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RAILROAD PASSENGER RATES. The Virginia Legislature at its last session passed a bill reducing railroad passenger rates to two and a half cents a mile to the purchasers of tickets and to two cents to the purchasers of mileage books.

It will be a great victory for science and human resolution when the secret of the frozen North is penetrated, as it will be in a short time by some one, and we hope the Stars and Stripes will be the first flag unfurled on the most northerly point. Wellman's expedition is the most interesting one now under way. He has built an airship expressly for the purpose and will endeavor to sail over the 400 miles intervening between Hammerfest and the Pole.

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There are people in North Carolina who have not a dream of justice to the railroads but whose malignity is such that, unmindful of the benefits these great arteries confer, they would cripple or destroy them if they could.

The Rock Hill Record quotes Senator Brice, of York county, S. C., as the author of the Brice law under which any county in the State having a dispensary can vote it out if it so will—as having written: "I am in favor of destroying the dispensary—root and branch."

TRYING TO REACH THE POLE.

The arrival of Walter Wellman at Hammerfest, Norway, to prepare for a search for the North Pole in an airship has directed renewed attention to the matter of reaching the earth's most northerly point.

Peary sailed July 26, 1905, from North Sydney, N. S., in the steamship Roosevelt, his plan having been to make Lady Franklin Bay and to travel thence by sledge to the Pole.

Wellman, who is backed by a Chicago paper, has established wireless communication between his camp and the outside world, and proposes to keep in touch with the United States during his aerial trip to the far North.

Whether the promptings of the various travelers come from a craving for adventure and excitement, from a fondness for notoriety or from determination to learn that must gain the profit in the end, there is a certain romantic element in the life of the explorer which must hold great fascination for him.

Romantic as are all, there is one expedition that must appear as the most romantic, as well as the most diverting, because it is the most novel. The airship journey of Walter Wellman is the one referred to. To the Pole in a flying machine, with a wireless telegraph instrument on board to maintain communication with the outside world throughout the trip! Here, indeed, is something to thrill the imagination and to stir the blood.

A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY.

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The Republican nominee represents all that is corrupt and dangerous in politics. He has heretofore been able, through revenue officers, distillers and others at the expense of the public, to practically unlimited corruption fund to spend in his election, and right now he is denouncing tribute from every R. F. C. carrier, postmaster and other government official in his district.

While the Democratic committee, it is added, has "no means of raising a campaign fund save through the patriotic generosity of individual Democrats."

Mr. Blackburn would rather this information should be disseminated by letter or told by Mr. Hackett when he is canvassing alone, than to have these charges made to his face before the people and be called upon to answer them.

The Montgomery Advertiser thinks that the Observer's recent defence of the Quaker of Baroda for having said that the American weemin folks are not so tarantula beautiful as he had been led to imagine, is an instance of "braving fate." This is what it was intended to be.

THE SUNDAY OBSERVER.

There are a number of good things in store for the readers of The Sunday Observer. Mr. Thomas M. Hutchins has written a thoughtful, carefully prepared article on "The Late Arthur P. Gorman, Uncrowned King of Politics," and Mr. C. S. Wootton has written most interestingly this week on Aaron Burr.

It must be a great comfort to defeated controversialists to always be able to find something to say in closing the argument, by way of the last word. The esteemed Industrious News, of Greensboro, attempted to tell "When do a pig become a hog?" but an Iredell man by way of Cabarrus came along and knocked it out of the box.

Among the visitors in the city last night was Mr. J. A. McFall, of King's Mountain. Mr. Frank Clement, of Mocksville, was a Charlotte visitor last night, stopping at the Buford.

Mr. J. F. Reinhardt, Jr., of Stanley, was a guest in the city last night. Mr. E. K. Bolus, of Blacksburg, S. C., was a visitor in the city last night.

By kindly editorials of the 15th and 16th The New York Evening Post, cordially commendatory of Governor Glenn, Judge Long, the papers of the State, and Rev. Wm. Duncan, of Charlotte, quite squares itself with North Carolina for previous comments on the Salisbury lynching, and is entitled to thanks for its expressions of justice.

PEASANTS FIGHT LIKE BEASTS.

Priest Beaten Almost to Death While Ministering to Wounded—Cosacks Forced to Retreat. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—At the head of a mob of 5000 cosacks here intelligence was received to-day of another collision between cosacks and peasantry in the province of Pezara. In this affair the mob showed such determination and fury that the troops were forced to retreat, carrying off several of their wounded. Five of the peasants were killed and several scores wounded.

KILLING OF POLICE CONTINUES.

Terrorists Active in Polish Cities—Jewish Districts of Warsaw Isolated. Warsaw, Aug. 17.—This morning two policemen were shot and killed and two wounded. Strong detachments of troops search pedestrians throughout the city and all passengers on the Leipsa Railroad are searched.

THREE STRANGE SPECIMENS.

Three Foreigners Drifted Into the City Yesterday Seeking Employment—Mayor S. S. McNinch Takes Them in Hand. Three strange specimens of humanity drifted into the city yesterday. One was a Polish Jew, with such flaming red beard and hair as is often heard of but seldom seen.

PERSONAL.

The Movement of a Number of People. Visitors and Others. Mr. H. B. DuVal left last night for Atlantic City on business.

Mr. R. W. Jopling, of Red Springs, was registered among the guests at the Central yesterday.

Mr. R. E. Asbury leaves to-day for Fairfield Inn, in the Sapphires country, where he will spend several weeks.

Mr. C. W. Pierce, of the Universal Writing Company, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. Buxter Ross has returned to the city from Atlantic City, where he spent some time on his vacation.

Mr. E. J. Parrish, commercial agent of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, left last night for Portsmouth, Va., where he will visit relatives.

Mr. A. M. Spang is spending some time in the North on business.

Mr. A. F. Fischesser, of New York, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. Valner, left yesterday morning for his old home in Wallalla, E. C., where he will visit relatives.

Mr. W. P. Mauney, of Greensboro, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. S. H. Smith, of Concord, spent yesterday in the city with friends.

Mr. W. W. Orr, pastor of the East Avenue A. M. E. church, who has been attending the convention of the Young People of the United and Associate Reformed Presbyterians churches in Dayton, O., is expected to arrive in the city to-day.

Mr. R. E. Clark, editor of The Statesville Landmark, was in the city a short while yesterday afternoon.

Capt. J. W. Lane, of Lincolnton, is at the Buford. He is on his way back from Amelia, Va., the place of his birth, where he visited friends and relatives for several weeks.

Mr. Sol Gallert, of the Rutherfordton bar, was a guest at the Buford last night.

Mr. A. McCollough, of Mt. Pleasant, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. H. Mahler Kramer, a well-known traveling man of Wilson, is spending to-day in the city on business.

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THE STOPPING OF THE CLOCK. George H. Conner, in Youth's Companion. Surprising falls the instantaneous calm. The sudden silence in my chamber. I, starting, lift my head in half alarm—The clock has stopped—that's all.

So many lives beside my own go on. And such companionship unheeded. Companionship scarce recognized till gone. And lost in sudden sleep.

And so the blessing Heaven daily grants. Are their very commonness forgot? We little heed what answereth our wants. Until it answers not.

A strangeness falleth on familiar ways. As if some pulse were gone beyond recall. Something unthought of linked with all our days—Some clock has stopped—that's all.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The American District Telegraph Company delivers packages, parcels, notes, invitations, furnishes messages, etc. Office with Western Union Telegraph Company, Phone 45. All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of six words. No ad. taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

WANTED.

WANTED—Young man, 15 to 18 years of age for soda fountain. Drugist, care Observer.

WANTED—Married couple to take part of house. Desirable location, on city line. Address, X, care Observer.

WANTED—A young man to learn the drug business. Must have some business tact and of good character. Frank Robinson, Lowell, N. C.

WANTED—To buy a good county seat weekly newspaper, in town of not less than 2,500. Address, with particulars, sample copies, etc., Theo. N. Locke, Lenoir, N. C.

WANTED—Soleman, to handle staple line on liberal commissions. Address, Box 27, Richmond, Va.

WANTED—Stout office boy for general work. Good opening for young man willing to make himself generally useful with a view of learning the business and advancing as his merit may deserve. Call at office of Newspaper Union, second floor, corner Fifth and College streets, city.

WANTED—Job compositor, must be a first-class man; state experience and salary expected; write at once to Observer Printing House.

WANTED—Position by experienced teacher. A. B. college graduate. Best references. Address, Miss Marian, care of Observer.

WANTED—Markers and sorters; also strict. Charlotte Steam Laundry.

WANTED—To buy a good driving horse. Must be sound, not under six years old. 203 N. Tryon street, Brown & Co.

WANTED—Registered druggist. Give reference, age, salary expected and state time you can begin work. Address, Box 2, Fayetteville, N. C.

WANTED—Four second-hand twister lines, including "Cotton Mill," care Observer.

WANTED—About September 1st, an experienced man and wife in an all-year-round hotel. Man must understand stewarding and wife housekeeper's duties. No children. Salary moderate, but sure; a good position for the right persons. Address, with references, experience, etc., Wm. Hewitt, Hendersonville, N. C.

The Little-Long Co. logo and introductory text for neckwear advertisement.

Nobby Fall Neckwear

The biggest and richest assortment of Neckwear we have shown for a time. Narrow, medium and wide 4-in-hands; the wide is the newest; Windsors, Bat Wings and Clubs. The best lines to be found for 25c and 50c.

The Three Fall Hats Now Ready

"Dilworth" \$2.50, "Flawes" \$3.00 and Stetson \$3.50 to \$5.00.

Fall Styles in Collars---H. & I. Brand

You can't beat these Collars for style, fit or wear. The all-linen 4-ply 15c, two for 25c. The all-cotton 4-ply 10c strictly.

Our \$1.00 and \$1.50 Umbrellas

Each guaranteed and they are good quality and a good shape.

Thin Underwear

Gauze or real thin Nainsook Shirts and Drawers, each 50c. Genuine Scriven Knee Drawers, thin material, 50c.

Ladies' Embroidered White Oxfords

A beautiful quality of canvas with covered heels and richly embroidered, with ribbon ties, \$2.00.

Walking Canes

Importers' samples, worth up to \$1.00, choice 50c; a few left for 25c.

China and Bric-a-Brac

Sale Monday.

The Little-Long Co. logo and text for China and Bric-a-Brac sale advertisement.