

FOR BETTER TRAIN SERVICE.

Seaboard Will be Asked to Give Us Much Needed Additional Train Service.

The following petition is being circulated and generously signed by the people of Laurinburg and vicinity: To Charles E. Capps, Esq., First Vice President Seaboard Air Line Railway Co., Norfolk, Va.

The undersigned patrons of the Seaboard Air Line Railway residing in or near Laurinburg, N. C., respectfully request you to establish additional passenger train service between Hamlet, N. C., and Wilmington, N. C., to be operated on approximately the following schedule, to wit, leave Wilmington, 8:30 a. m., and arrive at Hamlet 12:30 p. m., connecting at Hamlet with Nos. 31 and 34, from Raleigh and Rutherfordton respectively; and returning, leave Hamlet 1:00 p. m., and arrive at Wilmington 5:00 p. m.

The new train should properly run through from Wilmington to Rutherfordton, as no through service is at present maintained.

The territory on the Seaboard between Hamlet and Wilmington is at present at a great disadvantage, as to passenger service, and its uncertain and unsatisfactory character not only affects this territory as well as that between Hamlet and Rutherfordton, and Hamlet and Raleigh, but also the Seaboard Air Line trains No. 14 and No. 20 have not for quite a while, maintained their schedules with any degree of regularity, and as a result there is at present no dependable passenger service between Hamlet and Wilmington. Consequently, travel is discouraged, and the traveling public, when compelled to use the present inadequate and unsatisfactory service, is greatly delayed and inconvenienced.

The establishment and maintenance of the service requested, would permit the operation of trains Nos. 14 and 20, with greater regularity; and would increase not only the passenger, but also freight patronage of the Seaboard; would tend to the development of the territory served, and to the ultimate advantage of the Seaboard. The inauguration of such service, and a readjustment of schedule of other trains so as to meet conditions, brought about by such additional service is badly needed, and your early and favorable consideration is earnestly requested.

That such a train is desired and badly needed between Hamlet and Wilmington is not a question at all—everybody admits the necessity and the desire for it, and to the end of having it established, petitions are being circulated in all the towns along the line, and at some near date in the future, a determined effort will be made to have the Seaboard establish this additional service.

Attractive Program.

The Gem Theatre is announcing quite an attractive program for the next week. On Wednesday, May 3rd, they will present that much talked of and attractive feature picture, the Battle Cry of Peace, and on Thursday, the 4th, will exhibit a photo-play of Rex Beach's famous novel "The Spoilers."

The Gem certainly is offering the finest line of pictures Laurinburg has ever had.

Defeatless America

See Battle Cry of Peace at Gem Theatre Wednesday.

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Don't miss the Spoilers at Gem Theatre Thursday the 4th.

DOING OF PRESBYTERY.

The 200th Stated Meeting Held at Sanford.

Sanford, April 22.—Fayetteville Presbytery which met with the Sanford Presbytery church in its 200th stated meeting Tuesday evening closed one of its most successful and largely attended meetings in its history Friday afternoon. Elder A. D. McCall was elected moderator, R. A. McLeod and J. L. Fairley clerks. Wednesday morning was given to communications and requests. At 11 o'clock Presbyterian communion was conducted by Dr. J. J. Hill of Red Springs, and Rev. M. D. McNeill of Cameron. A popular meeting in the interest of foreign missions was held Wednesday evening conducted by Chairman V. E. Gaston. Interesting addresses were made by Messrs. L. T. Wilds, J. J. Murray and Dr. H. G. Hill. This was followed by an address from Rev. W. T. Walker on the work and progress of the orphanage at Barium Springs. Thursday at 11 a. m. presbyterial sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. McIlwaine of Maxton on the subject of "Obedience." Thursday night was given to a popular meeting on home missions, conducted by Dr. H. G. Hill, chairman of home missions committee, assisted by Rev. A. T. Lassiter and others. Synodical missions were presented by Rev. A. W. Crawford Thursday morning.

Three young men, candidates for the ministry, were taken under the care of presbytery: Daniel C. Stogner, Ralph M. Calhoun and William K. McNair. Rev. W. McC. Miller was licensed and ordained as a missionary, preaching his trial sermon to presbytery Friday morning, which was highly satisfactory. Satisfactory progress was shown along all lines of work, contributions to all causes amounting to \$48,490.

The following delegates were elected to the general assembly which meets in Orlando, Fla., next month: Rev. Messrs. R. A. McLeod, L. T. Wilds, and H. J. Mills, Elders Fairley Murray, W. S. Weatherspoon, and C. G. Pepper with alternates in order named, Rev. Messrs. W. B. McIlwaine, L. A. McLaurin, I. N. Clegg, Elders A. E. Rankin, W. L. Williams and D. B. Cuzie.

The fall meeting will be held at Lillington. Presbytery adjourned to meet again with the Sanford church Tuesday, June 8th, to receive Rev. W. S. Golden, the new pastor of the Sanford church and arrange for his installation. Mr. Golden comes from North Alabama Presbytery.

A vote of thanks were extended by presbytery to the Sanford church and the people of Sanford generally for their kind hospitality and numerous courtesies.

Preacher at Maxton.

Dr. Bumpas, pastor of the Laurinburg Methodist church at the invitation of the Womens Missionary Society of St. Pauls church Maxton, preached a special sermon at the church last Sunday morning, his congregation being supplied by an exchange of pulpits with Rev. A. L. Ormond of Maxton, pastor of St. Pauls. His sermon was based upon Daniel 12:3—"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." It was a splendid exposition of the text and a strong incentive to work in the spread of the gospel. Dr. Bumpas is a son of one of the elect mothers in Israel of the past who did so much in establishing the Womens Missionary work in the North Carolina Conference, and speaks as one having authority.—Scottish Chief.

One of the greatest plays in motion pictures at the Gem Theatre Thursday.

BACKACHE IS DISCOURAGING.

But Not So Bad If You Know How to Reach the Cause.

Nothing more discouraging than a constant backache. Lame when you awaken, pains pierce you when you bend or lift. It's hard to work or to rest. Backache often indicates bad kidneys. Laurinburg people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this case:

Miss M. Jones, Middleton Heights, Laurinburg, says: "Typhoid fever left my kidneys in awful shape and the trouble annoyed me day and night. I was so tired mornings I could hardly get out of bed, and I grew weak and had no ambition. Six boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and I have not had a sign of the trouble since."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the name that cured Miss Jones. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

That famous novel, The Spoilers, in pictures at the Gem Theatre Thursday.

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No. 3

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"AUNT BECKY'S MESSAGE"

Crops Planted But Suffering for Rain.

The Easter season is passing without any accompanying cold thus far, but we are awfully dry, and no prospect for cotton and other seeds to germinate until we get some rain. High winds, clouds of sand and dust are prevailing, and almost every day or night we see in the distance, illuminations from forest fires. The utmost vigilance and care is necessary now to prevent disaster and loss, and I am almost afraid to see the cook stove heated up, or fire built around the wash pot.

Crop planting in this section is about over, and there is a temporary lull in farm work. Small grain, garden truck, and everything, are suffering for the want of rain, and traveling on the highways is becoming very uncomfortable.

We had no Easter service in any of the adjacent churches yesterday, as it happened to be the day belonging to the other congregations.

Several of our men and boys met at Oak Grove on Thursday last, for the purpose of re-shingling the church, which was completed on Friday p. m. On Tuesday of this week, there is to be a neighborhood picnic in the grove at that place, with addresses from Rev. Mr. Thompson of Laurinburg, and Rev. Mr. Goode of Wagram.

The vacation season approaches, when our social circle will be enlivened by the presence of our bright boys and girls who are away at school; there are Messrs. John and Tom Caddell, Les McPharland, Hugh and Angus Stewart, and Miss Gladys Hamer. Supt. J. T. Poole, of Lambercon visited the Oak Grove school on Friday p. m., the 21st inst.

Upon examination of the pupils, eyes and throats, the doctor found an unusual per cent of them afflicted with adenoids, and diseased tonsils, and one little girl with badly affected eyes.

Quite a crowd, consisting of the ladies and gentlemen from John's Station, went over last week to a fishing bar on Big Pee Dee and enjoyed to the limit a "shad fry," fresh from the waters, and cooked to a turn by an experienced colored "chef."

I have been threatening to grasp hook and pole, and repair to my "cut fish bar" down at the old mill, but I hear of so many snakes, I am afraid to risk it. As Mr. Bobt, Stewart was driving down from the station recently, he killed two of these reptiles, and saw two others within a short distance, which signifies they must

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be quite numerous.

A small party of autoists from the Fork drove over to Fayetteville on Wednesday to see "The Birth of a Nation", and were highly pleased with the performance. "The Ku Klux" was an especial feature to some of the boys.

Mr. D. M. Stewart, a delegate from Smyrna, church, attended Presbytery at Sanford last week, and thence visited his son Mr. Alex Stewart, and family in Sampson county, returning home on Saturday.

Miss McMillan spent the week-end at her home near Wagram. She reports some destructive fire in that section.

On Friday p. m. we received a very pleasant call from Host J. A. Brown, and Mr. Alex McKensie of Chadbourne. The latter is a native Scotch Highlander, who married a charming daughter of Scotland county, and both of these visitors are most pleasant and entertaining gentlemen.

Mr. O. C. York, with his sister and niece drove over to Gibson yesterday to visit an invalid niece, Mrs. Ella Sizemore.

Miss Gladys Hamer is spending the Easter holidays with home folks, and

will remain for the approaching picnic.

I am trying to write this a. m. "mid scenes of confusion, and creature complaints" therefore I feel that an explanation may be necessary as a partial excuse for shortcomings.

The graphophone is buzzing in near proximity, pouring forth a mixed, and stirring medley of "Rag Time, Turkey in the Straw, On the Way to Mandalay" and a special selection of the loudest and liveliest tunes on record; but the boys are idle these days and must have something going on. I never try to restrict them in harmless amusements, in fact I love to see them enjoy themselves, and think that home should be made as pleasant as possible for them. I have about quit reading of wars, and rumors of war, and would be so glad that the word, and all that it means would never have to appear in print again. Mrs. John Chance of Gibson, spent last week among friends and relatives in the Fork.

"Aunt Becky" Old Fork, April 24th.

See a whole town dynamited in The Spoilers at Gem Theatre Thursday, May 4th.

Gibson Items.

Judge W. H. Neal, of Laurinburg, was a Gibson visitor last week.

Mr. Raymond Peels spent Easter with his mother, Mrs. Andrew Peels.

A crowd of Gibson people attended the Birth of a Nation at Fayetteville last week.

Mr. Boyd Smith, who is in school at Charlotte, spent Easter at home.

Mrs. J. A. Smith, of Little Rock, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Fetzer spent Easter in Wadesboro with relatives.

Mr. J. A. Mills, of Taber, was a Gibson visitor last week.

A party of young people went to Rose Fishery on a picnic last Tuesday.

Losing Ponies.

Mr. W. T. Covington is having hard luck with his ponies; one died Saturday and two since; others are sick; they have had the same trouble that has killed so many horses and mules in this section within the past two years—meningitis, or blind staggers.—Hoke County Journal.