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IN EFFECT NOV. 5, 1896.

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Trains leave Charlotte, N. C.

10:15 p m.: No. 35, daily for Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line division, and all points South and Southwest. Carries through Pullman drawing-room buffet sleepers between New York, Washington, Atlanta, New Orleans and Galveston.

9.35 a. m.: No. 37, daily, Washington and Southwestern vestibuled limited for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans, and all points South and Southwest. Through Pullman sleeper New York to New Orleans and New York to Memphis. Dining car, vestibuled coach between Washington and Atlanta Pullman Tourists car Sundays for San Francisco.

11:20 p, m.: No. 11, daily for Atlanta and all points south. Solid train, Richmond to Atlanta Pullman sleeping car Richmond to Greensboro.

10:15 p. m.: No. 35, daily for Augusta, Savannah, Charleston and Jacksonville. Carries through Pullman drawing-room buffet sleepers between New York, Savannah and Jacksonville. Also Pullman sleeper, Charlotte to Augusta.

5.40 a. m.: No. 10, daily for Richmond. Close connection at Greensboro for Raleigh, Goldsboro and Norfolk.

9.30 a. m.: No. 36, daily, for Washington, Richmond, Raleigh and all points north. Carries Pullman drawing-room buffet sleeper Birmingham to New York; Jacksonville to New York; Galveston to Washington. Thursdays Pullman Tourists car from San Francisco.

8.50 p. m.: No. 38, daily, Washington and Southwestern vestibuled, limited, for Washington and all points North. Through Pullman car, Memphis to New York; New Orleans to New York; Tampa to New York. Also carries vestibuled coach and dining car.

6.40 p. m. No. 12, daily for Richmond, Raleigh, Goldsboro and all points North. Carries Pullman sleeping car from Greensboro to Richmond. Connects at Greensboro with train carrying Pullman car for Raleigh.

7.30 a. m. No. 50, daily, except Sunday. Freight and passenger for Statesville and local stations.

4.45 p. m. No. 16, daily, except Sunday, for Statesville, Taylorsville and local stations.

Trains arrive at Charlotte:

11.30 a. m.	From the North.
9.25 a. m.	
10.00 p. m.	
9.45 p. m.	
6.20 p. m.	From Atlanta.
9.10 p. m.	
8.50 a. m.	From Augusta.
8.20 p. m.	
*2.00 a. m.	From Columbia.
9.00 a. m.	From Statesville.
4.00 p. m.	

*Daily except Sunday.

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Schedule in effect Nov. 22, 1896.

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 403.	No. 41.
Lv. New York	* 3 20pm	* 9 00pm
" Philadelphia	5 15 "	12 05am
" Baltimore	7 31 "	2 55 "
" Washington	8 40 "	4 30 "
" Richmond	12 36am	9 05 "
" Norfolk	*11 30pm	*9 05 "
" Portsmouth	12 01 ng't	9 15 "
" Weldon	*3 05am	*11 55am
Ar. Henderson	*4 32 "	*1 39pm
" Durham	†7 32 "	†4 09 "
Lv. Durham	†5 20pm	†11 00am
Ar. Warren Plains	*4 04am	*1 02pm
Ar. Raleigh	*5 55 "	*3 34 "
" Sanford	7 14 "	4 58 "
" Southern Pines	8 00 "	5 49 "
" Hamlet	8 50 "	6 55 "
" Wadesboro	9 52 "	8 01 "
" Monroe	10 40 "	8 55 "
" Charlotte	*11 35 "	*10 20 "
" Chester	12 03pm	10 32 "
" Ullnton	1 20 "	11 58 "
" Greenwood	2 32 "	1 00am
" Abbeville	3 00 "	1 32 "
" Elberton	4 00 "	2 36 "
" Athens	5 10 "	3 38 "
" Winder	5 53 "	4 21 "
" Atlanta Central time	6 45 "	5 20 "

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 402.	No. 38.
Lv. Atlanta Cen. time	*12 00 n'n	*8 10pm
" Athens	2 55pm	11 40 "
" Elberton	4 00 "	12 45am
" Abbeville	5 00 "	1 47 "
" Greenwood	5 30 "	2 15 "
" Clinton	6 25 "	3 13 "
" Chester	7 30 "	4 43 "
Lv. Charlotte	*8 20	*5 25 "
" Monroe	9 15 "	6 13 "
" Hamlet	10 35 "	8 15 "
" Southern Pines	11 21 "	9 15 "
" Raleigh	*1 26am	*11 31 "
" Warren Plains	*2 58 "	* 1 56pm
Ar. Durham	†7 32 "	†4 09 "
Lv. Durham	†5 20 "	†11 00am
Ar. Weldon	*4 05 "	*3 00pm
" Richmond	6 40 "	6 40 "
" Washington	10 43 "	11 10 "
" Baltimore	12 00 n'n	12 43am
" Philadelphia	2 20 pm	3 45am
" New York	*4 53 "	*6 53 "
" Portsmouth	7 30 am	5 50pm
" Norfolk	*7 50 "	6 10 "

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday.

Nos. 403 and 402, the "Atlanta Special," Solid Vestibuled Train, of Pullman Sleepers and coaches between Washington and Atlanta, also Pullman Sleepers between Portsmouth and Charlotte.

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