

## PROSPECTS GOOD FOR NEW RAILROAD

Everything Looks Like There is a Decided Probability that Asheville will be on Main Line of Randolph & Cumberland.

With the issuing of bonds by High Point and Winston-Salem for the extension of the Randolph and Cumberland the faith of the promoters of the new road took a great bound. Carriage, at the other end of the road, seems ready to put up some real cash, so the probability of its early completion seems much larger than heretofore.

That there will be a line through this section, Mr. R. W. Shedd, the representative of the R. & C., is positive. His proposition was to put Asheville on the main line of the proposed road, if the township would vote \$50,000 in bonds. The committee, representing the business interests of the town, offered to lend its support to an issue of \$25,000.

It seemed at first that the representatives of the new road thought this too small, but on second thought and after looking into the shipping in and out of Asheville over the roads now here, the offer of \$25,000 for the main line was considered more favorably.

Mr. Shedd will now take up the proposition with the capitalists of the R. & C., and at an early date is expected to let the Asheville committee know of their decision in the matter.

As it is, the views of several regarding the Randolph and Cumberland have been materially changed. At first many were inclined to think that the proposition of a new road for Asheville was more or less of a joke, but the developments of the past few weeks have changed all this, and the voting of bonds in Guilford and Forsyth has made it look quite likely that the new road is a question of the near future.

## Wharrie Council Installs Officers.

Farmer, Jan. 30.—At a regular meeting of Uwharrie Council No. 244 Jr. O. U. A. M. of this place on Saturday night, the following were installed as officers for the present term:

J. W. Rush, councillor; J. O. Plummer, vice councillor; B. F. Ridge, conductor; H. S. Kearns, warden; E. O. Spencer, inside sentinel; G. W. Dorsett, outside sentinel; J. T. Stover, chaplain; W. H. Kearns, recording secretary; G. W. Bradshaw, assistant recording secretary; T. O. Russell, financial secretary; J. O. Kearns, treasurer; trustees, S. M. Lewis, H. O. Nance, W. A. Kearns.

This council is in fine shape with a membership of 107. There is no reason why it should not be 150 before the close of the year.

## Norfolk Southern Called to Court

A petition to restrain the Norfolk Southern railroad from purchasing the Aberdeen & Asheville, Carthage & Pinehurst, Durham & Charlotte, Sanford & Troy and Raleigh & Southport railroads in North Carolina has been filed in the United States District Court at Norfolk by Dr. Southgate Leigh, former surgeon of the road, who says the company is due him \$1,500 for services. The petition alleges that the road is in bad shape and unable to pay fixed charges and cost of maintenance. The railroad is required to show cause January 31.

Much is expected of the operations of the Norfolk Southern in North Carolina. Whether this suit, for so small an amount, will check the railroad's plans of development remains to be seen.

## Rip Van Winkle Next Lyceum Attraction.

The next and last lyceum attraction of the season will be Rip Van Winkle, which appears in the school auditorium Friday night, February 23d.

Rip Van Winkle, though he slept 20 years, had nothing on the Asheville people who do not take The Courier. They have been dead to the world since their advent into it. Moral: One dollar does it.

## Increase in Efficiency

The Asheville Telephone Company announces that it will hereafter operate its Central office seven days in the week. It has been the custom up to this time to observe Sunday hours, keeping open only for a short time every Sunday morning.

There is no better indication of the growth of the town and community than the fact that this company feels justified in making the announcement that telephone service will be given all day on Sunday, and it is certain that the news will be received with pleasure from its list of patrons, not only in the town of Asheville, but the entire field in which it operates.

## List of Subs Paid Since Last Issue.

A. A. Spencer, Jessie Cross, J. E. Hardin, J. Y. Sheets, W. D. Moffitt, Semra Lowe, C. H. Julian, Mrs. Solomon Fraser, Mrs. M. Elder, Homer Allen, H. I. White, H. L. Parks, Manly Luck, Mrs. Adnie Coppach, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, W. O. Wright, D. A. Sikes, Mrs. M. J. Warren, J. W. Brown, O. K. Leach, L. B. Linley, J. W. Tippett, E. M. Parker, Vance Wall, D. G. McMaster, R. W. Keane, J. A. McKinnon, Mrs. F. L. Weaver, H. H. Kennedy, W. C. Vestal, D. S. Hoover, B. P. Allred, R. L. Martin, A. D. Hamilton, Mrs. Cyrus Allred, P. C. Chcek, Z. A. Lewallen, S. Q. Lassiter, N. M. Cranford, J. W. Parrish, J. C. Ridge, G. C. Redding, Eli Freeman, L. J. Brady, H. B. Rush, N. O. McLeod, J. W. Luther, A. N. Ogle, E. S. Rouse, A. M. Allred, Theodore Stevenson, W. R. Richardson, J. M. Brown, W. N. Elder, Jno. Presnell, E. F. Spivey, F. G. Fish, Eli Pritchard, Spight Gray, D. M. Trogdon, S. E. Bostick, G. W. Pugh, Mary J. Cox, T. O. Bowdon, M. R. Langley, J. S. Presnell, Wm. Lytle, D. T. Black, S. T. Spoon, Mrs. L. D. Miller.

## Randolph County Fair.

By Carl Brown of Public Graded Schools No. 1-4th grade.

As we neared the town of Asheville how glad everybody seemed to attend Randolph's first Fair.

As we assembled in front of the court house and saw the traction engine headed toward the fair grounds how glad we were to think that our County Superintendent took so much interest in providing for us to enter free.

We first went in the poultry department which was certainly fine, the chickens were the finest I ever saw. The golden plover was the prettiest fowl there, and the African geese were also attractive.

The display of the roller mills were fine, also the Hardware and Furniture.

The dairy products were of the best. Next was the Agriculture Department, the corn, cotton, wheat, oats, pumpkins and other farm products could hardly be excelled by any other county in the State. The fruits, jellies and canned goods were also fine. We then went to the Women's Department, the fancy work was the most attractive of all. The flowers were nice but not so plentiful. Special attention should be called to the children's drawing which was so nice.

The horses, mules and cows were very good but could be better. The sheep and goats were good and the swine were certainly fine. The airship was very attractive to all that seen it. Mr. Joyner's address was very impressive.

We think that Mr. Ross was the right man in the right place. We believe that the fair was a success and hope for a better one next year.

## Baracas and Philathas to Give Supper

The Baracas and Philathas classes of the Worthville Union Sunday School will give an oyster supper on Saturday night, February third, in the Junior Order hall for the purpose of raising money to buy gas lights for the church. Oysters, coffee, lemonade, cake and pickles will be served. Everybody is invited to attend.

## An Unusual Record

Mr. J. A. Parrish, of Candor, who holds a responsible position with the Montgomery Gold Mining Company, recently paid a Courier representative his subscription and remarked that he had taken The Courier for five years and has every copy on file.

## 25TH YEAR OF HAPPY MARRIAGE

On last Friday night at their beautiful home on Sunset avenue, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Davis celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The home was beautifully decorated, the front parlors and hall being in pink with touches of green in potted plants and pine. There were about one hundred and fifty who attended the reception and each person congratulated the happy couple on their youth, home, children and many useful and handsome gifts. The guests were received in the hall by Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Misses Maggie and Annie Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Breeden, of Greensboro and Miss Laura Stimson. Soon after the guests arrived they were ushered in to the east parlor, where punch was served by Misses Barter and Terrell, visitors in the Davis home, Rev. E. C. Barbour made in place of the ceremony a most appropriate toast to the bridal couple, in which he spoke of their many blessings and contrasted the age in which they were to-day living to that of twenty-five years ago when the love romance culminated in the union of their lives. He also spoke of the pleasure that was being derived from this happy celebration and insisted that blessings be numbered and gratitude given. Rev. T. M. Johnson followed with an appropriate prayer, in which not only the participants of the happy event but others were remembered.

Mrs. E. C. Clark sang "The Rosary," Mrs. W. H. Moring and Miss Bulla played several instrumental selections and several of the guests joined in singing songs of the long ago. At 10:30 Mrs. W. H. Moring began the wedding march and Mr. and Mrs. Davis, bride and groom of twenty-five years ago led the way to the dining room, which was most attractive in the green and white decorations. The table formed a wedding bell with bands of white crepe paper hanging from the chandelier to the corners of the table. A large white bell was suspended above and altogether it was very artistic and beautiful. Long leaf pine served as the greenery for the color scheme. A delicious salad course was served, after which the bridal party repaired to the gift room, to where a large number of presents were exhibited. Following the refreshments Miss Maggie Davis, who graduates in education at Greensboro Female College in June, gave three delightful readings.

At 11:30 the guests said good night and repaired to their various homes with the thought that this had been one of the happiest social events of the season. Among out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Breeden, Greensboro; Mrs. Cicero Davis, High Point; Misses Helen Baxter, Durham, and Florence Terrell, New Bern.

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## Plows Acre in 4 1-4 Minutes.

The world record for plowing was recently broken in a demonstration at Purdue University, Indiana, in which a gang plow having 50 plows and drawn by three traction engines turned over a stubble field at the rate of an acre every 4 1-4 minutes. This mammoth plow cuts a strip nearly 60 feet wide, and turns over 7 acres for every mile it travels. Each of the 50 plows is independent of the others, rising and falling as easily and naturally as a wooden chip on the surface of rough water, so that the surface of the machine is not confined to ground absolutely level.—Popular Mechanics.

## Bank of Denton Increases its Capital Stock to \$10,000.

At a special meeting of stockholders of the Bank of Denton the capital stock was increased \$2,500 making a total of \$10,000. The bank has been in operation less than two years, and has enjoyed rapid growth, the first year's earnings, less expenses, being about 7 per cent. The most experienced business men and most substantial farmers of county are among the stockholders.

## North Carolina Leads all Other States in Deaths from Pelagra.

North Carolina leads all other states in deaths from pelagra, furnishing 51.0 of the total. Raleigh leads the list of towns and cities with 23 deaths, 71 per cent of those dying were females.

## When you Slip up on The Ice.

You may be as dignified As a Senator from Maine, You may change the fate of nations

By the power of your brain, You may have a mighty fortune That for Croesus would suffice, But you can't help looking silly When you slip up on the ice!

You may have the airy grace Of a swan upon the wing, And may trip along the pavement

With a most alluring swing; You may shine in brilliant ball-rooms, And your dancing may be nice, But you can't help looking foolish

If you slip up on the ice!

You may be so truly good

That your wings begin to grow;

You may not have a longing

That your wife doesn't know;

You may be as meek as Moses,

And be free from every vice!

But you can't help saying d— it!

When you sit down on the ice.

—SALISBURY POST.

## Now is The Time to Subscribe

Bernie, Missouri, Star.

A man who was too economical to purchase or to subscribe for a paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees and in 10 minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His father who ran to his assistance, failing to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into that, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy and ruining a \$4 pair of pants.

The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the cornfield and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing a racket, the wife ran out, upset a four gallon churn full of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning the entire litter. In her haste she dropped a \$25 set of false teeth. The baby, having been left alone, crawled through the spilled milk and into the parlor, ruining a brand new \$30 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up 11 setting hens and the calves got out and chewed the tails off'n four fine shirts.

A committee from the Chamber of Commerce in Greensboro was appointed recently to solicit funds for a new dormitory for F. F. College. This committee has estimated that the boarding students spend \$15,000 in the city stores each year, and figure that the 72 additional students provided for by the proposed dormitory will add \$12,000 in expenditures to this figure.

They argue also that the city is proud of this college, the oldest female college in the State and second oldest in the south, and they speak of its civilizing and refining influence. They state also that many of the young ladies, attracted here by the educational advantages of the city, fall in love with the city, and end by making their homes here after marriage.

## A Meeklenburg county man, who fought the proposition to issue bonds in his county years ago for good roads, was asked by a Lee county man a few days ago if he would be willing to change from the good to the bad roads were his taxes reduced. He replied by stating that he would not be willing to do without the good roads if his taxes on road bonds were four times as high as they are present. Said he: "I live eight miles from Charlotte I have a lot of small timber on my farm suitable for fire wood. Before the roads were improved this wood was practically worthless to me so far as selling it was concerned. Now I can haul to Charlotte with as much wood as I can pile on my wagon without hurting my stock at the least and get from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per cord for it. No farmer should fight the proposition to issue bonds for good roads!" —Ex.

## It is expected at Pekin that the amities between the Imperialists and the Revolutionists which expired Monday will be renewed.

There were 436 business failures in the United States during the week ending January 25 against 361 the week previous.

## HOW TO FIGHT CONSUMPTION

Education is the Best Weapon of Attack and Well Enforced Laws Make the Best Measures of Defense

Consumption is a preventable disease. Yet we continue to have more deaths from consumption than from any other disease. Why? Largely because some of our consumptives continue to spit, cough, and sneeze in such a manner that their friends and associates are infected. These, then are the people that cause us so much trouble, that increase our death rate and decrease our population, that increase our poverty and decrease our wealth, that increase our misery and decrease our happiness.

But why do they do it? First, because they do not know any better, and second, because they are willfully or criminally careless. What is the remedy? For the first class the remedy is education—education along the line of sanitation and hygiene. Such education in regard to the very fundamentals, of how to eat, sleep, bathe, breathe, and live, works wonders with this class.

For this class the remedy is comparatively simple. The best place for such education is, of course, in the schools. There, it reaches the greatest number of people. There, it is easily taught and well remembered. There, it reaches the coming generation.

Tremendous results can be accomplished with the masses after the school periods. For them there should be lecturers given by the county superintendents of health, city health officers, physicians, ministers, and well-informed members of Anti-Tuberculosis and health leagues. For this purpose the State Board of Health, as well as many city boards of health, distribute literature on consumption and other health subjects. Countless means of public education may be used, as for instance lantern slides showing pictures and health sentences, signs in street cars and on bill boards, notices from the press of pulpits, tuberculosis exhibits, etc. After the public conscience is somewhat awakened to its sense of duty we should have free dispensaries and visiting nurses to carry the gospel of health to all classes.

For the willfully or criminally careless class it is necessary to enact and rigidly enforce anti-spitting ordinances. Ordinances requiring the reporting of cases of consumption to the health department should also be enforced. Literature and oral instruction may then be furnished and disinfection of houses may be accomplished after each removal of the inmates.

Consumption, like yellow fever, will soon be a disease of the past, when the masses are properly educated to their sense of responsibility and the criminally careless are made law-abiding.

## A Stung Thomasvillian.

We clip the following melancholy tale from the Spencer correspondence of the Durham Sun:

"A well known conductor on the Southern railway running into Spencer is authority for the statement that a Thomasville citizen recently ordered a piece of furniture from Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago. The purchaser is an employe of a furniture factory and to his great astonishment when the piece of furniture arrived it was an article that he himself had been employed to finish right here in North Carolina sold him through the Chicago firm when he could have bought it on the local market. It is needless to say that his name is withheld for the reason that he dislikes to be taken in this manner."

This is of a piece with the sad, sad story we published some time ago of the lady who discovered that her Paris-bought furniture was made in High Point; and both the woeful tales point out the self-same moral—namely, buy your goods from merchants who advertise in The Dispatch.—Despatch.

## President Taft has appointed Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel to succeed the late Justice Harlan on the Supreme Court bench.

Gen. Julian S. Carr, Durham will be with Judge Pritchard at some of his appointments.

## St. Phillip's Episcopal church was dedicated at Durham last Sunday by Bishop Cheshire.

The Rev. Charles V. T. Richeson, murderer of Miss Avis Linnel, was expelled from the Baptist church at Cambridge, Mass.

Legislative measures are to be taken by the Philippine Assembly to relieve the situation created by the partial failure of the rice crop.

Italy has agreed to surrender the Turks taken off the French steamer Manoubis and the incident has been closed satisfactorily to both nations.

A bill has been introduced into the Russian Duma to prohibit the admission of Jewish citizens of the United States into Russia.

Twelve additional companies of infantry and two of cavalry were ordered to the scene of the woolen workers' strike at Lawrenceville, Mass., Monday.

Fire stopped a San Francisco wedding just as the officiating minister raised his hand to begin the ceremony. The decorations of the altar broke into flames and the men of the bridal party had to fight fire.

Mr. Thomas J. Pence, Washington correspondent for Mews & Observer, had the misfortune to fall on the ice and break his collar bone. He is now in a hospital in Washington.

Elon College has raised \$50,000 to be spent in improvements, which have already been made, consisting of a new dormitory and a college heating and water plant.

The Democratic caucus of the house Monday decided by a vote of 98 to 68 to carry out Underwood's plan of retrenchment and to eliminate the appropriations for public buildings and battleships, amounting to \$40,000,000.

Judge Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court, will spend six weeks addressing audiences in North Carolina, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Ohio in the interest of the temperance movement and in behalf of the training school for colored children at Durham.

Two children of a Mr. Smith of Montgomery county, were burned to death a few days ago—one three years old and one three months old. The mother lost them in the house while she went to the spring. When she returned the children and the house were as fire. She removed the children from the house but the building was destroyed and the children died from the burns.

Polk Miller, the famous Richmond lecturer in the negro dialect, announces that he has quit the stage, the platform and the public gaze forever and has disbanded his famous negro quartet. Old age is assigned as the cause. Mr. Miller has been in Asheville with his quartet and the people here as well as throughout the south, will remember him, his old time stories and song.

Bruce Oldfather, a boy 13 years old was awarded the \$25 prize of the Guilford County Agricultural Association last Saturday for the best entering the corn growing contest and making from a single acre the greatest yield, cost of production being also considered. The young man harvested 113 bushels from his acre, his closest competitor, Arthur Staley, making 103 1-2 bushels. Staley was awarded the second prize, \$15 in cash. Third honors went to Dewey Grooms, his prize being \$10. Grooms' yield was 97 bushels.

Chas. W. Morse, the New York banker, whose prison sentence was recently commuted by President Taft, left the Army Hospital at Fort McPherson Sunday. He was taken from hotel, in Atlanta where he will stay until he is able to be moved elsewhere. It is probable that he will be taken to some Florida resort. Morse was accompanied by his wife and sister, Miss Jennie Morse. The military reservation in an ambulance. His physicians thought the removal from the hospital, where he was transferred from the Federal penitentiary two months ago, would aid his improvement.