

Dukes' Proposition Accepted by Charlotte Memorable Meeting

Citizens of All Classes Assembled at Selwyn Last Night, And in Less Than Hour Subscribed \$220,600 of the \$300,000 Asked For.

Mr. Lee, as Citizen of Charlotte, Reads List With \$50,000—Charlotte Enthusiastically Accepts Proposition of Duke.

Within 30 days' time work will begin on the interurban railroad which is to make Charlotte the centre of high traction speed development of the South.

The fact was assured by a meeting of citizens at the Selwyn hotel last night at which the sum of \$220,600 of the \$300,000, necessary for Charlotte to be the centre of high traction speed development of the South, was subscribed.

President Clarence Keuster, of the Greater Charlotte Club, called the meeting to order, stating in his introductory remarks that the meeting was called to order for the purpose of accepting the proposition of Duke.

The two main facts which the Duke proposition submitted to the citizens were these: First, that the city of Charlotte subscribe \$200,000 in money toward the building of the interurban line.

Second, that the city agree, by special contract, to give the road a special rate of freight provided that the road furnish as cheap rates and as good service as any competing line.

Elaborating upon these two facts Mr. Lee said: The idea at first was to have only a passenger line, but this would not pay—no haven't people enough, as Mr. Duke took the matter up and said, you must fix this on a different plan; you must handle freight to make the investment pay.

Death of Noted Baptist Divine

By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Jan. 21.—Rev. William Heth Whitsett, D. D., one of the most noted clergymen and scholars in the Southern Baptist Church, died at his home here yesterday afternoon in the 70th year of his age.

Torpedo Boats Towed In. Copenhagen, Jan. 21.—The newly built torpedo boat Vesta, which left Karlskrona, Sweden, yesterday on a trial trip and was later reported as missing, was towed into this port today.

Frequent Earth Tremors Recorded

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Jan. 21.—Frequent earth tremors have been recorded by the seismograph at Loyola college since 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The maximum oscillation is about two millimeters. The disturbance is periodical, the vibrations occurring at intervals of two minutes and affecting both buildings.

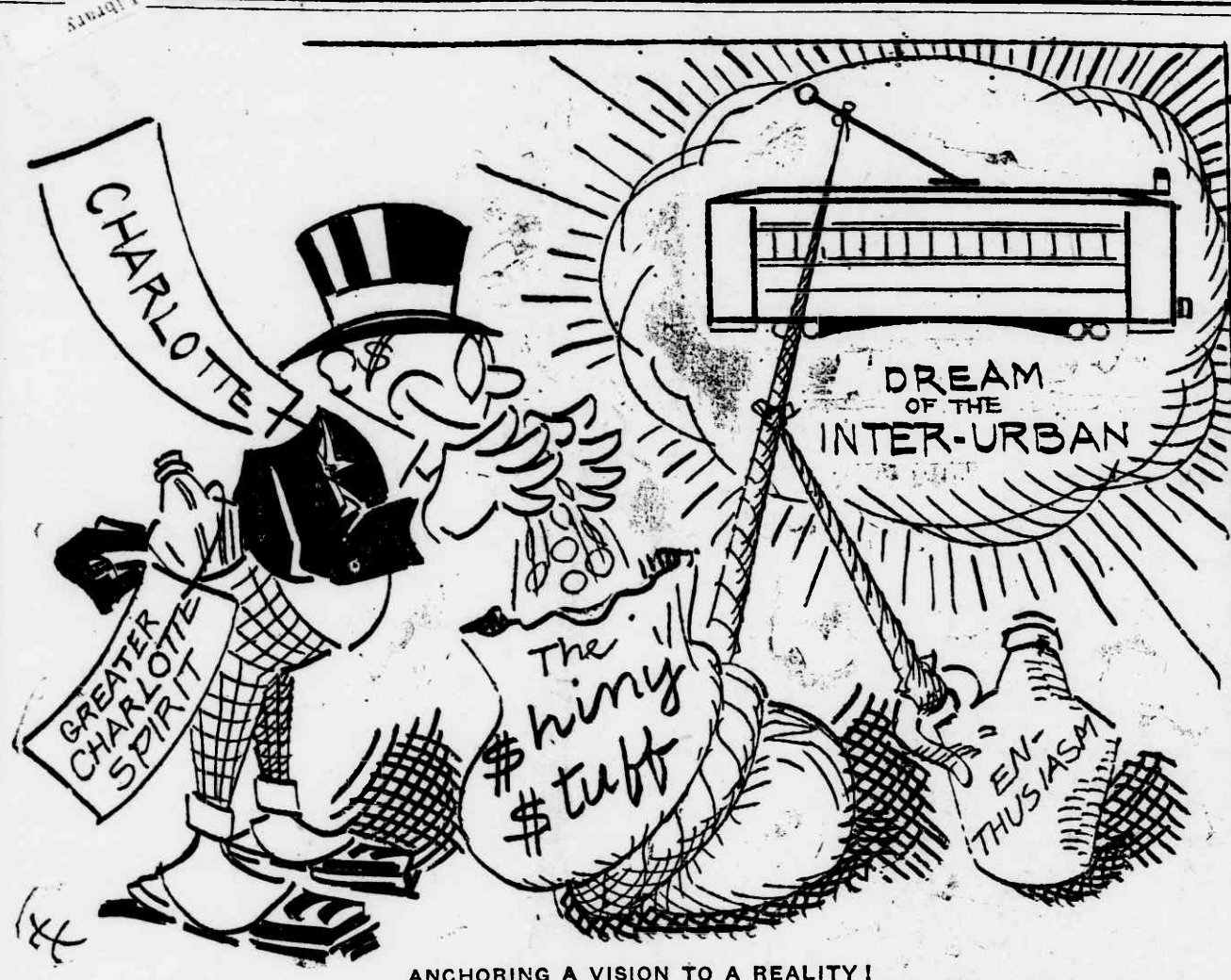
Gypsy Trouble IS SETTLED BY A COMPROMISE

Special to The News. Wadesboro, N. C., Jan. 21.—The trials of the Mitchells, leaders of the Gypsy tribes, came to an abrupt end this morning when Oliver H. Allen, the Judge presiding, succeeded in bringing about a compromise.

The charges against the Stephen Joan tribe were dismissed. Judge Allen then advised the tribes to separate and go different ways and warned them that they must not molest each other.

The court house was crowded to the doors all through the day as a testimonial to the interest taken in Wadesboro in the now already famous Gypsy troubles. The story told by the witnesses for the state was certainly one of the most primitive methods of the collection of tribute by a chieftain. Foreigners in a strange land, the gypsies found themselves perplexed by the continual objection by counsel and their inability to speak the English language unbroken made it difficult at all times make themselves understood.

It was the beginning of the trial of Emil Mitchell for the robbery of the Electric Railway. There were twelve defendants. All of these are members of tribes who acknowledge Emil Mitchell as their king. The prosecuting witness is Stephen Joan, the leader of another set or clan, and they do not acknowledge Emil Mitchell as king.



BENTON M'MILLAN LEADS RACE FOR U. S. SENATOR

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 21.—Indications twenty-four hours ago which it was thought pointed to an election for United States senator on Monday have changed. While it is believed that Benton McMillan will be elected, his victory may be later than expected.

Every man who can get the pledge of one vote wants to have a try for the senatorial plum and some defectors have been shown to delegations, to have stood this far loyally by the regular candidate.

T. R. Preston, of Chattanooga, has the senatorial buzz loudly in his bonnet. He probably will get into the game on Monday. General Luke E. Wright still wants to try the effect on the general assembly of his name backed by the prestige of having been secretary of war, governor-general of the Philippines and ambassador to Japan.

The Football For Harvard

By Associated Press. Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 21.—The Harvard athletic committee, is an official announcement last night stated that the Crimson football team would play Princeton November 4, two weeks before the Yale-Princeton game.

Picked Up Live Wire. Asheville, N. C., Jan. 21.—Ignoring warnings to keep away from a live wire which had fallen to the ground Julius Bryson, a negro, aged 40, picked it up with his bare hands and was instantly electrocuted on the lawn of St. Genevieve's College at 5:30 this afternoon.

LESS NEWS PRINT PAPER PRODUCED AND SOLD.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 21.—News print paper shows decreases in production, in shipments and in stocks on hand, according to the November report of the American Paper and Pulp Association to the bureau of corporations.

Oklahoma Will Build Railroads

By Associated Press. Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 21.—The state of Oklahoma will go into the railroad building business if the plans now being discussed by the public service corporation committees from the house and senate met in joint session with representatives of the Oklahoma Federation of Labor, farmers union and Oklahoma City chamber of commerce, and discussed the basis of a bill which will give the state the power to construct a railroad 425 miles long.

The proposed road would run from the Northwest to the Southeast sections of the state, opening up new agricultural, coal and timber lands. The bill to be introduced will ask for a \$10,000,000 bond issue to be decided by a special election.

JAPAN DID BIG BUSINESS DURING YEAR.

By Associated Press. Tokyo, Jan. 21.—Premier Katsura, in introducing the budget for 1911-12, in the lower house today, congratulated the country on the greatly increased business reported during the last year. To the gain of 480,000,000 yen the manufacturing industries alone contributed 140,000,000.

This year's supplemental appropriation is 14,000,000 yen. During the next six years 274,000,000 yen will be used for railway improvements, including the reconstruction as a broad gauge road of the line from Tokyo to Shimonoseki. The premier also outlined the governments plan for improvements in Korea.

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GREAT FIGHT OVER SCHENK TRIAL TODAY

By Associated Press. Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 21.—Plans of both the prosecution and the defense in the trial of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, charged with poisoning her husband, have been knocked helter skelter since the tumultuous sessions of yesterday and last night.

The three attorneys for Mrs. Schenk, J. P. O'Brien, Frank O'Brien and Attorney Joyce, as well as Prosecuting Attorney J. B. Handlan, have begun to show the traces of the strain and in their tilts with each other have become "peppery," as the report of the trial frequently indicates.

Thus far, despite statements by the prosecution and the defense, the end of the trial has not been definitely fixed. Statements have been made as to the number of witnesses to be examined by both sides, but in an hour a score or more were announced to be called.

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Bill To Prevent Monopolies Of Gas And Electric Power

against her. She would not admit this, however, and declared she was on friendly terms with Albert. When questioned concerning the alleged assertions of Prosecutor Handlan that Mrs. Schenk had made a confession to him Attorney O'Brien denied it, saying she had never made a confession and always maintained her innocence.

Mexican Ambassador to Leave. Washington, Jan. 21.—Senor de La Barra, the Mexican ambassador, will leave Washington next Wednesday for the City of Mexico. He will stop at San Antonio, Texas, en route, to deliver an address in answer to an invitation from the city authorities and the chamber of commerce.

Commercial Congress to Meet. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 21.—The executive committee of the Southern Commercial Congress, which is to be held at Atlanta, Ga., March 8, 9 and 10, has been informed by Col. Spencer Cosby, U. S. A., in charge of public buildings and grounds here, that he will contribute a piece of the great American elm planted in the grounds of the white house by President John Quincy Adams as the handle of the gavel which the chairman of the congress will use.

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Jan. 21.—In continuation of the policy to regulate the liquor interests as much as possible, bills were introduced into both houses of the legislature today providing that the state superintendent of public instruction shall have printed and distributed suitably printed placards condemning liquor traffic and send them to every public school in the state, requiring at least one placard to be placed in each school room, so that school children may become more familiar with the evils of drinking.

YOUNG COUPLE DISAPPEARED FROM SHELBY

Special to The News. Shelby, N. C., Jan. 21.—A very peculiar case is the disappearance of Miss Mattie Ruffelt and Mr. Luther Taylor.

The facts are these: Miss Ruffelt is the daughter of section master, Ruffelt, and is 20 years of age, a small woman, blonde type, weighing about 100 pounds. Friday, the 13th, she asked off from the mill where she is a spool hand, and that afternoon—the weather being balmy—came up town wearing her best blue skirt, a white shirt waist, and no coat nor hat. She was bound for the post office, went there, and put the postoffice key in the box, and has not been heard from since.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Jan. 21.—Stanley Robison, president of the St. Louis Nationals announced today as he departed for a five weeks' trip to Panama that he had resigned from the rules committee of the National League. He gave Roger Bresnahan, manager, power to make all deals and to represent him at the National League meeting in New York.

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The senate and house received the report of the legislative commission appointed two years ago to investigate the advisability of applying the Torrens system of land titles in this state. The commission declares there is a demand for such legislation, the present system in this state being insecure. The commission says the Torrens system is working well in many other states and the legislature ought by all means enact some such law for this state.

A bill introduced in the house by Tarlington, makes insurance agents personally liable for insurance placed in unlicensed companies and required citizens using unlicensed companies to pay tax on their premiums.

Superior Court

In the case of Marcus Long vs. Union National Bank, and Lila G. Long, pending the hearing of this case, a compromise is agreed to, judgment to be drawn in brief, the contention is for recovery by plaintiff of property alleged to have been given in trust to, and now held by, defendants.

An interesting case which will in all probability be decided before court adjourns today is that of W. Cuthbertson vs. Sergeant W. H. Pitts et al., suing for damages, arising from the arrest and detention of the plaintiff by the defendant for the purpose of bringing him in as a witness in a whiskey case. The defendant maintains that said arrest and detention was carried out in defiance, under legal process of advertisement, which plaintiff contends that such was not the case. Argument was closed just at the dinner hour, the charge to the jury to be delivered on resumption of session. It is hoped that the jury will reach a decision before the close of the afternoon session. Mr. Cameron Morrison is representing the plaintiff, and Messrs. McNinch & Justice the plaintiff.

Mrs. Brooks Out on Bond. By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 21.—Mrs. T. M. Brooks, wife of a prominent attorney of this city, was released on \$10,000 bond today following her indictment yesterday for the murder of Mrs. Mary Binkford, a sales woman. Officials served the indictment at the Brooks residence, where she has been confined to her bed since the shooting in a down town department store. Mrs. Binkford was shot to death last Monday.

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N. C. Speakers Roanoke Banquet

A big banquet was given in Roanoke, Va., last night in honor of the completion of the Winston-Salem and Southbound railroad. Among those who made addresses were: President, Mr. R. H. Angell; Captain E. C. Robins, of Lexington, N. C.; Joel H. Cutchin, mayor of Roanoke; H. E. Fries, of Winston-Salem, president of the Southbound; R. G. Rhet, mayor of Charleston, S. C.; Judge W. R. Staples, of the Roanoke corporation court; T. M. Emerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line; Raymond Dupuy, general manager of the Virginia railway; Lucien H. Coker, general counsel of the Norfolk and Western.