

NO TRAINS ON SUNDAY

OPINION OF COL. W. B. RODMAN.

Solicitor Heriot Clarkson Writes of the Official Duties and Gives Correspondence With Division Council...

"I observe that Alderman G. G. Scott has been interviewed concerning the use of wine at the recent municipal banquet..."

"No public notice would be taken of Mr. Scott's interview, but for the fact that it states the law forbidding the operation of freight trains on Sunday and other laws are being violated..."

"The following is a letter from Division Counsel W. B. Rodman, of the Southern: 'Mr. Heriot Clarkson, Solicitor, Charlotte, N. C.'"

"Dear Sir: Referring to our conversation this morning, I desire to say that on October 24th I received from you the following letter: 'Col. W. B. Rodman, Division Counsel, Southern Railway Co., City.'"

"Dear Sir: Responsible parties have informed me that the Southern Railway Company is running their freight trains on Sunday contrary to the law. Please investigate this matter, and if it is being done, I would be glad if you would inform them that this must be stopped at once or I will have to present the matter to the grand jury."

"I immediately on receipt of this letter I took the matter up with Mr. Falls, superintendent of this division, and quoted him your letter, and also quoted the law on this subject, and advised him: 'If we are violating this law we may expect to have to pay for it, and if Mr. Clarkson once starts in on us we may be absolutely certain he is going to make us stop or break the road.'"

"Mr. Falls acknowledged receipt of my letter of the 26th under date of October 28th, advising me: 'I will see that this is not done in the future if it has been in the past. (This language being used in reference to running freight trains on Sunday.)'"

"I am informed that no freight trains have been operated on this division on Sunday since that time. There was a time when it was absolutely necessary to operate some switch engines in Charlotte on Sunday in order to accommodate the necessary demands of this city. The road was so congested there was over twelve hundred freight cars in the yards at Charlotte, and it was either operate these trains for switching or else abandon the commerce of the place. I have been in the yard at that time there was some switching done on Sunday, but since then it has been entirely discontinued and there are no Sunday trains being operated now in violation of the law."

"Yours truly, 'W. B. RODMAN.'"

"As to the alleged violation of other laws, there can be no question that some statute is violated daily everywhere; otherwise we would need no criminal courts. It is not my province as solicitor to take the initiative in ferreting out public crimes and misdemeanors unless called to my attention by citizens or the press, or unless they come under my personal observation. That belongs to the police department. Private prosecutions must come before court upon sworn complaint of party aggrieved or some other responsible person."

"Infractions of public laws known to any citizen should be by him reported to the proper authorities, rather than commented on in a newspaper or by innuendo in the press."

"If Mr. Scott knows of statutes being violated around us every day, I conceive it to be his duty to take the responsibility and tell the proper authorities about them. He has been before the grand jury and could easily have reported anything he knew about the other alleged offenses."

LAST CALL FOR YOU. Period of Christmas Shopping, For the Most Part, Will Close To-Night—Fine Weather Yesterday.

If you haven't bought that present when are you going to buy it? Things are getting critical with the 'average man.' Consequently Charlotteans and out-of-town people made up for lost time yesterday. The day was blessed by ideal winter weather. As usual, the darker the day, the brighter the morning. Inasmuch as yesterday was the morrow for about as black a season as ever measured across this section, statement was fully made in it. The population was out in full force all day long and even into the night. Some shopped joyfully with light hearts, on the consciousness of others' worry was writ. The task of selection and adaptation was taxing sadly their powers of mental concentration.

Now is the time for all good men—To-morrow will be Christmas. (This statement is an exclusive publication, founded on the best authority.) Some of the stores will be open a few hours to-morrow to allow belated customers to give good gifts unto those who were forgotten but forgot not them. But the majority will call off the business to-night.

Good Cough Medicine for Children. The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the chance of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sure reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have used it are willing to see any other. Mrs. J. P. Blanche of Ripley, Va., says: 'I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always cured them. I have never seen any other cough medicine so effective and may be given so confidentially to a child as to an adult. For sale by...

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA.

Young Folks of First Baptist Sunday School to Hold Forth To-Morrow Night—The Programme.

The little folks of the First Baptist Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment in the auditorium of the church to-morrow night commencing at 7:30 o'clock. The cantata is entitled 'The Interrupted Programme.' Those taking part are:

- The Superintendent... Carey Dowd
Santa Claus... Julius Smith
Two Walls—Cornelia Dowd, Bennie Brithers
Boat Black... Willie Phillips
Sam... Roy Stewart
Jack Frost... Clyde Merrill
Forest Fairies... Ruth Folk, Lizzie Phillips, Mary Justice, Clara Wishart, Mary Davidson, Venessa Hall.
The Little Bird That Tells... Alice Fieling
Little Carpenters—Edward Dowd, Claus Folk, Harry Brumfield, Alex Stevens, Louis Stevens, Dwight Cook, Harry Cook, Gilmer Holton, Fleet Williams.
Young Maidens, Japanese—Misses Ethel Durham, Emily Durham, May Manley, Ruth Hillier, Loraine Templeton, Virginia Davidson, Hallie Benton, Charlotte Rucker, Frank Hoover.

JOLLY CHRISTMAS TOTS. Christmas Eve... Carrie Spring
Christmas Cantata... Ethel Hall
Christmas Fairy... Helen Anderson
Christmas Tree... Willard Lowder
Christmas Trumpets... Osmond Brown
Christmas Stocking... Benjamin Withers
Christmas Soldier Boy... Thomas Franklin, Jr.

Besides these, there are the girls and boys of the school whose Christmas programme is interrupted. Instead of receiving presents every one is going to bring something to be given to those who may not have a visit from Santa Claus this year. The Sunday school scholars are going to bring gifts of Christmas goodies and toys—and also heavy and more substantial provisions. A committee will distribute these contributions Saturday.

ADAMS' STOCK IS BOOMING.

Local G. O. P. Leaders Say That Present State Chairman Will Be Named Federal Judge—Skinner Still a General Favorite.

For some strange and seemingly inexplicable reason the local contingent of G. O. P. voters talked, 'Adams, Adams, Adams' the live-long day yesterday. They went about with smiles on their faces as if the appointment of the present State chairman Federal Judge for the eastern district of North Carolina had already been announced. No one would entertain any argument as to the identity of the fortunate individual, all apparently regarding the matter as already having been settled.

A few uninvited guests as to who would be the next State chairman and others wondered what would follow ex-Judge Adams' appointment to the vacant judgeship. Some even went so far as to suggest a list of those 'about to die,' and others wondered as to who would succeed those 'proscribed.'

'Who is to land the juicy plum?' asked an Observer man of one of the local 'Adams' was the curt response. 'It's all fixed and settled. The trade has been negotiated and there is nothing to do now but wait and watch.'

'What is the slate?' continued the newspaper man, eager for information. 'Adams for judge and Duncan for State chairman, was the reply. 'Of course developments may alter this arrangement but that was the slate when last heard from. Announcement will not be made until January for obvious reasons.'

Such was the local political gossip. This arrangement would not be listened to by those on the outside. All held out that the fight was between District Attorney Harry Skinner and ex-Judge E. W. Timberlake, with odds in favor of the former.

Federal Office-Holders Assessed Ten Per Cent. Federal office-holders throughout the State have received notice of a 10 per cent. assessment for the purpose of resurrecting and rehabilitating The Industrial News, a newspaper of the Republican daily in the State. Should the payments be made with any degree of regularity, the committee in charge of the reorganization of the paper will have to tear down old bargains and build new ones or to be a little more modern, pile old cases, make junk of present forms and purchase additional Mergenthalers. The assessments are made at the instance of National Committeeman E. Duncan and are payable January 10th.

No Abandonment There. It took a few minutes to dispose of the charge of abandonment lodged by Olivia Smith, a colored woman, against her spouse, with initials O. P. The case was heard in Judge J. W. Cobb's court yesterday morning. After the woman had testified without making out any case and a letter from her had been read expressing the wish that she might never see him again, the defense moved that the case be dismissed and this was concurred in by Mr. F. M. Redd, counsel for the prosecution, who said that this was the first time he had ever joined in such a motion.

Farewell, Ye Books! The schools, in city and county, closed yesterday. It proved to be well for especially among the younger children the suppressed excitement of anticipation had become so rampant that they were almost uncontrollable and concentration of minds on things prescald and bookish was altogether out of the question. Scores of those more advanced were standing their monthly examinations and on these the strain seemed especially hard.

To Remain in Present Quarters. The Southern Power Company will not move its offices to the Realty Building as was announced without some time ago. It has leased its present commodious quarters in the Trust Building again and will remain there. The advantage of having offices on the ground floor was the prominent influence in favor of making no change at the present, it being impossible to secure such quarters in the Realty Building.

Mr. Garibaldi as a Fisherman. Mr. Thomas Garibaldi returned yesterday from his river farm and lodge on the banks of the Catawba in York county, South Carolina. He brought with him two large live carp, weighing five pounds each, which at last accounts were swimming around contentedly and peacefully in a bath tub. They were caught with hook and line.

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HOLIDAY WEDDINGS.

Those Who Have Chosen the Christmas Season For the Assumption of Matrimonial Vows. Mr. Rupert Howard and Miss Ethel Stewart, both of Cornelius, will wed to-day.

License was issued yesterday morning for the marriage of Mr. R. W. McLeod and Miss Mattie Biggers, of Matthews. The ceremony will take place to-day.

Among the Christmas weddings will be that to-day of Miss Hattie J. Arant and Mr. P. B. Mulligan. Both are of this city.

Mr. C. W. Mullis and Miss Ethel Houston, of Clear Creek, secured license yesterday to be joined in holy matrimony.

Miss Katie Head and Mr. Harvey Beatty will be married to-day. Miss Margaret E. Sherrill and Mr. L. P. Hunter are among the numerous couples in the county who will plight their troth to-day and to-night.

Mr. Hunter is the son of Magistrate John P. Hunter, of Derita, while Miss Sherrill is well connected.

Hundred and Fifty Convicts to Enjoy Holiday. To-morrow will be a holiday for more than one hundred and fifty convicts in three different sections of Mecklenburg county. The commissioners will provide unusual delicacies for the table so that even the more or less degraded may catch somewhat of the spirit of 'Peace on earth, good will toward men.' McLaughlin's camp is near Mint Hill, Little's is only a few miles south of town, while Owen's, a comparatively new division is in the Mallard Creek neighborhood, above Derita. The two first-named organizations are concerned chiefly with making roads and the third with keeping them in repair.

Muscular Pains Cured. 'During the summer of 1907 I was troubled with muscular pains in the hip of my foot,' says Mr. R. Pedlar, of Toronto, Ont. 'At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me, so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends, all of whom speak highly of it.' For sale by W. L. Hand & Co.

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