

Fiery Oratory From
A North Carolinian.

North Carolina Lawyer Harls Bomb at Hearing. Tells Southern's Expert Witness Facts he Didn't Know About Cost of Operation—Opposing Counsel in Frequent Tilt.

The New York World gives an account as follows of a day's hearing of the North Carolina passenger rate matter before Special Master Ex-Judge W. A. Montgomery in New York. Ex-Judge Montgomery was appointed by Judge Pritchard to take evidence in the case of the Southern Railway Company.

The article in full follows: The taking of testimony in this city before Special Master W. A. Montgomery in the suit of the Southern Railway to have the North Carolina Rate law declared confiscatory and unconstitutional was continued yesterday with George B. Evans, Fourth Division Superintendent of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, on the stand.

Mr. Evans testified that with the enforcement of the 2-14 cent rate per mile a road constructed as peculiarly as the Southern in North Carolina would practically have to give up operations. The witness said that it cost more to carry local traffic than through traffic.

E. J. Justice, speaker of the house of representatives of North Carolina, then questioned the witness.

"Now Mr. Evans," began the inquisitor, "you have said here that your knowledge of railroading had been gained solely as an employee of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. Now can you conscientiously use this knowledge to tell us anything of the business of the Southern Railway Company?"

Mr. Evans started to agree with Mr. Justice when Lawyer Thom, for the Southern interfered.

"Here, here," cried Mr. Justice, turning to the Special Master, "Mr. Evans is better qualified to tell what he knows of himself than Mr. Thom."

There was an outburst of fiery Southern oratory which moved Mr. Thom to say hotly:

"Mr. Master, I don't want to be criticised by opposing counsel, and I won't have it."

Mr. Justice kept on until the Master said: "I agree with Mr. Thom."

Mr. Justice sprang a surprise when he asked the witness:

"You will insist that your experience entitles you to give an expert opinion on all matters pertaining to railroading, and to the Southern Railway Company in particular?"

"I do," was the reply.

Then tell us why, if I should ship hard ware to Greensboro, N. C., the last 114 miles of the journey should not be cheaper than the first 114 miles of this same journey if, as you say, longer hauls with full cars are cheaper in operating than empty cars on short runs?"

"I can't answer that question, for I do not want to sit here as an expert."

At this the members of the State Committee smiled and the master asked the witness if he did not want to withdraw his earlier statement that he was an expert.

"No, let it stand," said the witness.

The witness was asked on what he based his objection to the new rate law, and he answered: "On information I have received."

"Be specific and tell us on what information," said Mr. Justice. The witness admitted that he could not say. Neither could he give any detailed facts as to the amount of business of the Southern Railroad.

"Don't you know," asked Mr. Justice, "that the gross earnings of the Southern Railroad last year from operating trains on all lines in North Carolina were \$1.98, and don't you know that the gross operating expenses were \$1.14 per train mile, and don't you know that the total earnings on all its lines in all states when operating were \$1.58 per train-mile, and don't you know that the total expense on all its lines was \$1.12 per train-mile?"

"Mr. Evans was dumfounded, and Lawyer Thom jumped to his feet.

"Where does the counsellor get the facts?"

"From this book," said Mr. Jus-

ice, exhibiting a huge volume for the first time.

"I want that book," said Thom. "You can't have it," said Mr. Justice.

The negro question was broached for the first time when Mr. Evans said that railroads in the South could not be operated as cheaply as in the North, because separate coaches had to be provided for whites and blacks.

Mr. Justice smiled and asked the witness why this should enter into the operating expenses, when each class pays for accommodations.

"Well, it does," said Mr. Evans, and his examination ended.

Editorially the World says:

"Speaker Justice, of the House of Representatives of North Carolina, at the Southern Railroad hearing yesterday, showed in embarrassingly thorough knowledge of financial details bearing on the road's operation in his State. If the railroad's witnesses want to make a good impression for their side they must brush up on their facts. A two and a quarter cent passenger rate is not necessarily bad unless it entails actual loss upon them. If that is the case they should be able to prove it as well as assert it."

SURRENDER OF CORNWALLIS.

Yorktown Day to be Great Event at Jamestown Exposition.

Jamestown Exposition Va., Aug. 20.—Nearly one hundred and twenty-six years have gone by since Cornwallis surrendered to the allied American and French armies at Yorktown, and in keeping with the historical significance of the event, a great celebration will be held at the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition on October 19, the anniversary of the date. The celebration will be under the auspices of the Exposition authorities, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association and the descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The proposed meeting at the Exposition in October will be but a part of another memorial event, for under the joint auspices of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association, the association of descendants and the exposition officials a program of unusual interest will be carried out. It will be arranged appropriately in keeping with the great historical event it celebrates.

The close proximity of the scene of this famous surrender to the Exposition makes this event of great interest, and the quaint old village of Yorktown will no doubt be visited by many of those who will attend this great historical celebration Oct. 19.

Wants a New Moses.

The Chattanooga News refers to Mr. Bryan as "the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night" of the Democratic party. The Nebraskan, however, has had two chances as leader and has twice fallen. Let's get a new Moses.—Sheepport Journal. We can all see the cloud, but we shall fail to see light that will help us out of the wilderness unless the party can agree on some man on whom all factions will unite.

Blame For Wreck.

The engineer, conductor and two train dispatchers charged with gross negligence causing a wreck near Raleigh, in which death resulted to a number of persons on August 6, will be tried for manslaughter in Wake county. This is the verdict of the coroner's jury, so warrants have been issued.

New Church Building at Mt. Vernon.

Rev. B. F. Hargett has the plans of a beautiful little church building, which he and the congregation will have constructed at Mt. Vernon, six or seven miles south of High Point. The church will cost about \$1,500, and will present a neat appearance when completed. Mr. Hargett is pastor of the church.

Meeting of Primitive Baptists.

The Abbots Creek Primitive Baptist Association will meet Saturday, August 28th with the High Point church in Mechanicsville.

CONDENSED NEWS.

The Winston Drug Co. is a new concern at Winston, with T. J. Farrow, Jr, manager.

Robert Allan Pinkerton head of the Pinkerton agency, the greatest detective in the last decade, died last week on his way to Europe.

The theory and practice of government by injunction has received a severe jolt in North Carolina, and is likely to receive other jolts in other states.

Dr. Allen, a well known citizen of Elm City, was cremated in his home Friday. His clothing caught from kerosene from a lamp explosion.

Mr. Stahl Linn, son of lawyer T. C. Linn, of Salisbury, has been elected to the Chair of Latin in the Staunton Va., Military Institute.

It is reported that Ex-Judge E. W. Timberlake will move to Lexington in the near future and will become a member of the law firm of Walser & Walser.

The partial report of the Bureau of Corporations more than confirms all that the Democrats charged against the Standard Oil trust which the Republicans as strenuously denied.

Because of the illness and resignation of President F. G. Browne, the Anderson S. C. Phosphate and Oil Company controlling 10 or 15 cotton oil mills, went into liquidation last week.

Mr. T. K. Bruzer has wired his safe arrival at Glasgow, Scotland, where he has gone to induce Scotch emigrants to settle in N. C. This would simplify the labor question as well as fill our State with substantial citizens.

Nannie Shoe, a negress, was arrested at Salem one day last week upon the charge of poisoning the family of C. F. Moister, with whom she was staying. She emptied a box of rat killer in the coffee. She was bound over to court.

Before Special Master Montgomery in New York one day last week former President James M. Barr, of the Seaboard Air Line, testified that it was impossible to make a profit on passenger rates at 2-14 cents in North Carolina, and that local freight rates if reduced would barely be profitable.

Special Master Montgomery, behind closed doors in New York, Friday began to take depositions in the litigation between the State of North Carolina and the Southern Railway concerning the 2-14 cents passenger rate. Depositions will also be taken in Washington.

It was a singular election they had in the Philippines the other day. It was so manifestly fair that there have been no cries of fraud and no demands for a recount. No wonder the Republican leaders consider it an evidence of the total unpreparedness of the Filipinos for self government.

The Shaw Cotton Mill, of Weldon, has been chartered, the capital being \$100,000 authorized and \$25,000 subscribed by W. T. Shaw, W. A. Pierce and others. The company has authority to operate cotton and woolen mills.

Mr. Wade Stockard, a bright young newspaper man, who has been with the Industrial News as a reporter, has resigned and will go to Salisbury the first of September to open a branch business of the F. A. Walker Tailoring establishment.

A spiral tower system of fire escapes has been installed at the institution for blind at Raleigh. It is about the safest system in existence at present, especially for the blind, as all you have to do is to step in and away you go to the ground, the doors at each entrance closing when you enter, thus preventing the flames from following.

Under the leadership of Mrs. H. A. London, President of the local chapter U. D. C., a handsome monument to the memory of the Chatham soldiers who lost their lives for the Confederacy has been erected at Pittsboro, and will be unveiled Aug. 23. Chief Justice Clark will deliver the address, and the Raleigh Drum Corps will furnish the music. This is said to be the only Confederate Drum Corps in existence.

Revoluntionists in Russia have inaugurated another reign of terror.

A Photo-Engraving plant has been established in Winston.

Poll tax in Winston has been reduced to \$2.00, property tax to \$1.00 on the \$100 valuation.

Charlie Sutherlin was suddenly assaulted and his skull fractured with a rock, near Asheville, on last Sunday night by some unknown person.

Mr. E. F. York, of Redstone, Colorado, is here on a visit to his brother, Night Ticket Agent York of the Southern. Mr. York was formerly located here as a well known dry goods salesman. He now has a position with the Colorado Supply Company, of Redstone.—Greensboro Telegram.

J. O. O. F.

Grand Encampment Met at Winston-Salem Last Week.

Winston-Salem, N. C., August 15.—The 60th annual session of the Grand Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of North Carolina convened at Winston-Salem last week. The next session will be held at Asheville.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Grand Patriarch—F. C. Dunn, of Kinston, N. C.

Grand High Priest—W. L. Smith, of Wilmington.

Grand Senior Warden—G. W. Bryant, of Durham.

Grand Scribe—C. H. Ramsey, of Charlotte.

Grand Treasurer—Wesley Williams, of Elizabeth City.

Grand Junior Warden—W. C. Allen, of Waynesville.

Grand Outside Sentinel—R. E. Cox, of Kinston.

Grand Representative—A. F. Hall of Winston-Salem.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

New Street Lights Ordered—Other Matters of Interest.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Asheboro M. W. Parrish was appointed town tax collector and has given bond in the sum of \$2,000.

The board also ordered additional street lights placed at the termini of the following streets: Two on Cox street.

Three on Sunset Avenue. One each on Hoover, Park and North Fayetteville streets.

On account of the educational and elevating nature of the Alkabeest Lyceum Course to be given in Asheboro this fall, the board decided to permit the entertainments to be given free of license taxes.

DEATH AT RAMSEUR.

Well Known Citizen is Buried With Masonic Honors.

W. F. Lane, a well known citizen of Randolph county, died at his home at Ramseur Sunday and was buried Monday. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. B. Richardson, of High Point. The deceased was a member of the Order of Masons, and a large delegation of members of the Order attended and participated in the exercises.

The deceased was 76 years of age. He is survived by two sons, Mr. J. T. Lane, of Greensboro, and Capt. W. D. Lane, of Ramseur; and one daughter, Mrs. Artilla Whitehead, of Ramseur.

BOER SETTLERS.

Have Purchased Farm in Trinity Township—Industrial People.

Two families of Boers, from South Africa, have settled in Trinity township on the Enos Blair farm. Mr. Ehrhart came to Randolph last fall from Virginia and bought the Blair farm from J. W. Hill. Having decided to move to High Point, he has sold his place to the Boer emigrants. They are an honest, industrious people, and are noted for their success in conducting small farms. They have what they call the "intensive system".

Other families are expected from South Africa to settle in Trinity, New Market and Back Creek townships.

Georgia's Lieut.-Governor
Attacks the L. & N.

HANDSOME MONUMENT.

Erected by Mrs. F. E. Welborn in Greenhill Cemetery.

Mrs. F. E. Welborn, of Greensboro, has lately had erected in her burial lot, in Greenhill cemetery, in Greensboro, N. C., a beautiful Grecian tablet to the memory of her husband, the late H. R. Welborn.

The monument consists of a base, second base with name, H. R. Welborn in carved letters on the front and name, Welborn, on the back, a dial with an appropriate inscription, a plinth, cap and vase.

The size of base is 50x41 in. and height 11 feet.

All the granite is from the celebrated quarries and works of Thomas Delahanty, at Westery, R. I., with offices and works at 3811 to 21 Ridge ave., Philadelphia.

The design of the Welborn monument is Grecian and is classic in every line. The carvings of the plinth, cap and vase following the best models of the old masters.

The monument has been greatly admired by all who have seen it. It is certainly one of the best in the cemetery.

SKEEN-BROWN.

T. H. Skeen Weds Miss Brown of Moore County.

T. H. Skeen, of Asheboro, and Miss Ella Brown, of Bensalem, in Moore county, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Lorenzo Brown. Mr. Skeen is a young man of fine business capacity and integrity and is a popular salesman in the store of W. J. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Skeen will arrive in Asheboro this morning.

An Expression From the Courier Exposition Party.

We, the undersigned members of the Courier party to Jamestown Exposition, wish to express, so far as possible, by word or otherwise, our very hearty appreciation for the advantages given us by the Asheboro Courier and kindness shown us by Mrs. Hammer, and to the management of the Outside Inn, at which we were entertained, for the quality and quantity of the food served, and for the uniform kindness accorded us in every way.

- Thud. S. Ferree Estella Allred.
- Blanche Moffitt Lena Kearns
- Mrs M C Spoon M W Parrish
- J S Ridge S T Lassiter
- Maie Ridge Mary Scarboro
- Bertha Lewis W E Scarboro
- Loula Andrews Addie Fentress
- Chloe Lassiter Minnie Page
- L F Fentress J W Ingle
- Corinna Anman May Dickens
- Annie Black Lula Steed
- G N Scarboro J M Way
- F E Byrd.

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that a free public examination for teachers' certificates will be conducted at the court house in Asheboro on the 12th day of September, beginning at ten o'clock, A. M. All teachers who attend this examination will please be present at the beginning, and those who fail to be on time will be asked to render a satisfactory reason.

We hope that every teacher in the county will be present and take the examinations at the above mentioned date. Those who failed at the last public examination for want of time or for other reasons may take the examinations again on the 12th.

No private examinations will be held until after the second Thursday in November. All who wish to secure certificates may do so at the public examinations.

Very truly yours,
J. M. WAY,
Co. Supt of Schools

Temperance Speaking at Worthville.

Rev. R. L. Davis, state lecturer and organizer of the Anti-Saloon League, will speak in Worthville church next Tuesday night, Aug. 27th. He is a fine speaker and temperance worker. Everybody is invited to come and hear this great subject discussed by one who knows how to do it. Mr. Davis will speak at Randleman on the night before, Monday 26th.

August 31st is the big day. Four brass bands will be in Asheboro on that date.

Federal Judge Jones Gets a Hot Roasting.—Says That Federal Court Judge Appointed for Life is Responsible to Neither God Nor Man.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 19th.—Speaking of the injunction granted by Judge Jones against Alabama sheriffs and solicitors to prevent indictment or arrest of Louisville & Nashville officers and agents in case of violation of the State's lower freight and passenger laws, reported in these dispatches yesterday, Lieut. Gov. H. B. Brady expressed his opinion of Judge Jones' action in the following statement last night:

"I do not think Judge Busted, in the dark days of reconstruction, ever issued so drastic an order as the one which emanated from Judge Jones yesterday.

"It is to be regretted that the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, which was so prominent in the fight in Kentucky which resulted in the assassination of Governor Goebel, should have the power in Alabama to have such an order issued.

"I do not believe the people of Alabama will submit to the assumption of power on the part of a judge who holds a lifetime position and who feels that he is responsible to neither God nor man for his actions.

"As to what Gov. Comer will do, I have no idea, but I do not believe he can be bullied or bulldozed into doing a thing he does not believe to be right. Alabama is a Southern State, and, though bound for the moment in the fetters of jurisprudence, she will reassert herself, and, like truth crushed to earth, will rise again, resplendent in her strength and beauty, and throw off the despotic heel of this second Busted."

Busted referred to was the most ignorant, brutal and tyrannical of carpet-bag judges at Montgomery in reconstruction days.

The order signed by Judge Jones is in almost the same words as the order of Judge Pritchard, the main difference being that Pritchard's order was not served on the solicitors and sheriffs as was the case with the Alabama judge.

BIG CELEBRATION.

Junior Order And Educational Rally August 31.

Saturday, August 31st, 1907, will be a Red Letter Day for Asheboro and Randolph county. The Asheboro Lodge, Junior Order of American Mechanics will have a big Rally and in connection an Educational Rally will also be held. An interesting program is being prepared which will be published in our next issue. The new Asheboro Graded School building will be dedicated. There will be a flag raising and an address by Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville. Mr. Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh, will also speak.

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Five Murder Cases.

There are five murder cases to be tried at the next term of court in Madison county, and there are two more to be indicted at the next term of Court who have fled the State, making seven in all.

Grand Past Councilor Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh, will deliver an address at the Educational Rally at Asheboro on August 31st.