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HOW LONG WILL THE PEOPLE OF ALAMANCE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF BURLINGTON SUBMIT TO THE INTOLERABLE SERVICE OF THE BELL TELEPHONE CO. ARE THE PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN AND COUNTY SLAVES TO THIS GIGANTIC CORPORATION.

We see that the Town of Burlington and the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company have agreed to a contract for the installation of a Common Battery System and on account of this better system higher rates of toll are to be paid to this gigantic Corporation that would take the peoples money and render service, if we submit to the poorest possible type. The Town possibly did the right thing to accept the agreement but they should have by all means, in our opinion, compelled this Corporation which is rolling in wealth at the expense of the people, to have put all their cables and wires underground within the fire limits at least. Our City Fathers first contended for this and we think it is a mistake that they should have given in on this point. But as this seems to be settled as far as the town of Burlington is concerned the only recourse is as we see it is for the good people of our County to go before the Corporation Commission and protest against their allowing the contract to stand in its present shape.

Another thing is this Corporation will have as much as one and a half years to install this improved system and in their contract with the town of Burlington they do not agree to any immediate relief as regards the present poor service. We recommend that every man of intelligence in our town and County take an active part in going before the Corporation Commission and ask and demand that the Bell Telephone Co. be made to give us service during the 18 months that we have to submit to the present system service that is of an average good service and if the subscribers can show that the service is not up to the average good service then the subscriber should have the privilege of making the proper deduction from their bills on account of poor service, we write this hurriedly before going to press and we shall have more to say each week upon this subject for some time to come.

Confederate Reunion.

Siler City, July 17.—A reunion of the Confederate veterans will be held here August 29. At a meeting of the citizens held in the town this morning Isaac London was elected manager and L. L. Wrenn treasurer. An indication will be extended to every veteran and his wife, in the county. The Daughters of the Confederacy of the county will also be invited. Siler City is determined to make this reunion one of the most enjoyable in the county. They will be provided with free entertainment during their stay and every thing done to give them a good time.

The Siler City Light and Telephone company began putting up the wires this morning for the lights. Work on the dam is progressing satisfactorily and everything points to lights in a short time.

The Chatham Medical association held a very interesting meeting here yesterday. The attendance was good and much interest was shown. Dr. E. H. Bynum, of Bynum, was elected president and Dr. Chapin of Winston was elected secretary for the ensuing year. Dr. Farthing of Watsboro and Dr. Hackney, of Bynum read able papers.

Saxapahaw Items.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holt visited at J. A. Winningsham Sunday afternoon.

Some of our young people attended the children's day at Saxapahaw Sunday afternoon and returned a nice time.

Mr. E. W. and John Ira Mann attended preaching at Browns Chapel Sunday.

Rev. Galloway preached at the Union Church Sunday at eleven o'clock. The sermon was good.

Miss Daisy Winningham has returned home from Swepsonville where she spent a few days visiting friends.

Miss D. B. Simpson gave a party in honor of Miss Augusta Monday night. They reported a nice time.

Miss Ethel Guthrie spent Saturday night with Miss Lamea Phillips.

Miss Elizabeth Warren has returned back home after spending a few days at Saxapahaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pickard spent Sunday at Mr. Charlie Richards.

DeMoss—Loy.

Cupid intermingled love with surprise when it was learned Sunday that a romance had occurred in our town Saturday night in which Miss Flossie Loy daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Loy Mr. David DeMoss a successful business man holding a responsible position with the Key Stone finishing Mill. The elopement was successfully planned the proposing parties going to Greensboro by automobile. They are now spending a vacation at Washington and Niagara Falls.

Moonlight Picnic.

Misses Florine and Ella Robertson were hostess to a number of visiting friends last Friday night. The hostess and visitors were given an outing at Willow Brook fish pond. The parties went over in hacks at 5:30 and spent many hours of unusual revelry in playing "Rook" boating and enjoying a delicious luncheon, followed by a watermelon feast. After the moonlight outing the recipients returned to the home of the Misses Robertson's where several hours were spent in "Rook" Those present were; Misses Lelia Williamson, Frances Williamson, Jennie Pate, Blanche Story, Ruth Dameron, Jessie Sharpe and Florine and Ella Robertson, and Messrs. Ernest McLean, Claude Fonville, Elmer A. Riley, Earl Sikes, Clyde Hornaday, Walter Storey and Drs. J. P. Spoon and Wayne A. Hornaday, chaperoned by Mrs. S. M. Hornaday and Dr. and Mrs. E. Crawford.

Postoffice Change.

Mr. F. L. Williamson who received his commission a few days ago as postmaster at Burlington began checking up Monday and has taken charge of the office. Mr. Williamson has appointed from the eligibles who took the civil service examination five weeks ago Mr. C. H. Cates assistant postmaster and Mr. Bob Riddle as auxiliary clerk. The names of these two new appointees have been sent to Washington for approval.

Mr. Williamson is a man of character and ability and we believe will make us an excellent Postmaster. He succeeds Mr. J. Zeb Waller who has been postmaster for more than thirteen years and were it not for the change of political parties would

doubtless be reappointed on merits.

R. F. D. No. 8.

Mrs. P. N. Pritchette and children of Greensboro is visiting the families of W. J. Mitchell and J. Wesley Long.

Thanks to E. K. Isley and uncle Bruce Faucette for some nice plums.

We had the pleasure of stopping for dinner with C. E. Tapscott and J. C. McCulloch last week. Those are the times when we fill up.

Jim Sykes is "some farmer" he had four rows of Irish potatoes about 75 feet long and dug over 25 bushels. That's some taters.

R. R. J. Matlock and family of Hookerton N. C. is visiting at R. A. Matlocks.

John King gave us a tomato as big as a nail keg it was fine and we enjoyed it for breakfast.

Jesse Holt and family and Rufus Wilson of Burlington W. L. Barnette and family of Union Edge were visitors at E. A. Barnetts Sunday.

Thanks to Miss Ethel May and Maud Somers for some nice apples.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Serve Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown served an elaborate dinner to a few invited friends at their beautiful home on Church Street Thursday. The dinner was served in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Thompson of California who are visiting friends here. Those present other than the family of Mr. Brown were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Thompson, Mrs. C. G. Brown and Mrs. G. S. Thompson the mother and sister of Mr. Brown, Misses Addie Ray and Mary Walton Mr. Frank Brown and Mr. J. R. Hoffman.

Mr. Justice's Statement

"Friends throughout the state have expressed a desire to know whether I will be a candidate to succeed Senator Overman as United States senator, and I think it is the most convenient and frank way to deal with the situation to state publicly that I do expect to aspire to the honor of representing North Carolina in that exalted position.

"Later I shall state fully the reason why I presume to hope if elected the opportunity will thereby be afforded to consecrate the position and what of ability and talents I have to the service of the state. In the meantime it is my sincere desire that my course as a citizen and as a public official will not be influenced by my candidacy or by any personal ambition. If occasion arises in the future to decide between the path of duty and personal sacrifice, I ask no more than that in such event I be given the wisdom, virtue and patriotism to pursue the course that will enable me to retain my self-respect and the commendation of my conscience and that I may so walk that it may be truly said that I did not sell the truth to serve the hour."

"I do not intend by this announcement to indicate a purpose to carry on a long campaign that will tend to unduly distract the situation of the voters from other matters. It will be nearly a year before the voters of the Democratic party select that party's candidate for United States senator to be voted for at the general election in November 1914.

"I deem it sufficient at this time to make this brief statement and I trust I may say with propriety that my position on public questions is sufficient well known and has been consistent enough to make a more elaborate statement at this time unnecessary.

"I have an abiding faith in the wisdom of the voters of North Carolina and respect their right to govern themselves. I shall therefore await their judgement and when it is rendered I will accept it with respect and confidence in their wisdom.

Miss Eloise Guthrie Entertains.

In honor of her guest Miss Winifred Habel of Raleigh Miss Eloise Guthrie entertained quite a number of her friends at the beautiful home of her parents on South Park Avenue last Thursday night. The occasion was a very formal affair "Rook" and other games being the center of attraction for the evening. Cream and cake served as refreshments for the guest. Those present were: Misses Laurine Isley, Ruth Lea Holt, Mae Barrett, Kate Meadow, Ruth Tate, Marnie Guthrie, Ruth Hall, Iris Holt, Trixie Ward, Francis Cheatham, Lelia and Francis Williamson. Messrs. Chris and Hugh Isley, Claude Holt, Jno. Lashley, Earl Sikes, Roy Hart, Summie and Geo. Sharpe, Walter Story and Carl Barrett.

Entertain Embroidery Club.

Mr. Chas. V. Sharpe and others of his gentlemen friends gave a picnic in honor of the embroidery club Friday night July 18. The scene of the picnic was the pond of the Graham Country Club. The happy party reached the pond about sunset and soon baskets, boxes and buckets containing the choicest viands were in evidence and a most delicious supper was soon spread invitingly on a table which had been built for such occasions. The splendid supper served demonstrated the fact that the girls who belonged to the Embroidery Club know how to cook and serve meals as well as embroidery. After supper was over boats were provided and in separate groups numbering from two to six respectfully the parties floated on the tranquil water kissed by the mellifluous light of the moon which was in full orb and beautiful and served as a special friend of the ardent lover. There has not been a happier social event here during this season. Among those present were: Misses Mabel Isley, Hazel Albright, Byrd Dailey, Bessie Holt, Mrs. J. S. Frost, Mrs. H. D. Wood and Messrs. C. V. Sharpe, Jno. Lashley, Summie Sharpe, Le Roy Fonville, Edgar Holt, E. S. W. Dameron and Dr. Anderson.

Messdames Frost and Wood made most excellent chaperones. A watermelon feast closed the pleasure of the evening and everybody went home proud of the Embroidery Club and delighted with all of its charming members.

Progressive News Service.

Munsey Building, Washington, D. C. July 19, 1913.

The Wilson-Underwood tariff bill is about to be taken up by the Senate for detailed consideration and passage. There is no doubt as to the final vote. The chief question that arises is as to time when that vote will be taken. Consideration of that question involves a psychological study of Woodrow Wilson and that is the principle thing which is now occupying many Senators, both Republicans and Democrats. There has been a curious lapse of interest in the tariff bill throughout the country during the last few weeks. Various explanations are offered for this. One is that the country, being satisfied that the bill is a substantial revision downward, has approved it on faith and is going about its regular business patiently awaiting the final enactment of the measure.

From the Republican side of the Senate, there comes a different opinion, however. The Republican are, of course, keenly interested in having the bill prove itself to be a breeder of calamity. It is vital to the hope of the standard paters to have commercial upheaval and business disaster follow the enactment of a low tariff bill. Standpatters in the Senate and House and their scattered adherents about the country have been predicting distress as assiduously as possible but, somehow or other, their predictions have failed to excite the country appreciably. The explanation

of this failure now given on the Republican side of the Senate is that President Wilson has outwitted the calamity howlers. Some Republicans say that the President has been extremely shrewd in distracting attention from the tariff bill, both by his insistence upon the immediate enactment of a currency bill and by his special lobby investigation.

These Republicans credit the President with playing on the psychology of the country. They say he understands very well that the thought of fear breeds fear; that the suggestion of the possibility of commercial distress increases the likelihood of that misfortune; that warning talk of the danger of panic heightens the probability of panic. Because of his understanding of these facts, they credit or effect to credit the President with deliberately seeking to distract attention from the tariff bill.

Whether deliberate or not, the President unquestionably has been successful in this line. It is not so certain, however, that the substitution of the currency bill for the tariff bill as the center of interest has tended to allay fear of disturbance. There is plenty of evidence that the business interests of the country are much more alarmed about the currency bill than they ever have been about the low tariff measure.

Ample manifestation of this alarm has been made to both houses of Congress from all parts of the country. The result is a vigorous last-ditch determination on the part of the Republicans in the Senate that there shall be no currency legislation at the session. For that reason, they have made no effort to hasten the lingering consideration of the tariff by the dallying Democrats. The Republicans recognize the fact that the tariff is a much easier measure on which to prevent prompt action than the currency. The standpatters have had so much practice in talking tariff that debate on the Wilson-Underwood bill can be made almost limitless, if they desire to do so. Some of them are frankly avowing a determination not to permit the tariff bill to reach a final vote until such time as they have authentic assurance from the White House that the President will not insist upon the enactment of his currency measure at this session.

The fate of the Commerce Court furnishes another striking evidence of Democratic inefficiency. It will be remembered that a year ago the Democrats dallied around so much that they did not pass the annual appropriation until some time after the close of the fiscal year and were obliged two or three times to adopt special resolutions continuing the appropriation of the preceding year. No such exhibition of incompetency in handling the business of the government, the greatest corporation in the world, had ever given, but now the Democrats have repeated this exhibition. They have been talking for several years about abolishing the Commerce Court. With characteristic incompetence they have now merely cut off the appropriation for the court without enacting a law specifically abolishing it and transferring its jurisdiction to other courts. The result is that the Commerce Court, while still legally in existence and having jurisdiction over many important cases, has no money with which to transact its business. Meantime the Democrats are quarreling among themselves as to what they shall do about it.

Yet these Democrats who have thus in every year given two striking exhibitions of their incompetency to handle questions that so vitally concern the commercial welfare of the county continue to talk with loud assurance about "settling" the trust and corporation question.

FOR SALE.

Farm well located 1-3 timber and meadow good buildings and water, school and churches. Miss Donna Clapp, Burlington N. C.

Snake Took Possession.

Kinston, July 18.—Consternation was caused in the store of T. U. Lassiter & Son one of the largest establishments in Snow Hill when a large specimen of the locally called "stinger" snake entered the place and for some minutes had undisputed possession. He was frightened and fled together with the customers. The snake was dispatched with a stick and measured a full yard in length.

Bolt Unpins Her Dress.

Pueblo, Col., July 20.—A lightning flash plucked the pins from the dress of Miss Carrie Willis, an employee of a store here as she sat in the company's store and scattered them over the floor. The young woman was sitting close to an incandescent light socket in which there was no cap. She was thrown from her chair, but not injured.

Death of Thos. Fuqua.

Thos. Fuqua who had been sick only two weeks died Friday morning at his home on Flanner Street. He was sixty years old and leaves three sons and one daughter. Messrs. J. L. Fuqua of Durham and Ed. and J. R. Fuqua of this city and Mrs. E. G. Way. He was buried Saturday at Bethel, funeral services being conducted by Rev. T. E. Davis.

New Organization Proposed.

A number of citizens of east Burlington met Tuesday night in the vacant residence of Dr. H. F. Moore on Means street and under a temporary organization composed of A. W. Cole as President and T. T. Stafford Secretary discussed the organization of a new grocery store which will be the Cash Grocery Company, owned by a number of stockholders, about forty in number. The purpose of the company will be to sell groceries to the stockholders at cost. The organization will probably be permanent at a meeting next week.

Fishing Picnic.

Miss Lillian Lindley of Saxapahaw spent the past week with Misses Bertha May and Alleen Horne at East Burlington. Mr. George Glenn and Mr. Joe Brown gave the girls a nice time by taking them to Haw Creek on a fishing picnic. The girls carried lunch and remained all day. They all reported a nice time and hope it won't be long before Miss Lillian will come back so they can go on another picnic.

The girls that attended were: Misses Lillian Lindley, Bertha May and Alleen Horne, Maggie and Ellie Brooks, Beatrice and Clays Andrews, Ivey Brown, Mrs. Claytie Andrews and Mrs. Ethel King.

Mr. Hoover Lindley of Saxapahaw is hitching his horse at Mr. Mr Geo. W. Bradshaws these days. There must be some attraction.

New Company Organizes.

The latest addition to the business enterprises of Burlington is the Standard Realty and Security Company which was organized Tuesday night at the office of DeRoy R. Fonville for the purpose of engaging in real estate, insurance, loans and investment business. This company is strongly backed by a large number of stockholders who are among the most representative business men of the county, and the success of the company seems certain. These companies have done much to build up Burlington and the surrounding county and we are glad to welcome this strong young company into the field.

The following men were named as directors of the company: James P. Montgomery, M. A. Coble, C. C. Fonville, A. A. Apple J. A. Barnwell, Banks Williamson, W. P. Lawrence, W. A. Hornaday, W. R. Sellars, C. Y. Sellars and J. A. Lowe.

Dr. Frost Takes Special Course.

Dr. J. S. Frost has returned from New York where he has been for a short time taking a special course in anesthetics.