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GREAT ACTIVITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL WORK IN GASTON

Plans Being Made to Spend \$5,800 This Summer for School Buildings and Improvements. Election Went Off Quietly.

Gala Day for Colored Population. Work Progressing on Inter-urban Surveys. Lines to Be Ready in Two Years.

Gastonia, N. C., May 7.—Gastonia's municipal election for the year 1907 passed into history at 6:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the votes of the day were counted. The exciting primary of March the seventh, had eliminated every interesting feature of the contest and the small stream of the faithful that strolled to the ballot boxes did so through their loyalty to the town and to their friends. No "dark horse" was rushed in on the accepted ticket, and the whole list of nominees went through without the least of trouble. There was scarcely any scratching. The guiding of the ship for the next two years goes to the following named citizens and gentlemen:

Mayor, Charles B. Armstrong, ex-sheriff of Gaston county and prominently identified with every good thing in the town; aldermen, Messrs. V. E. Long, S. Mack Morris, James M. Sloan, Eli N. Lineberger, and Rufus M. Johnston; for school commissioners, R. Pinkney Rankin, James E. Page, Samuel N. Boyce, Joseph H. Separis, Pressly Reid. This is a corking good ticket, and there's not a man voted into office but that has the best wishes of the townsfolk.

Other municipal wars were waged on yesterday at Stanley, McAdamsville, Bessemer City, and other places in the county, but your correspondent does not attempt to cover these.

Great School Work.
Gaston county has never known such an educational uplift nor such a "revival of learning" in all her days as she has enjoyed since Prof. Frank P. Hall, of Belmont, became county superintendent of education.

He announced here yesterday that \$5,800 would be spent this summer in the work of building and enlarging the county school houses. East King's Mountain, the new school district and town recently made by act of the last legislature gets a \$2,000 school building right away, and the authorities will have it in readiness for the opening of the fall session. That district voted on last Saturday school tax of 15 cents, the winners scaling in the voting by a score of 27 to zero. Cherryville, N. C., gets \$1,200 for school addition; \$1,000 goes to the Mount Holly schools, while Belmont falls heir to \$750. Six handsome country school buildings will be erected during the summer season at an approximate cost of \$30,000 each.

Big Day for Negroes.
Today is glory day with the negro population of the town of Gastonia. It is the occasion of the Big District Odd Fellows Convention of colored people, and there are delegates here from all over this and our neighboring State of South Carolina. The most prominent visitor to the city is Grand Master of the World, Houston, hailing from Washington, D. C., and being suzerain over the U. S. A. Africa, Asia, and parts of Europe. He is one of the foremost colored secret order men in America, and the orders at this place are fortunate in securing his services. The usual negro baseball game is scheduled for the afternoon. The Gastonia Opera House has been chartered for the events of the day.

Work on Interurban.
The Four C's Company of Charlotte is forging its way into Gaston territory, having at present four surveys under general Engineer Hall at work between Mt. Holly and McAdamsville. They are working out a route from the river to McAdamsville, Lowell, Gastonia and other points. We confidently expect to have an interurban trolley within the space of two years time, and as a backing for this expectation we quote the words of Mr. Latta who in conversation with a Mt. Holly citizen who had invested in real estate said, "You may expect to see cars through your town inside of two year's time."

A Grave Charge.
Elliot Mack, a negro at this place, was arrested Saturday for an attempt to wreck a train on the Southern on April, the 18th. Two white witnesses saw him tampering with the switch, and this forms the bulk of evidence against him. The Southern is represented by Mr. O. F. Mason, Esq., while the defendant has appearing for him Messrs. Jones and Garland. The case comes up this afternoon in the local courts.

MAYOR MURPHY IS STANDING PAT ON ORDER TO AGENTS

Mayor of Greensboro Believes Agents for Liquor Houses Outside of State Are Amenable to the Law. For Big Celebration.

Plans for School Work Somewhat Handicapped. Revival Doing Great Work. Other Live News From Gate City.

Greensboro, N. C., May 7.—Mayor Murphy is standing pat on his order to liquor agents to discontinue their business. His interpretation of the recent Supreme Court decision in the South Dakota and in the North Carolina case from Thomasville is that agents of liquor houses, taking orders in prohibition territories, can be held as violating the prohibition law.

He also says that under what is known as the Wilson Act the shipping of liquor to agents in prohibition territory is exempted from the protection given by the interstate commerce laws. The question will evidently be a mooted one until the Thomasville case gets squarely before the Supreme Court for a decision on the vital point.

Planning for Celebration.
A program of unusual interest is being arranged by the members of the Guilford chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Solicitor A. L. Brooks will deliver the address and preparations are being made for a grand celebration of the 10th of May. A large number of veterans will be present and while they are here the Daughters will determine how many of them will attend the reunion in Richmond.

A Racing Event.
All arrangements have been completed for the big racing event to take place at the Central Carolina Fair Grounds Friday afternoon, May 10 and the event promises to be the greatest of its kind ever given here. There is a large list of entries and some of the fastest horses in Virginia and North Carolina will be put through their paces. To avoid conflict with the memorial exercises the management has decided that the races will not be called until 2:30 o'clock.

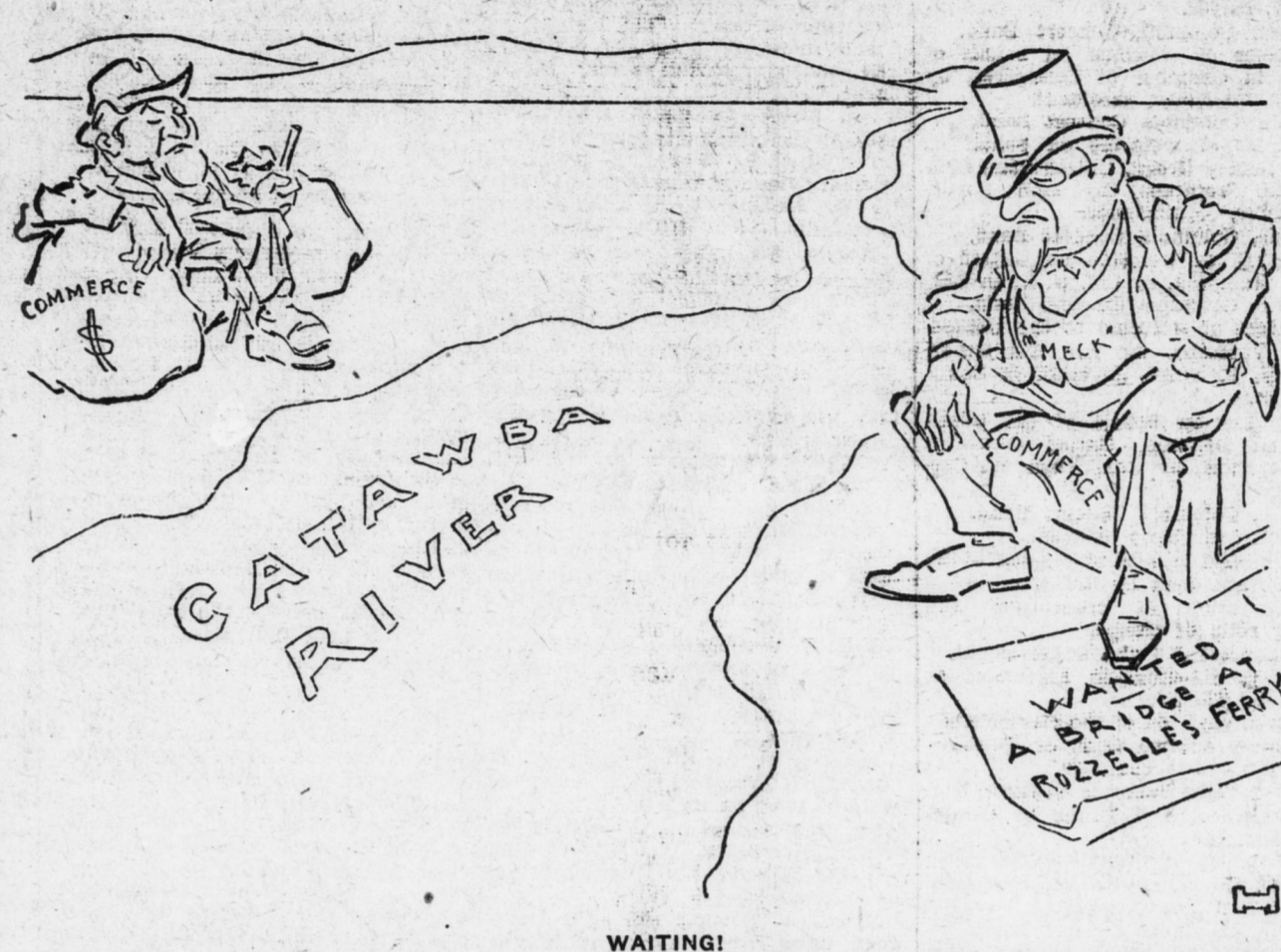
Shows Only Incentive.
The city election today will be a dull affair. The only incentive to work is the offer of a pair of shoes by an enterprising merchant to the candidate receiving the largest vote. Only one ticket is in the field and the election will be without any interest.

The county board of education in session this morning for the purpose of naming the public High Schools to be established in Guilford under the recent act of the legislature, found it had run up against a serious problem. The recent ruling of the board that at present only three first class high schools could be established in a county having two representatives, cut Guilford down from its expected four schools. The board hoped that there are four country schools able and ready to comply with all the requirements, and had proposed to contest. But this morning, instead of four only three could be allowed, there appeared delegations of citizens and school officials from Pomona, Jamestown, Guilford College, Pleasant Garden, Bessemer and Gibsonville, asking for high schools. In each instance it was shown that the law could be complied with, and that the committees surrounding the present rural graded schools would by special tax and private contribution support and maintain a rural high school. So the board will not make some time to consider the various claims, and in solving satisfactorily the problem of making six two yards garments out of six yards of cloth.

A Great Revival.
The Hamilton-Wakefield revival services which have been going on at the First Baptist church for ten days, with great good to the community, seem to increase in interest and power. All services yesterday at morning in the afternoon and at night, were attended by church crowding congregations, and there were over 50 conversions. Services will continue this week.

Mr. James M. Wharton one of the most estimable citizens and merchants of the county, dropped dead in his chair while sitting on the front porch of his residence at Jamestown Sunday afternoon conversing with friends. In recent years he had trouble with his heart, but was never kept indoors by it. Funeral services were held at his residence in Jamestown yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, followed by the interment at High Point.

Mr. Wharton was seventy years old, a native of this county and was related to most of the Whartons. He was a splendid citizen always of a jovial disposition and was beloved by all who came in contact with him. He leaves a wife, but no children. Lonnie Landreth, the young flagman of the Southern Railway who was found unconscious and fatally injured beside the railroad track at Pomona Saturday morning died yesterday afternoon at St. Leo's Hospital where he was taken for treatment.



TRAIN HELD-UP AND ENGINEER KILLED. BLOODHOUNDS OFF

Crack Train on The Northern Pacific was Held-up by Robbers at Welches Spur and Engineer Murdered by Robbers.

Officers Set Out for Scene of Robbery. Bloodhounds Wired For. Like Train Robberies in the Past. No Money Secured.

Butte, Mont., May 7.—The North Coast Limited, a crack train on the Northern Pacific Railroad, has just been held up at Welch's Spur, east of the city, and the engineer killed.

The sheriff's office has been notified of the robbery and officers are now preparing to leave for the scene of the hold-up.

The object of the robbery, it is presumed, was to secure the contents of the through safe, carrying consignments of currency from Seattle, Portland and Spokane to eastern points.

The bloodhounds of the penitentiary here have been wired for.

This is the fourth time the North Coast eastbound train has been held up in three years. The other three times the robberies occurring near Bear Mouth, to the west of this place.

This morning's hold-up is near the scene of the robbery of the Burlington flyer which occurred two years ago in a section of the country very rough and mountainous.

Two Injured in Train Wreck.
Holly, Col., May 7.—A California limited on the Santa Fe, eastbound, was ditched a mile west of Burlington last night by spreading rails. The train was running at an unusually high rate of speed, being six hours late.

All of the nine coaches except the last Pullman car turned over. The porter and baggage-master were hurt, the latter having his right leg broken and a severe gash inflicted in his side.

SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS GATHER IN COLUMBIA S. C.

Annual Re-union of Confederate Veterans of Palmetto State Opened in Columbia With Thousands in Attendance.

Elaborate Preparations Have Been Made for the Entertainment of Visitors. Excellent Program Arranged for the Occasion.

Columbia, S. C., May 7.—The annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of South Carolina begins in Columbia today. It is expected that several thousand men who wore the grey and several thousand men and women who are too young to remember that day will come to Columbia today, the railroads having offered a cent a mile rate from all points in South Carolina.

For several years the reunions have been held in Columbia. Formerly other cities entertained the veterans in turn but Columbia is centrally located with convenient railroad facilities and gradually has come to be looked upon as the permanent place for the reunions.

At the last session the general assembly appropriated \$3,500 to assist in bearing the expenses of the occasion, which relieves Columbia of a heavy expense, as the capital city has been putting up from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each year for this purpose.

However, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce has gone ahead and raised a fund to supplement the State appropriation and the veterans will be royally cared for while here.

The reunion exercises will be held in the Columbia Theatre today, Wednesday and Thursday and among the most attractive features planned are the visit of the city school children, who will sing old-time Southern songs, the war tableaux and war play by local talent.

Preparations have been made on an elaborate scale for the feeding of the veterans by committees of ladies and the town is at their command. The Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee of fifty prominent men, headed by the largest merchant in the city, Mr. John L. Minnaugh, who will be known as "The Good-time Committee," and will devote themselves exclusively to making the veterans, individually and collectively, have "a good time."

Program for Today.
12:20 m. to 5:00 p. m.—Music on Main street by Columbia Concert Band.
3:00 p. m.—Manhattan Opera Company, matinee, Mikado, Columbia Theatre.
5:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m.—Reception to sponsors at Metropolitan Club.
8:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m.—Concert on Capitol Grounds by Columbia Concert Band.
8:30 p. m.—Manhattan Opera Company, in Belle of New York, Columbia Theatre.

Tomorrow's Program.
10:00 a. m.—Opening exercises of the annual reunion of the State division, United Confederate Veterans, the program being as follows: Overture, by Columbia Concert Band. Doxology. Assembly called to order by Capt. Continued on page 2

TWO KILLED, ONE FATALLY INJURED IN TRAIN CLASH

Through Passenger Train Crashed Into Fast Freight Near Wheeling With Fatal Results. The Cause of The Wreck.

Baggage and Express Cars And Engine Completely Demolished. All Passengers Badly Shaken Up. Names of The Killed.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 7.—Train No. 7, on the Baltimore and Ohio, westbound, collided with a fast freight, eastbound, at Rosby's Rock, 18 miles east of here this morning.

J. L. Painter, of Burton, W. Va., express messenger and C. G. Warner, baggage master, of Bellaire, O., were killed outright.

The engineer of the passenger train, C. A. Riley, of Wheeling, was fatally injured and cannot live through the day.

The accident is alleged to have been caused by a misunderstanding of orders.

The two trains were going at about 30 miles an hour when they crashed. The baggage and express cars were demolished.

The freight engine also demolished the passenger engine.

The passengers in the coaches and Pullmans escaped with severe shaking up.

Train No. 7 is the through passenger train from New York to Chicago.

MOB OF UNMASKED MEN LYNCH NEGRO WHO SHOT FARMER

Infuriated Mob Wreak Vengeance on Negro at Dearing, Ga., Body Riddled With Bullets After Lynching.

Mob Then Visited Negroes Home and Administered Severe Whipping to Each Member of his Family. No Arrests Made.

Augusta, Ga., May 7.—A special to the Herald from Dearing, Georgia, says: Charles Harris, a negro, who yesterday shot and seriously wounded Hayden Pearson a prominent farmer, was lynched last night by a mob of unmasked men.

His body was riddled with bullets. The mob then visited the negro's home, severely whipped the members of his family and gave them a brief time in which to get out of McDuffie county.

Pearson, who lives near this place, was remonstrating with the negro about poor work done on his farm, when Harris drew a revolver and fired several shots into his body. Pearson probably will die.

A posse was immediately organized and captured the negro. He was started toward Thompson, but never got through the Deep Swamp which had to be crossed. No arrests have been made.

Business of New Bedford Will Likely be Suspended.
New Bedford, Mass., May 7.—Every mill in this city, it is believed will shut down during the last week in August, according to a vote of the cotton mill operatives to take their vacation at that time.

While the vote was taken by the operatives in the weave mills only, it is the general opinion that the spinning plants will take the same step, which means that during the last week of August practically the entire business of this city will be suspended.

Famous Trial Is Now On.
Boise, Idaho, May 7.—As a precautionary measure, street preaching or speaking will be stopped in Boise during the trials of Haywood and the other leaders of the Western Federation of Miners for the alleged murder of Frank Steunberger.

It is feared that freedom of speech in the street may lead to a local agitation for or against the prisoners and possible disorders.

The city continues entirely quiet and there is not the slightest indication of disorder. An occasional crank is feared.

Judge Wood has given no indication as to what his decision may be in the matter of the bill of particulars asked for by the defense.

Should this motion be granted there will undoubtedly be considerable delay in opening the trial.

Killed his Wife and Baby And Then Suicided.
Washington, D. C., May 7.—William O'Rice, of this city, shot and killed his wife, mortally wounded his baby and then committed suicide by shooting himself today.

A woman has a queer idea about any one who wears false hair unless it's herself.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN RUTHERFORD HAS DIMINISHED

New Law Applying to Rutherford County has Excellent Results. Trade with Marion Greatly Diminished. Town Almost Dry.

Many Guilty Parties Now Doing Service on Chain-gang. District Meeting of Knights of Pythias. Other Rutherford Notes.

Rutherfordton, May 7.—Under the Gallert liquor law, a special act applicable to this county, only, the liquor traffic that has been going on between Marion and this place is rapidly being broken up.

Under the new law no person is allowed to have over one gallon of whiskey in his possession at any one time, and any amount over one gallon is prima facie evidence that the party is guilty of retailing and is punishable under the law.

Since the law went into effect there has been no less than half a dozen negroes that have been making trips to Marion, "pulled," tried and convicted and are now doing road duty on the town's chain gang.

Several other arrests have been made, the prisoners being bound over to the next term of the Superior Court, charged with the same offense. The rigid enforcement of the new act is making our town exceedingly "dry" at this time, the "blind tiger" business being about cut out.

About the only liquor that is brought here now is by parties who are able to order it from other States.

The district meeting of the Knights of Pythias will be held with the Henrietta Lodge on Saturday night, May 18th. The order is in a flourishing condition in this district and has a large membership.

Mr. W. C. McMorris, Esq., of Monroe, who formerly resided here, has returned to Rutherfordton and is now associated in the practice of law with the well-known firm of McBrayer & McBrayer. The style of the new firm is McBrayer, McMorris & McBrayer.

Drs. Gaston B. Justice and A. M. Edwards, recent graduates of the Atlanta Medical College, have returned to their homes here. Dr. Justice, after spending a few days here with relatives and friends, will go to Marion, where he will locate and practice his profession.

Messrs. Matt McBrayer, D. F. Morrison and Solomon Gallert left yesterday for Raleigh, where they go on legal business, having several cases on appeal which they will argue before the Supreme Court.

Mr. Matt Lynch, one of the county's best and most substantial citizens, last week suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home on Broad River, and owing to his extreme old age, there is little hope of his recovery.

Rutherfordton continues to improve. Mr. Ed Beam's handsome new residence on Mitchell avenue is nearing completion and Mr. John H. Wood is placing material for another nice residence on North Washington street. There is not a vacant house in town and several more of our citizens are contemplating building.

Mr. John C. Mills returned yesterday from a business trip to Asheville and other points.

The many friends of Mrs. K. J. Carpenter, who has been quite sick for the past three weeks, will be glad to learn that she is improving.

DEATH OF MRS. GIBSON.
Died This Morning in Baltimore—Remains Will be Brought to Concord Tomorrow.
Concord, May 7.—Mrs. Emily Gibson, wife of Mr. Robert E. Gibson, of this place, died this morning in Baltimore, where she had gone for treatment for nervous prostration.

The remains will be brought here tomorrow morning and the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Gibson was a sister of Miss Julia McGruder, the noted writer, and she was prominently connected in club and social circles of North Carolina and Virginia.

SIX PERSONS KILLED.
Insane Carpenter Kills a Family of Six.
San Francisco, May 7.—Walter Charley Davis, a carpenter, in a fit of insanity, shot and killed a family of six persons with whom he resided at 414 Pines street this city.

One lodger in the house escaped. She was a girl of 17. Davis pointed gun at her and was preparing to shoot when she said she resembled his daughter, so he spared her life. The shots attracted a large crowd and a rush was made upon Davis, and as he was attempting to reload weapon, he was overpowered and turned over to police.

Davis fancied that the people in house had formed a plot to kill him and take his money.

The guests at a party usually feel much more at home than father does.