

PRESIDENT WILL NOT GO

TO VISIT MANUFACTURERS

Invitation to Speak at Springfield, Ill., on Subject of Railroads. President has decided not to accept invitation of the Illinois Manufacturers Association to deliver a speech at Springfield, Ill., on the railroad situation. He has given these reasons: He has given these reasons: He has given these reasons...

EASTER AT THE CAPITOL

RAIN IN TORRENTS; ICY WIND

Mrs. Furnell, extremely ill at Chase City, Va.—Midsummer Meeting North Carolina Methodist Episcopal Conference—Held at Raleigh for History—Work on the Soldiers' Home to Commence Soon—Extension Street Railway System—Western Transportation Company Chartered—First and Third Regiments May Go to Jamestown—Very Active in City Politics, Being Three Candidates for Police Justice and Two for Mayor.

BEFORE COMMISSION

MRS. EVELYN THAW SUBPOENAED

Being Met by Process-Server When She Visited the Tomb. She Expressed Much Surprise on Learning the Nature of the Paper—Was Not Satisfied When Told That Her Presence Probably Was Desired Merely as a Matter of Routine—Mr. Jerome Declined to Make Known Purpose in Calling Mrs. Thaw—Probable That the Commission Will Report Thursday—Jury to Petition for \$5 a Day.

SEVEN NEW FREIGHT AGENTS

General Office at Atlanta to Be Done Away with by Southern—New Offices Will Be Stationed at Cities Along Line

Washington, April 1.—In line with the policy of the Southern Railway Company, as outlined by President Finley, to bring about closer relations and harmonious co-operation with its patrons, and in order to place authorized representatives of the company in convenient proximity to the shipping public, the Southern Railway will on April 4, appoint seven freight agents with headquarters at different cities on its line, instead of having only one general freight office at Atlanta. Each general freight agent will have authority over the territory in his jurisdiction.

SOUTHERN RE-DISTRICTED

WORKING TO PERFECT SYSTEM

There will be Two Managers of Transportation and Road Ways, Whose Office Will Be in Washington and Atlanta—Under the New Order of Things It is Expected Business Will Be Dispatched With Satisfaction to the Patrons of the Road and the General Public—The Charlotte and Greenville Divisions Have Been Combined, With Headquarters at Charlotte.

EIGHTH YEAR OF BATTLE

GREENE-GAYNOR CASE UP AGAIN

Called for Argument in U. S. District Court of Appeals at New Orleans on Writ of Error from Federal Court at Savannah—Attorney Lawrence, for Defendants, Occupied Entire Session and Had Not Concluded Argument When Court Adjourned—Inserting and Striking Out of Certain Counts in First Indictment for Conspiracy by Different Judges Pointed Out.

IN CITY

THE MANUFACTURERS

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the Manufacturers Association of the South, held in Philadelphia, Pa., from April 1 to 10, 1907. The convention was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. The convention was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. The convention was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

WORDS AND ACTS SPEAK

The different men, friendly and cordial, who have visited him or in to him, he has answered verbally in writing that his words and deeds for themselves and needed explanations whatever and that he is not in his future course dependent on any hand's breadth from the past and now pursuing.

FOR HALL OF HISTORY

Edmund Jones, Esq., of Caldwell county, writes your correspondent that in compliance with a request he will send here to be placed in the hall of history the uniform and other relics of Lieutenant Colonel John T. Jones of the famous Twenty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, Lieutenant Col. Jones was buried in his dress uniform but the one to come here is the service uniform which he wore when he was killed at the Battle of the Wilderness, which was stained with his life blood. His sword and scabbard are also to be sent. His sword dropped from his hand on the field when he received his death wound and was never found. The Twenty-sixth Regiment was commanded by Harry E. Burgwyn and lost more men than the Federal or Confederate regiments during the entire civil war.

OFF FOR JAMESTOWN APRIL 25

Mrs. Roosevelt, Two Younger Sons and Possibly Miss Ethel Will Accompany President on Trip. Washington, April 1.—President Roosevelt will be accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, two younger sons, Archie and Quentin, and possibly by Miss Ethel, on their trip to the Jamestown Exposition for which they will leave Washington on the afternoon of April 25th. According to the President's understanding the trip will be made on the yacht Mayflower, which will be the President's headquarters from the time he leaves until he returns. Exposition Day, April 26th, will be a busy one for Mr. Roosevelt. Various functions, including his speech, will occupy the time from 11 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Sometime between the latter hour and 8 o'clock there will be a reception to the Governors of States, diplomats and other distinguished guests. At eight o'clock the President will be the guest at dinner of Harry St. George Tucker, head of the exposition company, at his home in Norfolk, following which the Mayflower with Mr. Roosevelt and his family aboard, will return to Washington. Mr. Tucker was at the White House to-day consulting with the President about the features of his visit and the programme for the opening day.

GEORGIA MILITIA TO JOIN

Will Take Part in State Drills of Regular Coast Artillery—Fourth Regiment of Infantry Supports. Washington, April 1.—Hoke Smith, Governor-elect of Georgia, in view of the fact that he is to assume office in June, has accepted in behalf of the State the invitation of the War Department to have the Georgia militia join in the State drills with the regular sea coast artillery. The acceptance is conditioned upon the arrangement proposed to Governor-elect Smith by Adjutant General Scott, who suggests that the Savannah Volunteer Guards, composed of four companies of heavy artillery, as requested in the letter of the Secretary of War, should be designated to act as batteries. The Fourth Regiment of Infantry, composed of six companies, he says, should be designated as the supports, as this regiment has not been in camp since 1903, while all the others have had instruction last year.

TURN IN FAVOR OF MURDER CASE

Demurrer to Indictment on Grounds That One of Jury Could Not Read or Write English Sustained by Supreme Court. New Orleans, April 1.—Inability on the part of a juror to read and write the English language has resulted in a decided turn in the case of Congressman-elect George K. Favrot, of the sixth district of Louisiana, who has been confined in jail for seven months, charged with the murder of Dr. R. H. Aldrich in Baton Rouge, last summer. In the District Court, a demurrer to the indictment was sustained on the grounds that one member of the jury, an Italian, could not read or write the English language. The State appealed the case to the Supreme Court, which this afternoon affirmed the decision of the lower court.

SISTER SHOT ACCIDENTALLY

Brother Steps Trigger and Thomas Bowen Almost Kills His Sister's Load Entering Left Shoulder and Breast. Special to The Observer. Durham, April 1.—To-day Miss Mary Bowen, 18 years old, daughter of Thomas Bowen, was seriously wounded by her brother firing a shot gun in the house. It was not thought that the gun was loaded and when the young brother, who was about 12 years of age, first presented the gun at his sister, she warned him not to do that. The mother said that it was all right; that the gun was not loaded. This gave encouragement to the boy and he snapped the gun with almost fatal results. The load of bird shot entered the left shoulder and the breast. The young lady was taken to the Watts Hospital, and while it is thought that she will recover, she is in a condition that causes her much suffering.

LARGEST IN ITS HISTORY

The convention will be the largest in its history and by far the most important in the history of the association. The convention will be the largest in its history and by far the most important in the history of the association. The convention will be the largest in its history and by far the most important in the history of the association.

SPEECHES SENT MARKED

Portions of his speeches and messages which the President marked as follows: In his address at Raleigh, the President said: "I do not believe in government ownership of anything which can properly be left in private hands. In particular I should most strenuously object to government ownership of railroads. But I believe with firmness that it is out of the question for the government not to exercise a supervisory and regulatory power over the railroads, for it is vital to the well being of the public that they should be managed in a spirit of justice and equity toward all the interests involved. Actual experience has shown us that it is not possible to leave the railroads uncontrolled. Such a system as we have at present, with its abuses of every kind, and its premium upon unscrupulous and cunning in railroad management; for there are some big shippers and some railroad managers who will take unfair advantage of their weaker competitors. They thereby force other shippers and big railmen—who would like to do decent, fair, and honest business—into similar acts of wrong justice, under penalty of being out of the race for success. Efficient supervision is needed as much in the interest of the public and of the railroad man as it is in the interest of the small shipper and the competition. Experience has shown that the laws are defective and need amendment. The effort to prohibit restraint of competition, whether able or unscrupulous, is unwise. We need it to have some administrative body with ample power and combination that is hurtful to the public, and to prevent favoritism to any individual at the expense of other. In other words, we want an administrative body with the power to regulate fairly and just treatment of all interests."

EXTENSION OF RALEIGH'S STREET RAILWAY

The matter of the extension of Raleigh's street railway system is now being considered by the Electric Bonding & Share Company, the owners. Petitions signed by over 4,000 persons for such an extension have been filed and show the popular desire for it. It is expected that one of the lines will go by or very near the Soldiers' Home and give communication with the southeastern part of the city, which contains two-fifths of the whole population. Work has begun on the new building for the Capital City Telephone Company, which is a combination of the Bell and the Inter-State. The building is next to the water tower, which will stand between it and the High School. The work on the latter is now progressing quite rapidly. The Bell is spending a great deal of money here, putting wires underground on the principal streets. This morning the funeral of Dr. John Winfrey was held from Christ Episcopal church and the remains were taken to Richmond, Va., his late home. His death was by no means unexpected, as he had progressive paralysis, which Sunday morning affected the brain. He was a very bright young man and of a well-known Richmond family, and was for a long time in a Richmond hospital and then again here, his case having been hopeless from the first. The Western Transportation Company is chartered to build and operate lumber flumes along Hazel Creek in Swain county near the Tennessee line, the headquarters being Mebane. The authorized capital stock is \$200,000 and the principal stockholders are W. W. Eastings, of Springfield, Mass., and W. E. Sanders, of Mebane.

FORMER COUNTY TREASURER OF DELAWARE ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Wilmington, Del., April 1.—Horace G. Rettew, formerly receiver of taxes and county treasurer of Newcastle county, was arrested at his home to-night on a charge of appropriating \$5,000 of the county taxes to his own use. The levy court directed Rettew's arrest, the complaint being made by the president of the court. Rettew is alleged to be short about \$25,000.

ITALIAN WARSHIPS EN ROUTE

Spezia, Italy, April 1.—The Duke of Abruzzi left here to-day on board the cruiser Varese, for Newport News, Va. The Varese will be one of the warships to represent Italy at the opening of the Jamestown Exposition.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM FLAMES

Forest Justice and Wife Awakened by Smoke and the Cracking of Flames. Special to The Observer. Spartanburg, S. C., April 1.—Forest Justice and his wife, who live about one mile from Spartanburg, barely escaped with their lives in a fire which destroyed the store and residence of Mr. Justice at an early hour Sunday morning. When the flames were discovered they had burned their way in the apartment of Mr. Justice and, jumping from bed, they rushed out in their bare feet and clad only in their night dress just in time to save their lives. Everything in the building was destroyed. Mr. Justice conducted a grocery and general merchandise store on the outskirts of the city, living over the store. Sunday morning about 5 o'clock there was a severe electrical storm and the store was struck by lightning, setting the building on fire. The flames soon enveloped the entire structure, and in a short period of time the fire had entered the bedroom of Mr. Justice, who was awakened by the smoke and cracking of the flames.

SIX TRAINMEN DIE IN WRECK

Freight Trains Meet Head-On and Two Brakemen Are Crushed Before Assistance Could Reach Them—More Than 500 Head of Cattle Burned. Fort Worth, Tex., April 1.—Six trainmen were killed in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, six miles south of here to-day. The wreck broke up immediately and two brakemen were caught in the debris and crushed before assistance could reach them. More than 500 head of cattle were burned.

MANIFESTO A VERY SICK MAN

New York, April 1.—After a conference of physicians in attendance at the hospital, it was determined that the patient was in a very serious condition. The patient is a very sick man.