

RAILROADS EMPOWERED TO PUT LOWER RATES IN EFFECT AT ANY TIME

Interstate Commerce Commission Approves Agreement Recently Formed Between State of North Carolina and the Various Railroads Doing Business in North Carolina—Long Fight Ends.

Approval has been given by the interstate commerce commission to the railroads...

In his opinion rendered today, of about 4,000 words, the commission goes into the rate situation fully, explaining its reasons for reaching the conclusions...

The commission granted authority to establish all of the proposed through rates by the Virginia cities route...

For the purpose of rate making at present, the railroads divide the state into east and west, with the dividing line placed at Hildebrand on the Southern railway in Burke county...

The rates from the lower Ohio river crossings from St. Louis, and from Memphis will be reduced by the same amounts as are the rates from Cincinnati.

inclusive, present 116, proposed 101; Hickory, present 112, proposed 101; Conover to Eufoia, inclusive, present 112, proposed 101; Statesville to Salisbury, inclusive, present 100, proposed 89; Spencer to Lexington, inclusive, present 100, proposed 89; Thomasville and High Point, present 98, proposed 87; Jamestown, present 97, proposed 86; Greensboro to Goldsboro, inclusive, present 93, proposed 82.

PIONEER HISTORY

By J. H. Shuford. George Canler. George Canler was a son of Pioneer Philip Canler and wife. He raised a family in Lincoln county. He was born in 1770, and died in 1830.

J. L. DEATON WINS MEDAL

Debate at Lenoir College Delights Audience. The twenty-third anniversary of the Euronian Literary Society of Lenoir College, was held in the college auditorium Monday night. The query: "Resolved that Intercollegiate Athletics should be abolished," was the evening's subject for debate.

Death of a Useful Colored Woman.

Last Tuesday, March 10, Aunt Rose Hawkins passed away and few people will be missed as greatly as Aunt Rose. She came to Hickory more than thirty years ago from Morganton when Hickory was a summer resort and she made a good business of doing fine laundry work for the visitors often ironing all night as the dew-wet garments "ironed so good."

George Westinghouse Died in New York City.

New York, March 12.—George Westinghouse died here today. He was 68 years old and was perhaps best known as the inventor of the airbrake which bears his name and which revolutionized railroading in this country.

THE VALUE OF A WOMAN SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

Supplements Work of County Superintendent—Being Tried Out in McDowell.

A woman rural school supervisor to supplement the work of the county superintendent of public instruction is the latest advance in rural education in the state. Such a supervisor is doing a most successful work in McDowell county, developing a few demonstration schools to show what kind of work can be done in elementary schools having efficient supervision.

Instead of scattering her efforts over the entire county, the McDowell supervisor this year is devoting her attention to ten schools, seeking to make them demonstration schools, to show how the country schools can be made to train for practical rural living when they have proper teaching and proper supervision.

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Lenoir Takes Two First Games.

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On and after March 16, 1914.

On and after March 16, 1914, the rate of postage on books, or parcels of books, weighing 8 ounces or less shall be 1 cent for each 2 ounces or fraction thereof, and on those weighing more than 8 ounces the parcel post rates apply. The postal laws have been so amended as to permit seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions, and plants to be sent through the mails at parcel post rates.

IVEY DOTS.

Mill Finding Ready Sale for Their Products.

West Hickory, Mar. 17.—The sixteen manufactured by the Ivey Mill Co., seems to be in big demand at present. The mill is shipping out the goods regularly every week as soon as it is baled, and is unable to fill half the orders that they have for the remnants that are sold without being baled.

Mr. L. T. Miller has been very sick with pneumonia for several days, but we are glad to say she is improving. Mrs. W. A. Isenhour has also been sick for some time but is now a little better.

H. A. Heavener, one of our leading merchants, bought a new automobile a few days ago but the weather has been so bad and so much mud that he has not been taking lessons in running his machine yet. It is supposed that he is preparing to be ready when the weather gets better for he has employed Miss Minnie Berry to sell goods for him and that will give him more time to learn to run his machine.

The mayor and board of aldermen of West Hickory at their regular meeting last Tuesday night ordered that the annual election be held for the town on the first Tuesday in May for the purpose of electing a mayor, three aldermen and three school trustees. H. A. Heavener was appointed registrar for the election.

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HIGHLAND NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

Shuford Mill Company Maintaining a Model Mill Village.

Highland, Mar. 17.—Two more new houses for the Shuford Mill Company have been erected since our last writing. This mill has had a splendid business since its opening and has added much to the town of Highland.

Mr. Jeff Minus is confined to his bed with a very severe attack of pneumonia and pleurisy. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Robt. Echerd and little daughter, Marv, who have been spending several days with Mrs. Echerd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Hunt, returned to their home in Taylorsville Sunday, in company with Mr. Echerd and brother, who came over Saturday and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Hunt.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

One of the most delightful social events of the season was the reception given Monday evening by Mesdames Carrie Gamble and Edgar Yoder, in honor of the 80th birthday of their mother, Mrs. Bettie R. Holden.

The following invitation has been received: Mrs. L. S. Whitener requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Pherbee Isabell to Mr. Robert Wilbur Frick Thursday afternoon, April the second One thousand nine hundred fourteen at two o'clock Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Hickory, North Carolina At Home Chapin, South Carolina

Miss Mary Belle Gwin entertained about twenty-five of her young friends on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5, in honor of her 5th birthday, at her home on Eighth Ave. After playing many games that are dear to childish hearts they were invited into the dining room, where they marched in couples. Delicious refreshments were served, consisting of peaches and cream, many varieties of cakes and above all the birthday cake, which was beautifully decorated. When it was cut Master Charles Staley, Jr., was found to be the lucky winner of the dime, which had been baked in the cake.

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The Embroidery Club met March 12 with Mrs. L. R. Whitener. Notwithstanding the snow and slush twelve members were present. While the others were busy with fancy work of various kinds the hostess read the last chapters of "Captain January."

The Baraca and Philatheas classes of the First Baptist Church had their monthly business meeting and social Thursday evening, March 12. After the business had been transacted, Mr. Lovelace, who has been acting as teacher of the Philatheas class for several Sundays, made a very interesting talk. Then all met in the basement of the church where a very interesting dialogue was given by Misses Bertha Bradshaw and Edith Clement and Messrs. Homer Bowles and Herman Kiser.

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two great scientists, the one dealing with the study of man, the other story of the heavens, was more forcibly contrasted and gained added interest by being told within the hour. One of Verdi's trios was sung by Miss Mary Ramsay, Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. J. L. Cilley. Mrs. Chadwick read "Galileo's Tower" from Whiting's "The Florence of Lander."

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church held its quarterly social at the home of the president, Mrs. J. Worth Elliott, Tuesday afternoon, March 10th. All the ladies of the church were invited. A goodly number accepted this invitation. The time was pleasantly spent in social intercourse. Several recitations and musical numbers were given by the young ladies present. Each number was thoroughly enjoyed. Simple, but dainty, refreshments consisting of coffee, sandwiches and fruit were served. Fancy work done by the more industrious ones of the society was displayed to some profit. Every one went away pronouncing the Social a decided success. The next meeting of this kind will be held with the vice-president, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, June 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Laban Cline and daughter, Miss Edna, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Eckard.

The Needle Craft Club, Hickory's newest social organization, had a most interesting and enjoyable meeting Thursday afternoon March 5, with Mrs. Gus Payne. The members worked industriously at various kinds of needle-work, while pleasant conversation held sway. Mrs. R. J. Foster and Miss Wilson were guests of the Club. Refreshments consisted of a salad course.

GRANITE FALLS OFFICER SURPRISES GAMBLERS

Takes Hand in the Game Without Their Knowledge and Consent.

Granite Falls, March 16.—Mrs. J. A. Seabock, of Lenoir, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. W. Payne March 11, of pneumonia. She came here to be with her daughter who has been ill for several weeks. She was taken sick only a week before and it was soon realized that she could not recover. She leaves a husband and three children who have the sympathy of the community. The remains were laid to rest in the Granite Falls cemetery. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Peeler, of Lenoir, assisted by Rev. Mr. Campbell. A large number of friends and relatives from Lenoir and Hickory were present to pay their last tribute of respect to this good woman.

Mr. C. A. Teague, who has been home for several days waiting for the weather to clear up, returned to his work Friday.

Mr. Jno. K. Moore is visiting at the home of his uncle, Mr. P. G. Moore.

Chief of Police, Payne sprung a surprise on a party of gamblers a few days ago when all of a sudden he was in the game without the consent or knowledge of any of the participants, but they decided not to play with the chief and took leg bail which proved very effective in this case as they soon had made good their escape for they have all departed for parts unknown.

Sheriff Triplett was in town last week collecting taxes. If you expect to vote this fall you had better get that poll tax receipt before May 1. You have six weeks yet.

Making Travel Safe.

Atlanta, Ga., March 15.—Details of the methods by which every rail in the Southern Railway's 7,036 miles of track is annually subjected to the closet inspection are given in the March issue of the Southern News Bulletin in an article telling of the steps which the Southern has taken to prevent derailments resulting from broken rails.

The system of inspection which was adopted over two years ago is believed the most rigid and effective possible. The work is under the direction of the district engineers and division road-masters and is done by the track supervisors and section foremen who closely scrutinize each and every rail while on their hands and knees and with eyes close enough to the rail to detect the slightest discoverable tendency toward weakness or failure and wherever such are found the rail is immediately removed. Detailed reports are made on each rail left in the track so that comparison can be made at the next year's inspection.

The management of the Southern Railway feels that this rigid inspection of every rail over which its traffic moves embodies every possible step toward the prevention of rail failures, a feature of railway operation to which the officials of leading American railways have been giving the closest study during the past few years.

Miss Sallie Martin is at home after an extended visit to Miss Margaret Rose Smith in Bristol Va.

Miss Mary Shuford has returned from Philadelphia where she was the guest of Mrs. Hofer.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 10, Miss Adelaide Johnson delightfully entertained the W. W. W. Club, Miss Dinah Reid of Lenoir being the guest of honor. Music by Miss Reid was enjoyed while the girls embroidered and tatted. When their work came to an end the doors to the dining room were opened and the guests entered in to enjoy a two course luncheon served by Miss Jessie Patrick. A color scheme of yellow was carried out in this room which added to its attractiveness. After one of the most pleasant meetings of the season they adjourned to meet next week with Miss Mary Knox Henderson.

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