

WAGE REDUCTION A FAILURE.

Arrangement Engineered by Politicians Regarded by the Public as Unwise.

Mr. Charles U. Harris, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

Mr. Harris is a promising young attorney of the capital city and recently visited Wake county in the last Legislature with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

"I am persuaded that there has been a great reversal of public sentiment throughout the State during the past two months with reference to the railroad rate legislation enacted by the last Legislature," remarked he to an Observer man yesterday.

The sober-minded and thinking people have investigated conditions for themselves and now see that the agitation was untimely, ill-advised, and unwarranted by the facts.

"The question naturally arises as to why the Legislature did not take up the freight rate question last spring at the same time that it undertook to reduce the passenger rates.

Being asked as to whether or not he thought that the next General Assembly would pass a State prohibition law similar to that recently enacted by Georgia, Mr. Harris stated that he thought it would.

ANOTHER "SCRIP" STORY.

Merchant Wanted Negro Farmer to Trust Him for the Genuineness of the Scrip Money and the Negro's Demand—The Shoe Did Not Fit.

Many "scrip" stories are going the rounds. The Observer yesterday morning told of an eastern Carolina tobacco farmer, who, when tendered certificates instead of cash in payment for his crop, forced the bank to buy them in at par with coin by offering to sell them from the bank steps at auction.

The story is now told of a rather intelligent negro farmer who recently offered his tobacco for sale to an eastern Carolina merchant. No difficulty was had in reaching an agreement as to the price, but the terms of payment did not suit so well.

"Can't you trust me, Ben?" asked the merchant. "I tell you that these certificates are as good as gold and will be paid promptly when they fall due. I am here to guarantee them."

"That may all be so, boss, but I'd rather have the cash," was the obstinate reply. The old fellow had heard of the money stringency and was afraid.

"But I tell you that I am here to guarantee those certificates," replied the merchant. "I am not going to leave and they will be due before long. And besides I have been trusting you for all these years. Can't you trust me this once?"

This argument made an impression but did not convince him of his wife. He scratched his head and said: "All right, I will take the scrip, but I want 'time' prices for my tobacco. You have trusted me in the past, but I have paid you 30 and 40 per cent. for it. Now I will trust you if you will pay me as I have paid you."

This was a knock-out blow and the deal was called off. As the story goes, the negro hauled his tobacco back home, pending better times.

JIM WARREN BOUND OVER.

White Man Who, Charged With Being a Rascal, Bound Over to Court on the Charge of Forcible Trespass.

A term of court remarkable for its length, taken together with the fierceness of cases tried, was terminated yesterday at noon, when adjournment was taken by Recorder W. M. Smith until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The recorder's policy is to let every man have his say who is concerned in the cases over which he presides and this, while righteous and fair, is sometimes productive of long trials.

One of the cases which was notable for the heat with which it was fought was that of Jim Warren, the white man whose presence in the police station was noted in Sunday's paper, as well as the fact that he had waxed "rambunctious" and won a black eye from a resident in the Highland Park section.

Warren had entered the yard of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Taylor Saturday afternoon very drunk, and cursed them both, offering as a means of settlement either to "shoot it out or cut it out."

THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL.

Three Big Games in Which North Carolina Teams Will Participate—University, A. and M. and Davidson Colleges.

The minds of those interested in football, so far as concerns this State, are now turned toward Thursday, November 28th, upon which this year Thanksgiving Day falls.

The University of North Carolina will meet the strong Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Richmond, the Agricultural and Mechanical College will play the University of Virginia at Norfolk, while Davidson College meets Virginia Military Institute at Roanoke, Va.

DEPARTMENTS' GOOD WORK.

Police and Firemen Have Been Making Good Records Under the New Administration.

Evidencing the energy and enthusiasm with which the various city departments have been going to their duties it is cited that the total receipts in the police court for the whole of last year were \$7,242.60, while for the first five months of the new administration the receipts amounted to \$7,178.77.

The fire department is also in better shape than ever before, with better equipment in fighting apparatus and men. It is generally conceded that the department was never in better condition than at present.

DOGGING EACH OTHER.

The Good Woman Had a Drink and the Preacher a Chew of Tobacco.

"I have a good story on my wife," said a citizen yesterday. "Tell it."

"The other day I met her on the street and she said 'Dear, I am so embarrassed; I met our preacher just now, as I stepped off of the elevator, and I had just taken a tod- dy for my cold, and I am so afraid that he detected the odor of the whiskey on my breath. I moved about all the time he was talking, to keep him from smelling the whiskey.'

"A hour later I met the preacher, and he said 'I fear I offended your wife, just now, for I met her unexpectedly and did not have time to remove a large chew of tobacco from my mouth; all the time I was talking she seemed ill at ease and I am sure it was on account of the tobacco.'

COL. KIRKPATRICK'S BANQUET.

Will Entertain 69 Citizens, Policemen and Firemen, at Buford on Thanksgiving Night.

The banquet which Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick will tender the firemen and policemen of the city on Thanksgiving night promises to be an elaborate as well as an enjoyable occasion.

Other cases disposed of at the morning session were those of Ephraim Alexander, colored, bound to court in the sum of \$50 for carrying concealed weapons, and of Calvin Caldwell, who was dismissed on the charge of violating a city ordinance relative to the gates on West Trade.

LAND IN SHARON SOLD.

Two transfers of land in Sharon township from the Ross family to Mr. J. M. Wallace were recorded yesterday.

The first tract embraced 35 acres. The consideration is \$375 and the parties of the first part are Mr. N. P. Ross and children, Messrs. L. B. C. A. and R. E. Ross. In the second case 79 3-4 acres are transferred by Mr. N. P. Ross, the consideration for the deal being \$1,993.

AN ELOQUENT TESTIMONIAL.

The following letter is more eloquent in praise of the Artistic Stieff Pianos than any testimonial Mr. Clewell or ourselves could write.

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Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 20, 1906.

My Dear Mr. Wilmoth:

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THE CLAWSON GOLD MINE.

Old Mine Which Gives Promise of Richness Being Opened Up 15 Miles South of Charlotte—Ore Assays High.

Mr. W. D. Turner, who is engaged in opening up the old Clawson gold mine in York county, S. C., spent yesterday in the city. He came here to meet Mr. T. W. Clawson, of Wilmington, one of the owners. The mine was first opened up by Dr. Clawson in 1866, and is located just across the State line, 15 miles from Charlotte, five miles from Pineville, and four miles from Fort Mill. It gives promise of an abundant yield and the owners are promoting it with the view either of selling it in toto or forming a company and disposing of the stock.

Mr. Turner struck a vein, 10 or 12 feet from the surface, which he followed a short distance and then went on down deeper for a second and larger vein which he is looking for. What ore has been gotten out has assayed about \$226 to the ton. The larger vein will likely be found this week.

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