

THE ROANOKE NEWS

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ONE of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Patton, lies buried near Concord in an unmarked grave.

THE Executive committee and other officers of the N. C. State Alliance have issued a card in answer to several statements by newspapers and individuals, denying that any sum was appropriated or allowed to be used in the interest of the people's party last year.

The card is signed by S. B. Alexander, J. M. Mewborne, Marian Butler, Cyrus Thompson, W. S. Barnes, W. H. Worth and W. A. Graham.

It has been decided to open the World's Fair grounds on Sunday, but the buildings will be kept closed. Mr. Walker, chairman of the committee on legislation, examined into the legality of such action, and came to the conclusion that the law passed by Congress stipulating that the Exposition should be closed on Sunday applies only to the buildings containing exhibits, but that the grounds, buildings constructed for other uses and other things pertaining thereto may be opened to the public on Sundays.

This seems to us to be nothing more than a quibble, an evasion of the act. We believe the whole Exposition, exhibits and all, should be thrown open on Sundays, without of course, putting the machinery in motion, but it is very evident that the intent of Congress was that none of the buildings nor the grounds should be opened on Sundays.

THE Episcopal convention which was in session at Raleigh last week was a most harmonious body. The Bishop's address, giving a review of his work during the past year, was very gratifying and encouraging. Most of the work was of a routine nature, except the matter of an assistant Bishop. In view of his advancing age and failing health the Bishop asked the convention to take such steps as it might think proper to relieve him of the increasing cares of the Episcopate.

Among those to whom attention has been turned since the discussion of the question of an assistant Bishop for this diocese are the Revs. M. M. Marshall, D. D., Joseph B. Cheshire, Jr., D. D., F. J. Murdock, D. D., and Edward Benedict.

Whether the convention will select one of these or go beyond the diocese for a choice cannot now be known of course, as there has been and will be no canvass or electioneering in so grave and sacred a matter.

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THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

The Railroad Commission is doing a good work for the people of North Carolina, and it is doing it quietly and unpretentiously, yet effectively. It has a watchful eye constantly upon the corporations, not that they are so full of schemes, but because corporations, like individuals, are sometimes forgetful or in error. The Commission is not harsh in its rulings, but always holds the balances of justice evenly, and for that very reason it commands the confidence both of the people and the corporations—a most desirable condition. But, the personnel of the Commission was a guarantee of that in the beginning.

The work of the Commission is going on all the time, but because the general public frequently knows not what it accomplishes people are sometimes disposed to think it has fallen into innocuous desuetude. But such is by no means the case. Very recently the Commission disposed of two cases of considerable importance, especially to farmers and shippers.

The Wilmington and Weldon, the Norfolk and Carolina and the Albemarle and Raleigh railroads were built under separate charters and have been managed and operated as separate and distinct corporations, although they are controlled and directed by the same central power, and the same men hold a controlling influence in each.

In hauling local freight over two of these roads the shipper heretofore has been required to pay local rates on each road. For instance, freight shipped from Neal's station on the N. & C. to Scotland Neck would be charged the local rate from Neal's to Hobgood and then the local rate from Hobgood to Scotland Neck. The Railroad Commission made a rule that where two or more roads are operated by the same controlling power in one common interest, that for all practical purposes such roads should be considered and treated as one road, and that under the operation of this rule the local charges explained above could not be made. And now, continuing the illustration above freight must be shipped from Neal's to Scotland Neck at the same rates as if the two roads were one continuous road. In accordance with this ruling the authorities of the Coast Line were requested to correct their tariffs, and this they readily did. The Commission in its discretion, which was properly exercised in that instance, had allowed a somewhat higher tariff on the N. & C. than on the W. & W. and when they examined the corrected freight tariff it was observed that it had been made out upon the higher rates of the N. & C. The company was required to correct the tariff upon the basis of the lower rates of the W. & W. road; so that freight shipped either way between a station on the W. & W. is charged for not only as if the two points were on the same line, but also upon the lower tariff of the two lines. This ruling of the Commission causes a reduction of freight rates under the conditions stated of nearly twenty-five per cent. It is but just to say that the Railroad Company very readily and without any reluctance whatever made the required changes as soon as its attention was called to the facts.

Another case is probably a little general in effects. Sometime ago an express company brought a petition before the Commission asking that the railroad companies be compelled to give it facilities for doing business on an equal footing with the Southern Express company. This latter company and the railroads both fought the petition on the grounds, if we remember aright, that the railroad and express companies had made a contract excluding other express companies, a contract which could not be interfered with by the Commission. The courts took this view of the matter and by their decision the Southern Express Company was given a monopoly of the express business wherever it had exclusive contracts. A short time ago a complaint went before the Commission from Faison, a station on the W. & W. road, to the effect that the Southern Express Company had refused to take strawberries on its car for shipment. Upon investigation it was found that the fruit had been delivered to and received for by the express agent, but that there was no room on the car for them, and that the express company had notified truckers that only a certain quantity of fruit could be hauled each day. The commission ruled that the express was compelled to take all fruit, merchandise, etc., tendered it for shipment; that the company had no right to say it had no room, but that it must make room even should it be necessary to put on extra train; that others had applied for facilities to do express business on the railroads and had been denied the right at the instance of the Southern

Express Company, and the latter could not therefore plead a want of facilities—it must procure facilities. Otherwise the truckers would in a measure be at the mercy of the express company, which could virtually limit production by simply limiting the quantity of produce it would transport each day.

This ruling seems to us to be eminently right. After people have planted and cultivated large quantities of truck, believing there would be no trouble about transportation it would be hard indeed for the express company to have the power to say it will not transport it.

Such are the recent decisions of the Commission which shows its value to the State. It may be remarked that the changes made were effected without the expense of litigation to the complainants, which shows that it is not necessary for a man to be rich in order to obtain redress for wrongs inflicted by the carelessness or wrecklessness of corporations. It also saves the railroads large sums paid to lawyers.

From all quarters comes the statement that money is tight, and frequent announcements of bank failures not only in this country but in other countries also is the very best evidence that money is tight. Nearly one hundred and twenty-five millions in gold have been exported from the United States.

All this has happened under the system which the monetary world has declared to be the only reliable system and which the Republican party has insisted upon sustaining in this country. And yet there are Democrats who in the face of the early doctrines of the party and its traditions profess to believe that gold is the only money, in spite of the fact that seems to be apparent that gold money alone will not do.

All the banks, all the authorities on financial questions, say money is tight, and yet, say they, nothing can be done. What is the reason of this tightness? It is because the production of gold, which is now the only basis of value, has not kept pace with the increase of the business of the world, and so gold is not sufficient as a medium of exchange. But the bankers, the men who control the gold and make everyone else pay tribute to them, want no addition to the money of the world because they would then lose control of the finances, and their occupation would in a measure be gone. And the Federal government is aiding and abetting them in their efforts to retain the control of money in their hands.

There should be a change; silver should be remonetized; other securities besides national bonds should be made a basis for issuing bank notes. There is no just reason why State bonds should not be made such a basis, and Congress should repeal the ten per cent. tax on State banks of issue, so that there might spring up a currency beyond the control of Wall street. Wall street does not want the tax repealed, and heretofore Wall street seems to have been all powerful at Washington.

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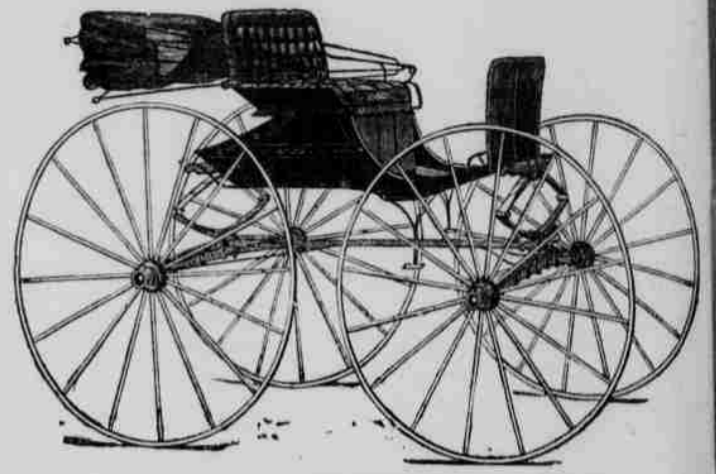
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