

MEETINGS. MASONIC NOTICE. THE MEMBERS OF THE RICHMOND LODGE...

MEMBERS OF OLD DOMINION. A meeting of the members of the Old Dominion Association...

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL CONSERVATIVE. A meeting of the members of the Central Conservative Association...

MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA. A meeting of the members of the Northern Virginia Association...

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Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1874. THE WEATHER TO-DAY. From our reports this morning the probabilities are that there will be clear weather to-day.

THE WEATHER SATURDAY was partly cloudy, clear, and pleasant. Range of Thermometer at the Dispatch Office Saturday, October 19, 1874.

LOCAL MATTERS. THE COMMON COUNCIL. A meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon, President Bradley T. Johnson, of Clay Ward, in the chair.

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED. The President announced that Mr. I. S. Tower, recently elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. James Alfred Jones, would act on all committees in Mr. Jones's stead.

STREETS GENERALLY. Mr. Curtis, of Marshall Ward, from the Committee on Streets Generally, reported that in order to pay off the amount due to contractors for work already executed or now in progress (ordered prior to July 1st by the late Common Council), and to enable the Street Department to pay its bills...

RESOLUTION. Resolved, That the sum of \$15,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated (in the same manner as may be prescribed by the Committee on Finance), to be placed to the credit of the Committee on Streets Generally.

RESOLUTION. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance. The following is an approximate statement, prepared and showing in detail the requirements of the department for the four months ending February 1st: Street contingent fund, \$7,500; hands and carts, \$9,545; steam road-roller and crusher, \$4,500; necessary repairs to sidewalks, curbs, &c., \$1,368. Total amount needed, \$23,900.

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ordinances, reported ordinances to amend section 14 of chapter xxvii of existing ordinances, concerning the Water-Works; to amend section 24 of chapter xxvii of existing ordinances, concerning the Gas-Works; to amend an ordinance passed June 11, 1872, entitled an ordinance to amend two ordinances concerning contracts for supplies to the city; to amend and reframe chapter xxix of the city ordinances, concerning cess-pools and privies.

The two ordinances in reference to the Gas and Water-Works—which are simply to amend the city in proper form—were taken up and adopted unanimously.

The ordinance in relation to furnishing supplies to the city (prohibiting any member of the Council or officer of the government from being interested in furnishing supplies to the city) created an excited discussion.

Mr. Johnson, of Clay Ward (Mr. Straus being in the chair), presented an amendment in the nature of a proviso: "Provided, That the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any contract which shall be made after public advertisement to the lowest bidder; but whenever any contract shall be made with the lowest bidder, then, in such case, any member of the City Council interested in the contract shall be at liberty to compete for the same."

Mr. Johnson spoke at some length in advocacy of the amendment. Mr. Pulliam moved to commit the ordinance and amendment to the Committee on Rules. Lost.

Mr. Pulliam moved to recommit the ordinance, &c., to the committee. Lost. The question was then taken on the amendment, and it was rejected by the following vote:

AYES.—Messrs. Christian, Curtis, Johnson of Clay Ward, Mannon, Oliver, Pulliam, and Purcell. NOES.—Messrs. Babcock, Bergamin, Braselmann, Carter, Christian, Curtis, Davis, Madison, Dyer, of Marshall, English, B. Foster, Gilmer, Klein, Lauer, Metzger, Metzger, Powers, Pulliam, Purcell, Straus, Talbot, and Tower.

The ordinance to amend and reframe chapter xxix of the city ordinances, concerning cess-pools and privies, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Ordinances also recommended that the resolution offered by Mr. Mannon, to the effect that joint standing committees appointing a committee on the part of the Council, contrary to the spirit of the charter, &c., be returned to the committee for disposition.

On motion of Mr. Straus, the subject was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. Davis, of Marshall Ward, from the Committee on the Fire-Alarm and Police Telegraph, presented the following joint resolution, which was read and agreed to:

Resolved, That the sum of \$187,100 be and the same is hereby appropriated (in the same manner as may be prescribed by the Board of Aldermen), to be placed to the credit of the Committee on Streets Generally.

Joint resolutions from the Board of Aldermen for the removal of the fire-alarms from the street line, and to allow E. C. Minor time till the 1st of July for the removal of his porch and fence; also, authorizing the payment of \$47,500 to Randolph & English, &c., were taken up and agreed to.

The report of the Committee on the Improvement of James River was taken up and received.

City ordinance for the establishment of a Board of Public Interests with the disagreement of the two branches was taken up.

Mr. Christian moved that a committee of conference be appointed.

Mr. Straus moved to substitute that the Council agree to the amendment of the Board. Agreed to.

The ordinance as amended was then agreed to.

[The Board of Public Interests (under the ordinance as adopted by both branches) shall be composed of eleven members; the president of the Common Council to be ex officio president of the Board, three citizens to be elected by the Board of Aldermen, and three members of the Board of Aldermen, two members of the Common Council, and two citizens to be appointed by the Common Council.]

By Mr. Straus: A resolution authorizing the James River and Kanawha Canal Company to issue \$100,000 worth of second mortgage bonds. Agreed to.

By the same: Resolution for the removal of broken tree-boxes around the Capitol Square. Agreed to.

By Mr. Oliver: Resolution appropriating a sum of money for election expenses. Referred.

Mr. Talbot moved that the resolution appropriating \$1,200 for the repair of Oakwood street be taken up. Agreed to.

Mr. Curtis moved that \$1,200 from the contingent fund be appropriated for the repair of Oakwood avenue. Lost—ayes, 8; noes, 13.

Mr. Braselmann moved to desist to amend the vote, and stated that he desired to amend the resolution so as to accept from the property-holders ten feet of land on each side of the road. Lost.

By Mr. Talbot: Petition of Mrs. F. Shaffer to build frame house on Fourth and Cary streets. Referred.

By Mr. Lauer: Petition of Paul Wigan to erect frame building at corner of Clay and Graham streets. Referred.

By same: Petition of Charles Keller to erect frame building corner of Cherry and Canal streets. Referred.

By Mr. Metzger: Petition of James Quinn to erect wooden building corner of Thirteenth and O streets. Referred.

By same: Petition of Peter Wood to erect frame house on Twenty-ninth street between Clay and Leigh streets. Referred.

By same: Petition of J. S. Hayes to erect frame house on Twenty-fifth street between Clay and Leigh. Referred.

By Mr. Bergamin: Petition of Samuel H. Pulliam to erect two frame buildings corner of Canal and Adams streets. Referred.

By same: Petition of J. F. Fox to erect wooden building on Hancock street between Clay and Leigh. Referred.

By Mr. Braselmann: Petition of Edward Dixon to erect wooden building on corner of St. James and Charity streets. Referred.

By same: Petition of W. J. S. Bove to erect wooden building on Laurel street between Monroe Falls and Referred.

By Mr. Bright: Petition of Mrs. Mary Mearns to remove house from St. James street near Navy Hill (No. 1228). Referred.

By Mr. Carter: Petition of M. C. Crowdis to erect wooden front to store on Twenty-sixth and Venable streets. Referred.

By Mr. Davis of Marshall Ward: Petition of Mrs. Allen to put up frame house on Twenty-sixth between O and P streets. Referred.

By same: Petition of William Barker to build frame house on Venable street between Mosby and Twenty-first. Referred.

By same: Petition of Samuel H. Jones to build frame house on N. Street between Thirteenth and Eleventh. Referred.

By Mr. English: Petition of Thomas H. Clay to build frame house on Second street between Clay and Leigh. Referred.

By same: Petition of J. D. Meador to erect frame kitchen on Second between Leigh and Jackson streets. Referred.

By Mr. Foster: Petition of Jacob Forsee to erect frame house on Preston between Seventh and Eighth streets. Referred.

By Mr. Gilman: Petition of Edward Mosley to add to frame house on Hancock street near Moore street. Referred.

Adjourned.

CHURCH NOTES.—At the Monumental church, on Sunday afternoon Rev. Edward Wall, of St. James' church, preached to a large congregation.

At the Second Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Hope preached an interesting sermon to the children in the afternoon.

Rev. Pika Powers, also addressed the Sabbath church on Sunday morning, and Rev. Mr. Norwood officiated at St. Paul's in the absence of Dr. Minigerode, who is in New York attending the sessions of the General Convention.

At the Leigh-Street Baptist church, in the morning Rev. Dr. Jeter delivered an admirable sermon, also addressed the Sabbath school previously. At night Rev. Mr. Wallace occupied the pulpit, and his sermon was much admired.

At the Manchester Baptist church Rev. J. William Jones, D. D., preached in the morning (in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Waller, who was sick) and after the service received one candidate for baptism.

At the Broad-Street Methodist church on Sunday, Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., preached in the morning, and Rev. J. C. Granbery, D. D., at night.

At Trinity church, Rev. A. C. Bledsoe preached in the morning, and at night, and received fourteen persons by profession.

At Clay-Street church, Rev. W. B. McGillivray preached in the morning, and Rev. F. C. Woodward at night. Ten persons were received at night—four by certificate.

At Sidney Methodist, Rev. George C. Vanderslice. Four persons were received by profession.

At the Manchester Methodist, Rev. W. G. Lumpkin received one person by certificate.

At the Second Baptist church, Rev. J. L. M. Curry preached morning and night. At night, at the close of Dr. Curry's sermon, Rev. C. H. Ryland, D. D., baptized one candidate.

BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Baptist Sunday-School Association was held on Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church, J. B. Winston, Esq., presided and opened the meeting with devotional exercises; W. H. Williams, Esq., of the Leigh-Street school, leading in prayer.

The superintendents read their monthly and quarterly reports as follows:

Table with columns: Name, School, Average Officers and Teachers, Average Scholars, Roll-Strength of School, Average for quarter, Percentage, Roll-Strength of Church, Church Members in Sunday School, Percentage, Contributions.

BURGESS AND SMITH. CONFERENCE OF THEIR FRIENDS YESTERDAY.

THE PEACE-MAKERS MAKE NEW TROUBLES AND REVIVE OLD ONES.

JUDGE MORTON CHARGED WITH PACKING THE CONFERENCE IN THE INTEREST OF BURGESS.

SMITH MEN WITHDRAW AND SET UP FOR THEMSELVES.

BURGESS AND SMITH EACH ENDORSED AND DECLARED THE REGULAR NOMINEE OF THE PARTY.

Oh, Carry the News to Edmunds!

The troubles of the Radical party in this district are by this time pretty well understood by our people. Very recently Judge Morton published a copy of Burgess's letter, and secretary of the Union Republican Committee addressed a letter to Judge Alfred Morton, chairman of the State Committee, suggesting that the rival candidates for Congress, Messrs. Burgess and John Ambler Smith, both be withdrawn, and a third man, upon whom both factions could unite, should be put forward as Judge Morton, to further the object of Judge Edmunds, and thereby to heal the disensions in the party, called a conference to be held in the Marshall Hall building yesterday afternoon.

To this conference were invited the Burgess District Committee, the Smith District Committee, each numbering thirteen, and the following "prominent Republicans":

H. L. Pelouze, John R. Popham, Rev. William Troy, Rev. Derrick, W. F. Worthington, John Rankin, Henry Miller, M. P. Pleasant, I. H. Shields, Rev. John Jasper, Rev. Richard W. Smith, Rev. Bright, Rev. R. E. Davenport, B. Bragg, E. Hawkes, Josiah Crump, Andrew Washburn, Jacob Cook, Rev. James Holmes, Rev. Walter Brooks, C. W. Burr, O. T. Beard, all of Richmond; W. F. Gidding, Charles Robbins, Chesterfield; S. L. Annable, Henry Mark Morris, J. B. James, Hanover; James D. Johnson, Caroline; J. W. Poindexter, Louisa.

FOUL PLAY CHARGED. The time appointed for the conference was 3 o'clock, but it was somewhat later than that hour when the representative men of the two factions began to gather. The room was capable of accommodating about one hundred persons, and was well crowded. It was quite apparent that each side had canvassed before coming in, and the statesman-like movements of Colonel John R. Popham, of the Burgess wing, and William Flegenheimer, Lewis Lindsay, and Cornelius Harris, of the Smith wing, developed the fact that each suspected and mistrusted the other. In the beginning there was disorder and confusion. Instead of brotherly love and good feeling prevailing, as was expected by some, there was rancor and hate, bad temper and obstinacy.

A ROW RAISED. The Smith men raised a row by calling attention to the fact that while the Burgess committee and the Smith committee were equal in numbers Judge Morton in sending out his invitations to prominent Republicans had collected some twenty-eight Burgess men and only two Smith men, and had thereby thrown an unjust preponderance in the scale in favor of Burgess. They held that it was the spirit of Judge Edmunds's letter that the dispute should be submitted to the arbitration of the two committees—Morton in response they expressed their willingness to abide by the action of a conference so constituted.

Judge Morton denied that in extending invitations to prominent Republicans he had made any discrimination on account of preferences for or against Burgess. It was his design to obtain the presence of the best and influential men in the party, so that when their verdict was announced it would have weight and secure peace and unity in the organization in the district.

The Smith men were not content with Judge Morton's explanation. They insisted that the voting should only be done by members of the two district committees—thirteen on each side.

A ONE-SIDED ORGANIZATION. After a great deal of talking Judge Morton was elected chairman and Captain D. W. Bohannon and I. H. Shields secretaries of the meeting.

The Smith men would not vote. They cried out "Fr. 11!" All held themselves silent.

A moderate degree of order having been obtained, and the officers having been installed, Colonel Popham offered the following:

Resolved, That this conference be constituted in accordance with the suggestion of Hon. J. M. Edmunds, secretary of the National Republican Committee; that Hon. Alfred Morton is its proper presiding officer, and as such is entitled to such respectful consideration as the high nature of its objects demands."

REMARKS WERE MADE BY COLONEL BEARD and others, and when the vote was about to be taken on the resolution of Colonel Popham, Colonel Beard offered the following:

Provided, If at any time during the progress of the conference it shall be found expedient to withdraw Mr. Smith and Mr. Burgess, and nominate a third man as the Republican candidate for Congress, such a resolution shall be left to the two congressional committees, of which Mr. Maddox and Mr. Humphreys are chairmen."

The amendment was rejected—ayes, 1; noes, 10—all of the Smith men and many of the Burgess men not voting.

Colonel Popham's resolution was then adopted—ayes, 9; noes, 1.

A REPUDIATION PRESENTMENT. At this point the Smith men made a movement as if to leave the room, but after much shuffling of heavy feet and a great clashing of angry voices concluded not to do so just then.

Colonel Beard noticed that a reporter of this paper was present, occupying a comfortable cane-bottomed chair and calmly surveying the troubled scene, and he remarked, "There is a reporter! We don't want any reporters here."

With only effect that this remark seemed to have to draw the attention of Judge Morton to the fact that the aforesaid reporter could neither see nor hear very well where he was then located, and he called him forward and gave him a seat of honor beside the secretaries.

Colonel Beard did not seem to comprehend the situation, but he nevertheless quietly accepted it.

MR. BURGESS'S LETTER. The chairman read a letter from Mr. Burgess, addressed to him, criticizing the action of Judge Edmunds, asserting his claims to be acknowledged as the regular nominee, and placing himself entirely within the hands of the leaders of the party.

There was a great deal of debate about this letter, but the Smith men construed it to mean nothing at all; the Burgess men understood it to be an unequivocal reference to Burgess's claims to the decision of the conference.

MR. SMITH HEARD FROM. Colonel Popham advanced to the front and offered the following:

Resolved, That the communication of Hon. Rush Burgess having been read to this conference, the first thing in order is a response of some character, in writing, from the Hon. John Ambler Smith, and that until such communication is received nothing is in order."

Mr. Flegenheimer said that the resignation of Mr. Smith was written and in the hands of his friends, and would be produced when the paper was presented from Mr. Burgess. Mr. Smith's letter of resignation would have been read to the meeting at its commencement, Mr. Flegenheimer said, had not the chairman declared Mr. Humphreys, who held it, out of order.

A THIRD MAN PROPOSED. Lewis Lindsay complained that Judge Morton had put up a job on Smith by inviting to the conference more Burgess than Smith men, and therefore would be a sure thing that they would be outvoted.

Colonel Popham spoke eloquently in favor of the adoption of his resolution.

W. J. S. Bove wanted the purpose of the resolution directed as well to Burgess as to Smith. He thought it far better to put up a third man than to attempt to force the Smith men to support Burgess.

Gilbert Boyd rose to a point of order because Bove had mentioned "a third man." The Chair did not sustain the point.

Bove was proceeding to argue that Burgess ought to be heard from directly and explicitly, when Judge Morton offered the manuscript copy of Burgess's letter, and said Mr. Burgess authorized him to read it to the conference, and meant it for the conference.

Bove, continuing, said if harmony was wanted his party ought to be dealt with fairly. They did not intend to let go their hold upon Smith until they had assurance that they would have justice. Judge Edmunds's letter contemplated a third man, and that was what he, too, wanted, but he did not mean to be tricked into withdrawing Smith and leaving Burgess in possession of the party, and he desired to have the resignations of Burgess and Smith both before the conference together.

"A LITTLE MORE GRAPE, CAPTAIN BRAGG." Captain Benjamin Bragg, in a short introductory speech, in which he confessed that the conference was wasting time and doing nothing, asserted that it was too late to put up a third man, and offered the following:

Resolved, That this conference recognize the Hon. Alfred Morton as the most available candidate of the Republican party now in the field, and as such we hereby endorse Mr. Burgess as the regular nominee of the Republican party."

That looked like business, it was applauded by the majority of persons present. It seemed that Captain Bragg was about to carry the fortunes of the day by one solid shot.

RESIGNATIONS WANTED. Major William F. Worthington was one of those who did not acquiesce in the proposition to declare Mr. Burgess the choice of the peace conference; and he offered the following:

Resolved, That in view of the present unhappy disensions in the ranks of the Republican party of this district, growing out of the rival claims of different parties, each claiming to be the regular congressional nominee, it is the sense of this conference that the suggestions of the Hon. Alfred Morton, as indicated in his letter to Judge Alfred Morton of the 15th instant, are entitled to weighty consideration, and should be acquiesced in by the withdrawal of the names of both the Hon. Rush Burgess and the Hon. J. Ambler Smith as candidates for Congress, and that when this conference adjourns it adjourn to meet again in this city on the 21st instant for further action in the premises."

The chairman declared Major Worthington's resolution out of order for the reason that a resolution (Colonel Popham's) and a substitute (Captain Bragg's) were already before the conference.

Therefore it fell to the ground fully.