manager Butler, City Attorney Massie and Mayor Jones will meet with the committee when the matter is considered and a report will be formulated to the council.

Nearly every member present took part in the discussion. Mayor Jones was first heard. He said that he

## MAY MAKE NO DEFENSE

Burcher Expected to Enter Plea of Guilty.

## AGREEMENT OF COUNSEL

Two Pleas in Abatement Having Failed, Former Councilmen May Admit Giving Note to Fraley and Pay Minimum Fine of \$100.

According to authentic information, Former Councilman Arthur E. Burcher will plead guilty to the two indictments charging him with violating the Barksdale pure election statute and asks for the minimum fine of \$100 on each indictment. It is understood that a tentative agreement to this effect already has been reached between Attorneys R. M. Lett and Allen D. Jones, counsel for the accused, may appear before Judge Barham today and enter the formal plea of guilty.

Burcher was indicted by the same grand jury which returned the indictment on which Cox was fined \$200 by a jury in the Corporation Court Monday. The first indictment charges him with promising to pay R. E. Davis \$25 in consideration of which promise Davis withdrew from the race for the Democratic nomination for constable in the primary of June 12, 1909, and supporting Cox. The second indictment charges him with promising to pay J. P. Fraley \$75 upon the same consideration.

When arraigned for trial before Judge Barham two months ago, Burcher entered a plea in abatement, claiming that he could not be tried for the offense as he had given information to the grand jury that returned the indictments against him. This plea was heard by a jury and a verdict was returned for the commonwealth. Burcher entered a second plea in abatement and a jury again found for the commonwealth.

In the Corporation Court this afternoon, Judge Barham will hear argument on the motion of Attorney E. S. Collier to set aside the verdict of the jury imposing a fine of \$200 on Cox. Mr. Collier contends that the verdict is contrary to the law and the evidence in the case and he will argue from that point. Captain Berkeley will argue against the motion.

In the event Judge Barham overrules the motion, the case may be carried to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia.

## DUFFEY'S ACCUSATION ACTS AS A BOOMERANG

Attempts to Place Crime on Another Man; is Arrested as Fugitive.

By attempting to fix the theft of a lot of brass locks and other things from the Powell Trust Company upon George Burnett, Frank Duffey, a negro, landed in jail yesterday morning as a fugitive from justice. Duffey admits that he escaped from the chain gang at Lynchburg eleven years ago while serving a sentence for larceny.

Burnett was arrested about a week ago on the charge of stealing the locks from the Powell Trust Company and Duffey was arrested yesterday in connection with the same offense. When Justice Brown began the hearing of the case yesterday Duffey tried to fix all the blame on Burnett.

This angered Burnett's wife and she expressed herself very feelingly outside of the court room and dropped the information that Duffey escaped from the Lynchburg chain gang. Chief Reynolds heard the statement and he immediately took Duffey to his office and began questioning the negro. After some hesitation Duffey admitted that the woman's statement was true. The Lynchburg authorities have been notified of Duffey's arrest.

## HEALEY-CURTIS.

Pretty Wedding Solemnized at St. Vincent's Parish House.

In the presence of a large number of their friends and relatives, Miss Frances Angella Healy, daughter of the late Simon M. and Frances Healy, and William Fisher Curtis were married at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning in the rectory of St. Vincent's Catholic church, the ceremony being performed by the rector, Rev. Joseph Friel. Miss Healy wore a handsome traveling suit of dark blue cloth with hat and gloves to correspond, and a corsage bouquet of violets and maiden hair ferns. She was attended by her sister, Miss Ellen Maria Healy, who wore a coat suit of gray cloth and black picture hat. Mr. Charles Wirt Fandress attended the groom as best man.

Shortly after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Curtis left for Norfolk, where they boarded the Merchants & Miners steamer for Boston, Mass. They will make their future home in Quincy, Mass.

Both of the young people are popular with a wide circle of friends in this city. Miss Healy has lived here since childhood, coming from Richmond with her parents. Mr. Curtis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Levey Curtis, formerly of Philadelphia. He has lived here five years.

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