

## ROADS REJECT PROPOSAL

### Declare It Would Revolutionize the Transportation Business in the Whole South and Would Work Irreparable Injury to the Roads

## MET IN RALEIGH TUESDAY WITH COMMISSION

### Long Reading of Reasons Why the Proposition Was Not Accepted—Business Men Present From all Over State—J. Norment Powell General Counsel for C. C. & O., Acted as Spokesman for the Seven Carriers Represented.

Declaring that the proposition submitted by the representatives of the state at the conference Saturday, April 19, would have the effect of revolutionizing the carrying business not only in North Carolina but also in the South, that it would work irreparable injury to every railroad doing business in the south and that it would force some of these roads into bankruptcy, the representatives of seven railroads Monday rejected the proposition submitted by the special rate commission, the Corporation-Commission and the Attorney General. Then followed a long reading of the reasons why this proposition could not be accepted.

When Governor Craig and members of the rate commission marched into the Senate chamber at 11 o'clock, there were more than 100 business men from every section of the state to greet them. These shippers rose and cheered, the cheering being continued at intervals during the progress of the hearing. Governor Craig simply stated what had been done heretofore and asked the carriers for their response.

Mr. J. Norment Powell, general counsel of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio, spokesman for the carriers, replied. He wanted the point emphasized that the meeting or conference today was a negotiation, an effort to adjust differences, between the shippers and the carriers, and the roads were acting under what they believe to be the spirit of the February conference. Mr. Powell held that the basis of settlement urged by the state would simply bankrupt the carriers, besides violating the law as to long and short hauls. He also said that it would give North Carolina cities lower rates even than Virginia cities.

Mr. Powell called upon Mr. Green, general traffic manager of the Southern Railway, to read the answer of the carriers, this document being nearly 40 pages of closely printed matter. During the course of the reading there were frequent cries of "loud," Mr. J. B. Pearce of Raleigh insisting that the merchants could not hear a word. Gen. Julian S. Carr of Durham said that if the exposition as read by Mr. Green was the true position of the railroads, it was to their interest to have it read well. Mr. Green willingly gave up the job and Mr. Chaloner of the Seaboard took hold.

#### AS TO READJUSTMENTS.

The railroads contended in their arguments that any readjustment of rates along lines suggested by the state would merely cause the whole question to be reopened and that North Carolina could not be in a better relative position than at present.

"That is based on the idea of reducing the local rates from Virginia cities," declared Mr. Justice and nobody has asked you to do that."

#### DIVERGENCE OF UNDERSTANDING

When Mr. Chaloner read at the point in his answer where it was said the carriers had not conceded that the rates are not proper, a mild storm broke loose, both Governor Craig and Mr. Justice contending that that is just what the roads did concede at the conference here February 26. Mr. Powell explained that the roads merely conceded that such a view was held in North Carolina, not that the roads conceded this. He said the carriers were actuated by a disposition to make sacrifices in order to meet the views entertained in this state.

Mr. Justice explained that a Mr. Speed, a miller of Durham, had told him that he could ship his goods through Greensboro to Louisville and to Richmond for one cent less a hundred than he could ship them from Durham to Richmond, but traffic manager Greene

of the Southern said this must be a mistake. At any rate it was a part of the record, and has yet to be refuted.

#### COULD NOT DEFEND RATES.

Governor Craig told the railway men that President Emerson of the Atlantic Coast Line had either directly or indirectly admitted that some of the rates were indefensible. The long and short haul clause came in for discussion at this point, the roads contending that they were bound to comply with the law and that if they acceded to the demands of North Carolina they would convict themselves before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Justice told the rate experts that the tariff rates from Paint Rock to the east were arbitrarily raised when Sol Harris had charge of this end of the work for the Southern Railway. This proposition was denied.

#### CHAIRMAN TRAVIS SCORES.

Chairman Travis of the Corporation Commission here entered the discussion, he telling the gathering that the violations occur mostly on the Southern Railway west of Greensboro. The further the distance is from the west the lower the rates he said. The railroads are right now violating the fourth section of the interstate commerce law in making these charges. Mr. Travis emphasized the fact that the nearer the point gets back to Cincinnati, the place of origination, the higher the rate, and the farther it gets from this point, or the nearer it gets from Virginia the lower the rate. Mr. Green of the Southern attempted to show that Mr. Travis was fundamentally wrong in his contentions and that the roads would be made to violate the long and short haul clause.

#### CASE OF INJUSTICE.

Replying to this Mr. Travis said that minor places would get lower rates, but these would not be general. It is not proposed to alter the rates from any point in the United States to the Virginia cities, but what is asked is only that the rates from Virginia cities into North Carolina be lowered. The business men applauded.

Talking about injustice, Mr. Travis continued, the railroads are charging from 30 to 60 per cent for the same service in North Carolina that is given the Virginia towns over the same roads. This illustrates the enormity of the injustice, he declared.

#### MEETING ADJOURNS.

Mr. Travis here asked Mr. Green if the carriers would accept the Virginia scale on the Danville and Charlottesville division as a measure of the proportional to North Carolina points from Virginia cities, and if the carriers would not accept this, would they accept the North Carolina standard scale less 25 per cent as a measure of the proportional rate from Virginia cities to North Carolina points?

Mr. Green said they would not do either.

Mr. Chaloner then continued the reading of the answer of the railroads and at 2:15 the conference took a recess until 4 o'clock with practically all hope of a satisfactory settlement abandoned.

#### Entertained

Quite a number of friends were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Willis W. Boddie, at her stately home on Cedar street, on last Friday afternoon complimentary to her daughter Mrs. D. W. Spivey, of Youngsville. The occasion was one of enjoyment to the many present. Delicious refreshments were served after games had been played.

#### Bitten by Mad Cat

Walter Braswell a prominent young man who lives near Castalia, was scratched on the hand by a mad cat on Monday morning of last week while building a fire in the kitchen. Later, the cat, which was a stray one, attacked him on the leg, and then had an encounter with another cat and a chicken which aroused his suspicion. He shot it and sent his head to the proper officials in Raleigh, who returned to Mr. Braswell Thursday the verdict that the cat was a victim of the rabies. He went at once to take the pasteur treatment in Raleigh.

#### Fats and Leans Play Ball

As announced the fats and leans got together for a game of ball at the park last Tuesday in the presence of a large

crowd who gathered to witness the fun. They battled away for seven innings and stopped with a tie score of six runs each, and each player about sun-down. There was much amusement in the awkwardness of the players and the way some did fan the air was amazing. Underwood, for the fats, did some good pitching and held up the game well, while William Allen, for the leans, followed close or behind with a good record.

The line ups were:  
Fats—W. L. Hardister, 1b, Bob Carrycloth, 2b, E. F. Thomas, 3b, T. G. Hill, rf, B. B. Massenburg, lf, F. Spivey, cf, A. H. Fleming, ss, E. Underwood, p, F. J. Beasley, c.

Leans—Malcolm McKinn, 1b, H. M. Stovall, 2b, James Malone, 3b, William Baily, rf, O. Y. Yarboro, cf, J. E. Williams, lf, George Walker, ss, William Allen, p, Chestnut Alston, c.  
Umpire—J. L. Palmer.

The game was greatly enjoyed by those present and especially by the players who have not entirely forgotten the game yet.

#### Mrs Hicks Entertains

The Current Literature Club was delightfully entertained on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Brantly G. Hicks at her residence on Elm street. The meeting was one of interest and enjoyed, and was largely attended.

#### Recital at College

The recital of the certificate pupils in piano and expression at Louisburg College in the College Chapel on last Monday night was greatly enjoyed by many of Louisburg's population. This is one of the preceding recitals of the regular commencement and is always enjoyed. Those pupils taking part in the exercises were Misses Annie Dixon, Lillian Adams and Kathleen Egerton, piano, and Kathleen Egerton expression. The programme which was especially well selected and arranged, and even more so rendered was as follows:

A Midsummer Night's Dream—Templeton Strong—Kathleen Egerton.  
Nocturne Op. No. 37 No. 2—Chopin—Annie Dixon.

Paying the Piper—(Original Arrangement)—Brownell—Kathleen Egerton.

Rustle of Spring, Op. 32—Christian Sinding—Lillian Adams.  
Morning Mood from Peer Gynt Suite—Grieg—Kathleen Egerton.

Je dis que rien ne m'épouvante from Carmen—Bisot—Mary Belle Macon, Study from "Polly of the Circus"—Mayo—(Original Arrangement)—Kathleen Egerton.

As the Moon Rose—Pheips—Kathleen Egerton.

The Erl-King—Schubert—Lillian Adams.  
Rondo a la Polacca—Schultz—Misses Egerton, Dixon, and Adams.

#### Louisburg High School

Invitations reading as follows announcing the commencement exercises of the High School Department of the Louisburg Graded School has been received:

Class of nineteen hundred and thirteen Louisburg High School commencement exercises Friday morning, May sixteenth at eleven o'clock, auditorium.

With these invitations is a sheet containing the following information concerning the graduating class of 1913:  
Class motto:—Iam tempus agi res.  
Class colors:—Light blue and white.  
Class flower:—Lily of the valley.  
Class roll:—James E. Malone, Jr., William Baily Jr., Charles K. Cooke Jr., Joseph W. Hale, James R. Hobgood, William A. Winston, Lucy Smithwick.

#### Court Adjourned Saturday

After the completion of the case of Powell vs Strickland Saturday only a little routine work was executed, after which a most imposing scene took place. It was the farewells between the lawyers and the judge and was a veritable love feast. Judge Cline has given the people of Franklin county full measure in filling the public trust placed upon him and our people have shown their appreciation of it in their many expressions of confidence and pleasure in Judge Cline. There are other judges, possibly just as good, but we don't believe any better can be found.

#### Powell Wins Suit

The suit for \$5,000.00 damages by N. P. Powell vs A. T. Strickland, under arrest and bail proceedings, for the breaking up the home of Powell by winning the affections of his wife, was practically the only case of interest in the civil court here last week. It was a long drawn out case and created much interest.

Both sides were strongly represent-

ed by counsel—Messrs Bickett, White, Malone, W. M. Person and T. T. Hicks representing Powell and Spruill & Holden, W. H. Yarborough, Jr., R. A. P. Cooley representing Strickland. The case was in progress from Friday morning to Saturday noon. After having heard all the evidence, the arguments and the charge, the jury returned a verdict giving Powell \$2,500.00 damages and placing all costs on Strickland. A notice of appeal was given by the defendant.

The case of Cooley vs Montgomery Lumber Co., for \$500.00 damages for burning an old field was tried Thursday resulting in a verdict of \$150.00 damages and all costs in favor of the plaintiff.

## THE MOVING PEOPLE

### THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

#### Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

Miss Marie Franklin is visiting Mrs. D. F. McKinn.

Mr. C. C. Hudson went to Littleton Sunday.

Mr. T. W. Stovall of Stovall, visited his sons here Tuesday.

Mr. R. W. Hudson left yesterday for Richmond on business.

Jake Spire left the past week for Raleigh to spend some time.

Mr. H. L. Davis returned Washington, D. C. this week.

Messrs. J. J. Barrow and J. M. Allen left Wednesday for Washington, D. C. C. W. Roberson and wife visited her sister, Mrs. W. H. Ferguson the past week.

Miss Katie Furman, who has been teaching at Apex, is visiting her people here.

Miss Nannie Stallings, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting her people in and near Louisburg.

Mrs. E. L. Hart, of Wilmington, is visiting her brothers, the Messrs. McKinn.

Messrs. W. F. Beasley and R. F. Fuller returned from a visit to Richmond the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. White, of Raleigh, are visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Ruffin.

Mr. J. I. Gillis, of Norfolk was a welcome visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. J. D. King, of Cape Charles, Va. visited his people in and near Louisburg the past week.

Dr. A. B. Hawking, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week, guest of Mr. Wm. Bailey.

Mrs. B. F. Whiteside, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. F. N. Egerton, returned to her home at Wilson Wednesday.

Mr. M. F. Houck returned from Richmond Friday where he purchased a lot of building material for the several contracts he is now executing.

Miss Cherry Mae Preston, of Abington, Va., attended the recital at the College Monday night, while here she was the guest of Mrs. Kathleen Egerton.

Mr. B. C. Ingram, a student of Wake Forest College, was in town Monday returning from Cedar Rock where he has been employed to fill the position of Principal of the school there next session.

Misses Sallie Williams, Pearl and Blanch Grantham, Mrs. W. M. Gilmore, Dr. H. A. Newell and Mr. H. L. Candler went to Raleigh Tuesday to be at the recital at Meredith College, at which time Miss Iva Person will graduate.

#### To Make Improvements.

Mr. J. H. Witt, Superintendent of this division of the Seaboard Air Line was in Louisburg Wednesday investigating conditions existing on the Louisburg road with a view to making a number of improvements to both the road and the service. He gave out the information that the road would in the near future lay a track of heavy rails from here to Franklinton and put on a new train with a much larger and better engine, and would have an up-to-date turn table built both at Louisburg and Franklinton and discontinue the practice of running the train backwards. He also says they will lay more side tracks and otherwise prepare the yards for the increasing business and will cut off the present side track running next to the passenger station a good distance from the waiting room. With these changes, to follow later with an inde-

## BRINGS SUIT AGAINST COMMISSIONERS

### Of the Town of Louisburg For Failure to Publishing Statement as Prescribed By Law.

pendent freight service, the people of Louisburg will receive a service not to be compared with that of recent months and years and will be a long step to winning the admiration of our public by the road rather than the continued and unanimous criticisms as heretofore. If the railroad will show their appreciation of the business and patronage of the people of Louisburg and vicinity in giving to it efficient service we will venture to say they will be well repaid in the good will that will be shown them.

#### Bitten by Mad Dog.

On Monday Mrs. P. H. Cooke and little daughter, and one or two servants were bitten by a mad dog at the home of Judge C. M. Cooke. The dog was the family pet and was in a dangerous condition before his trouble was learned. The persons who were bitten were taken to Raleigh for the pasteur treatment.

#### Rev. R. C. Craven at Methodist Church.

The people of Louisburg were given quite a treat at the Methodist Church Sunday, when Rev. R. C. Craven, of Durham, delivered two of the strongest sermons witnessed here in some time. His morning subject was "Jacob's Ladder" and his line of thought was deep and full of inspiration. Many claim it to be the most intelligent sermon on the subject they have ever heard. His evening subject was "Sins of Omission and Commission." This was also a strong sermon and well delivered to a large and appreciative audience. Rev. Mr. Craven filled the place of Rev. A. D. Wilcox, who was engaged in a revival meeting in Ayden.

#### Delegates to Annual Conference

The following is a list of delegates elected at the District Conference recently held at Smithfield to represent the Raleigh District at the Annual Conference this fall. G. B. Brown, of Raleigh; G. B. Adams, of Four Oaks; W. G. Stephenson, of Smithfield, and W. W. Holmes, of Louisburg.

#### Teachers Entertained.

On Thursday evening of last week Mrs. W. P. Neal entertained the Louisburg Female College, and quite a number of the young men of the town. The parlors were artistically decorated, suggestive of spring. Progressive rock being the feature of the evening. The score cards, little parasols daintily hand-painted in the seven colors of the rainbow, numbered the tables. Tempting refreshments were served in a most attractive manner, after which each lady was presented with a bouquet of lilies of the valley and a pearl flower pin, and the gentlemen with a cigar.

#### Reunion at Justice

We are requested to state that there will be a Confederate Veterans reunion at Justice on May 10th. All old confederate soldiers in the county are especially expected to be present on this occasion and the public generally is invited. Those who can, other than confederate soldiers, will be expected to bring baskets.

It will be remembered that Justice is the only section in the county where there is a confederate monument erected, this alone will add much interest to the occasion. There will also be provided some speakers of note who will entertain the crowd for a while and dinner will be served on the lawn of the school.

#### Complimentary to Franklin County Roads.

A gentleman passed through town Tuesday in an automobile from Rochester, N. Y., and in speaking to some of our citizens about the country he had traveled over said the roads in Franklin County were the best he had found between here and Rochester.

#### University Commencement.

We acknowledge receipt of the following invitation:  
The Trustees and Faculty of the University of North Carolina, desire your presence at the One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Commencement, June 1, 2, 3, 4, 1913.

## PAPERS RETURNABLE BEFORE J. L. PALMER

### Friday Morning at 12 O'clock Action Taken By W. O. Joyner, Who is Represented by W. M. Person—Outcome to be Watched With Interest.

Papers were served on each of the six Town Commissioners yesterday morning by Constable R. W. Hudson, upon a warrant sworn out before Justice of the Peace J. L. Palmer by W. O. Joyner. The case is a suit against the Commissioners for the failure to make public the statement of the annual receipts and expenditures of the town, and it is understood the law provides in such a case the prosecutor will receive the fine in the case which is something like \$100.00 if conviction is made. Mr. Joyner is represented by Attorney W. M. Person who says in substance, that he will so far investigate matters that the public will learn something about the conditions that have been existing. The hearing will be had this morning (Friday) at 12 o'clock in the office of Mr. J. L. Palmer, over the First National Bank. Those who compose the Board are Messrs. G. W. Ford, J. M. Allen, T. T. Terrell, B. G. Hicks, D. F. McKinn, L. L. Joyner. The citizens of Louisburg as well as many other places will no doubt watch the proceedings with much interest.

#### Commencement Speakers.

The authorities of Louisburg College have given out the information that they have secured Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the First M. E. church, of Henderson, to preach the commencement sermon Sunday, May 18, and Dr. E. K. McClarty, pastor of the Tryon street M. E. church, Charlotte to deliver the literary address Wednesday morning May 21.

#### Mapleville Commencement.

The exercises Tuesday evening will be given by the smaller pupils. Probably the most interesting part of the program will be "A Fairy Wedding." This play is given by thirty-six children. It contains frogs, brownies and fairies. The closing number will be "A Good Night Drill." Wednesday morning Prof. J. H. Highsmith, of Wake Forest College will deliver the address. Prof. Highsmith is a splendid speaker and always gives his audience something about which to think.

Dinner will be served on the grounds. In the afternoon a betterment paper will be read by Mrs. J. D. Wilson. Speeches on the betterment work will be made by Rev. G. M. Duke and Supt. R. B. White.

The closing exercise Wednesday evening will be featured by two plays, "An All American Eleven" and "The Greatest Plague in Life." These plays are out of the ordinary and should afford much amusement to the audience. An admission fee of 15c for adults, 10c for children will be charged to all except the patrons of the school. The proceeds of this entertainment will aid in the new building, which we hope to have completed by the next school year.

#### Entertainment

The Philathea Class of the Baptist church delightfully entertained the Baracas of the same church on last Friday afternoon in the Sunday School rooms of the church. The occasion was well attended and was greatly enjoyed by all. Prof. Allen, of Warrenton, was among the speakers and his address was especially suited for the occasion.

Delicious refreshments were served.

#### List of Letters

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Louisburg, N. C., May 2nd, 1913, uncalled for:  
Miss Leona Davis, W. J. Davis D. Z. Horden, Miss Serene Newton, William Walter Thompson, Mrs. K. G. Teague, Baxter White, Mrs. Nannie E. Williams, Mrs. Georgannie Williams.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say they saw them advertised.

M. W. YARBOROUGH, P. M.