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The Inter-Urban Idea.

The Greensboro Telegram has the following on the Inter-Urban idea.

A movement is on foot in North Carolina for a system of electric railways to connect the larger towns of the state. It seems to be an assured fact that a line will be run from Greensboro by the way of High Point to Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Durham are expecting work to begin on a line to connect these two towns in a short while. This is but the beginning of the movement which will in a few years no doubt connect all the more important places in the state.

The Inter-Urban Traction Company which is to build the street car line in High Point and which will also extend to Greensboro and Winston-Salem are rapidly formulating the plans for the building of the proposed lines. These counties of Guilford, Forsyth and others which will be included in the line have already given a franchise for the line. This means much for the towns which it connects and also for the section through which it passes.

The line from Durham to Raleigh seems to be assured. Both the cities have taken action upon proposed ordinances granting franchise to the company which proposes to build the lines and the counties will no doubt grant franchises to the company. If this line were to be built and the line to Winston-Salem laid, then a line would no doubt be built to Durham which would make a long electric car line.

There is no reason why all these towns should not be connected by electric lines. It would be worth much to the towns touched by the car line and ought to be a paying investment.

Winston Enthused.

After hearing the inter-urban people on the electric line Winston appointed a committee to report on the proposition. The Journal gives the following:

At 7:30 last night the board of trade met and received the report of the directors, made by Mr. H. E. Fries as chairman, and read by Mr. J. K. Norfleet.

This report covered concisely and very briefly several very important recommendations and suggestions that put the subject, so far as it was possible to investigate it, clearly before the board. The promoters were present, as were also Messrs. R. H. and R. A. Wheeler, of High Point, when the report of the directors was read. The promoters then retired, and the entire subject was thoroughly discussed.

It soon developed that the building of the trolley line met the approval of the board of trade, and on motion the report of the directors was accepted.

One of the recommendations of the directors was that the subscription to stock be by Winston township, which embraces the Twin-City. This being adopted by the board of trade, and provision being necessary for legislation authorizing a vote to be taken in the township, Maj. J. E. Alexander offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of three to draft a suitable bill to be introduced immediately upon the assembling of the Legislature, to be accompanied by a request to have the bill enacted into law as early as possible.

It is intimated that the act can be secured, legal advertising done and the election held, all, inside of 60 days. In the meantime plans and specifications will have been submitted and contracts made ready for signatures, and the work can begin immediately after the vote of the election is canvassed and declared.

This would seem to be as promising as anyone favoring the enterprise could wish. The board of trade appears to be pretty well satisfied and so do the gentlemen promoting the line.

It developed in the meeting that the route by way of Kernersville was preferred, decidedly. Many arguments were advanced in favor of the route and very many complimentary remarks were showered upon Kernersville and her splendid citizenship. It was evident that every member of the board of trade

was willing and anxious to render Kernersville all reasonable assistance in securing the route by that enterprising town.

It has also developed that the Twin-City citizenship is very much smitten with the splendid people of High Point, and have rosy views of the future growth and business development and importance of that city.

It should be mentioned that the board of trade last night instructed the committee entrusted with drafting the bill to be presented to the Legislature providing for the election above mentioned, to incorporate in that bill, or present in a separate bill, a provision authorizing Winston township, if it was deemed advisable in the near future to vote upon the issuing of bonds to the amount of \$150,000, to be used in securing an outlet south by rail, connecting with either the Seaboard Air Line or Atlantic Coast Line.

This was considered advisable, as pointed out by Mr. C. B. Watson.

They Like the Business.

Fred Ingram and W. P. Ragan are so well pleased with their experience with western horses that they are thinking of embarking in the business. Fred says that he is so much attached to his, that if he had a whole drove he would want to call each one of them after his horse, "Maud." Mr. Ragan paid \$60 for his horse and has spent just \$42 breaking it. Yesterday it jumped just seven inches higher than it did the day before. This is doing very well.

Want to Raise \$20,000 for Y. M. C. A. Building.

At a meeting of manufacturers held in the Manufacturers Club rooms on the evening of Dec. 19, 1904, it was agreed to start a subscription list to build a \$20,000 Y. M. C. A. building, and the following citizens were appointed to solicit subscriptions for same and report to a meeting of the committee on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, at the Manufacturers Club:

W. G. Bradshaw, F. N. Tate, W. P. Pickett, Dr. Reitzel, W. C. Herndon, A. J. Dodamead, E. T. Hedrick, H. A. White, Jos. D. Smith, J. Elwood Cox.

Mr. Michener made a talk yesterday to the working men and about 300 of them signed an agreement to join the Association in case the plans are carried out.

Mr. Burns Improving.

The Enterprise is informed that Mr. Ed. Burns, who is at a hospital in New York undergoing treatment for injuries accidentally inflicted by Mr. George Gould a few weeks ago, is improving. The surgeons cannot tell yet as to whether or not he will lose the sight of the eye.

Christmas Exercises.

The Sunday school of the First Reformed church will hold its exercises on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The school will have a bell. The public is cordially invited to the exercises.

He Likes It!

The editor Telegram says of our Special edition:

The special holiday edition of the High Point Enterprise is a credit to the city and a still greater credit to Editor Farris and his associates. It is replete with interesting home news, selected matter, and check full of advertisements which speak volumes for the energy and enterprise of the High Point business firms. We don't anticipate that any other paper in North Carolina will get out any such a pretentious and complete Christmas number.

A Pounding That Made One Feel Glad.

On last Thursday at the weekly prayer meeting, the members and friends of Green Street church, pounded their pastor, Rev. J. M. Hilliard, with a new suit of clothes and also a purse of cash. The pastor took the pounding in a spirit of meekness and with much gratitude, and will try to be a better pastor in the future.

Two Weeks.

The school children will have two weeks holiday beginning Friday afternoon. This is after a custom inaugurated a year ago.

To Our Subscribers.

According to an old-established custom the Enterprise will not be issued next week (Christmas week) but will appear again the week following, January 4th, as usual. We believe our readers will agree that one time in a year the printer should have a rest.

Furniture Exposition Co.

The High Point Furniture Exposition Company has been organized and has leased the second, third and fourth floors of the Maddox building. Mr. D. Ralph Parker will be in charge of the Exposition and will devote all of his time to it. Mr. S. H. Tomlinson and others are at the head of the movement.

The Hogs.

If we are to exclude hogs in the community after February 1st, due notice should be given. There is already an ordinance forbidding a hog pen within 200 feet of a residence.

Busy Town.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather many people have been in town today trading. This will be a busy week with our merchants.

Another New Enterprise.

About January 1st Mr. John H. Tate will establish a wholesale grain and feed business here. He is now making arrangements with some of the largest dealers in the West and will buy all his goods direct in solid car lots for spot cash—and with the facilities he will have for handling his stock at a very small expense can give the trade lower prices than can be had from other markets.

Pension Warrants Ready.

The pension warrants for this county arrived Wednesday morning and will be distributed at once by Clerk of the Court Nelson. The work of sending them out commenced Wednesday, but any one calling can get his warrant at the office. The total amount distributed in Guilford is not far from four thousand dollars.

"Burglar" From Inside.

Mr. Brooks found the window glass in book store broken Friday morning and went in to look for the work of a burglar. On examination it was found that instead of some one breaking in the store it was Mr. Brooks' dog that broke out. The dog was locked in the store last night and concluded to come out through the window glass after its master had left.

New Line to Randleman.

The Enterprise had the pleasure of talking over the new telephone line to Randleman Friday. Mr. S. Bryant of Naomi Manufacturing Company called us up and greeted us. We congratulate the two towns on such excellent facilities. The line works better than any long distance line we ever used and will be a great convenience to the business interests of both places as well as the other offices along the route.

This line was built by the Randleman Telephone Company as far as Archdale where it connected with Mr. Hayden's line. Those who may have occasion to use this line will certainly be pleased at the excellent service.

Incongruities.

A prominent New York clergyman was arguing with a youth of his parish about the evils of young men smoking cigarettes. "What would you think," said he, "if you met an angel coming with a cigarette in his mouth?" "Well, doctor, what would you think if you saw an angel with an umbrella and a pair of patent leathers?"

Capt. Eck Burns Back.

After an absence of several months on account of illness Capt. Eck Burns has taken his run again between High Point and Asheboro.

The Car Line.

As was announced in Friday's Enterprise the parties representing the proposed Inter-Urban line are in the city. The Enterprise had a few words with the parties this morning but we were unable to get the details of the meeting here yesterday. However, we were assured that immediate steps would be taken to ascertain the feeling here and in Greensboro on the project and it was expressly stated that if the two towns showed the inclination to encourage the building of the line it would be done in a short time. As to what steps would be taken to ascertain this feeling we did not learn but take it that a direct appeal would be made at once to the business men of both places.

Bought Out Thos. Moser.

Mr. E. E. Pugh, proprietor City Restaurant, has bought out the restaurant business of Thomas Moser and consolidated it with the City Restaurant.

Lee Rigans Recaptured.

Lee Rigans is not much of a criminal after all. At least he does not act like he is wanted whenever he breaks away from the chain gang as he has twice done. The last time he went away Mr. Stanley was so vexed at him that he offered a reward for his capture. Lee went up in Davidson county as usual and Monday Sheriff Dorsett met him in the road face to face. Lee never made any resistance and acted as though it was all right. Sheriff Dorsett brought the prisoner to High Point yesterday and Chief Gray took him to camp. Supervisor Stanley is determined now that Rigans shall serve his time out and to this end has taken extra precautions to keep him safe.

Rigans is rather young and was married while he was out the first time. Governor Aycock was disposed to listen to those who wanted a pardon for him several weeks ago, but while it was under consideration Rigan made his escape and went home. Of course the application for pardon was not considered after that.

Letter From Mr. Hundley.

We have received a letter from Dr. W. T. Hundley which we take the liberty to print, because it contains several items of interest to his members as well as to other readers of the Enterprise. Writing from Richmond Tuesday, Dr. Hundley says:

"I arrived in this city yesterday at noon on my way from Elizabeth City, N. C., to High Point. I left Elizabeth City on Saturday, the 10th, spending Sunday in Norfolk with my niece. Heard Dr. Vines preach. Had a delightful time at the State Convention. The meeting was not so largely attended as usual, but full of enthusiasm. Your pastor was appointed one of the delegates to the World's Baptist Congress to be held in London next July. Our State Convention will meet in Raleigh next year. "Richmond is experiencing a bit of winter just now. The ground is covered with snow and the thermometer has registered as low as 13. I am well and expect to be home on Friday, ready for my pulpit next Sunday. Announce prayer meeting for tomorrow night.

Yours fraternally,

W. T. Hundley.

Hairbreadth Escape.

There came near being a horrible accident on the Asheboro railroad near the Eagle furniture factory Tuesday morning. Two men were on the track going in opposite directions. They saw the train coming and both, it seemed, tried to get through the cloud of steam which was coming from the steam pipe of the Eagle factory before the train came up. They ran not seeing each other and met in the cloud of steam, knocking each other down. They knew the train was close on to them and in some way got off the track but not before the wheels had run over the cap of one of the men. We did not learn the names of the parties but we understand that one of them had his head cut very badly by the fall. It was a hairbreadth escape all around.

PROJECTED ENTERPRISE.

High Point, Central Piedmont and Wadesboro Electric Railway.

The Enterprise called on Mr. Donald Fitzgerald, of New York, at the Elwood Hotel, who is here with his attorney, Mr. Caudle, of Wadesboro, in the interest of a new electric line to be known as the High Point, Central Piedmont & Wadesboro Electric Railway Co. Mr. Fitzgerald has been over the line and seems to be very well satisfied with the outlook. His examination was to ascertain how much bonding per mile, etc. He decided that it could be built at a figure which would be a paying investment. The road will be bonded for \$1,500,000.

When asked as to where and how the company would secure power, Mr. Fitzgerald said that he would use some water power possibly from the Yadkin River Power Co.

The Holidays.

From what we can gather, about all of the factories in town will be closed down a week beginning on Thursday or Friday of this week. Some of them will not start up again until the Monday following January 1st. There are always a large number of people who work in the factories that go to their former homes on Christmas and on the other hand it takes the factories a week to take their inventories.

Washington Street School.

The Christmas exercises at the Washington Street M. E. church will be held Friday evening, Dec. 23d, at 7 o'clock.

The exercises consist of the representation of a substantial gift for the poor, on the part of each class—teaching the great principle, "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive."

There will be an admission fee of an apple, potato, orange or anything that can be eaten or worn. Let everyone interested in the Sunday school and in making glad the hearts of many by a Christmas gift. We desire in it all to impersonate in our giving our great Christmas gift, "the Christ the son of the Living God."

80th Birthday.

Rev. P. J. Caraway, the oldest active minister in the W. N. C. Conference, celebrated his 80th birthday last week. We wish him many happy returns.

Pension Warrants.

Mr. W. H. Ragan has at his office the Confederate Pension Warrants. Those who are entitled to them can get them by calling at Mr. Ragan's office.

Death of Mrs. Stamey's Father.

Mr. W. L. Stamey, foreman of the Enterprise office, received a telegram Saturday, announcing the death of his grand-father, Capt. Daniel M. Wyont, of Catawba county. Mr. Stamey met his mother at Hickory yesterday and accompanied her to the funeral, which was held at Trinity church, a noted Lutheran church of which Capt. Wyont was an influential and prominent member.

Deceased was a man well known in Catawba and Lincoln counties, where he spent his entire life engaged in farming. His father was one of the original settlers of Catawba county, having come down from Pennsylvania at the same time the Moravians went to Forsythe. Mr. Wyont reared a large family and settled nine of his children near him on adjoining farms. He was 87 years old at the time of his death.

Chas. Clymer Caught.

Chief Police Gray received a telegram yesterday from the authorities at Lancaster, S. C., informing him of the capture of Chas. Clymer, the negro who shot another negro on Hamilton street here a few days ago, an account of which appeared in the Enterprise at the time. Soon after the shooting Clymer took to the woods and made his escape. Chief Gray sent out a description of which the above result. The officer left last night for his prisoner and will return tonight.

The Banquet.

The committees having in charge the banquet to be given by the Manufacturers Club in January are getting the work well under way. It is not necessary to go into particulars here but in all probability this occasion will be second to none ever held in the State. At this time, besides a long list of distinguished men in the State who will honor us with their presence, the committee feels reasonable certain of the presence of Secretary Metcalf, member of the Cabinet; Senator Overman and Simmons, Congress men Kitchin, Page and Dixon, with other members of the House; the Cuban Minister, Vice President Finley, M. V. Richards, of the Southern Railway, and other distinguished friends of these gentlemen. Senators Overman and Simmons will likely have one or two Senators with them.

Just as soon as Secretary Metcalf gives us the date of his coming, which was left entirely with him on account of the pressure of business in his department, we will go more fully into the particulars.

It is needless to say that High Point will meet the occasion with that dignity and appreciation which is part of the makeup of the personnel of her business interests.

Moved to Greensboro.

The division freight office of the Southern Railway Company, which has heretofore been located at Raleigh, is to be moved to Greensboro, and seven men who are connected with the office will arrive in Greensboro this evening, says the Telegram, and open the offices in the Benbow Arcade tomorrow morning. This announcement will bring a feeling of genuine pleasure to Greensboro people. For some time it has been thought that Greensboro is the proper location for the office, and the officials of the company have had the matter under consideration for several months.

As Greensboro is the railroad centre of the State and also the junction of several branch lines of the Southern it is by far the best location for the office.

The office has charge of all the territory covered by the Southern Railway in this State except Charlotte and the places south of that city. From Greensboro the various branch lines and other points in the State can be more easily reached. The road running from there to Goldsboro is a branch line of the Southern and it is an unusual thing for the division freight offices to be located on a branch line as has been in this case. The offices of the division superintendent and train dispatcher are already here and it will be much more convenient to have the freight office there also.

It is understood that the offices there will be in the Benbow Arcade on South Elm street. One of the officials was there some time ago and after looking over the location and different office buildings secured an option on four rooms on the fourth floor of the Benbow Arcade. They promised to give Mr. Benbow an answer today, and it is generally understood, in fact announced by the railway company, that the offices will be in this building, which is in every way an admirable location.

Ned Harris Injured.

The Greensboro Record says that the passenger train from Winston-Salem, due there at 6:10 p.m. did not reach there Wednesday until 9:30 on account of an accident just after leaving the Salem depot. Engineer Harris was slightly injured and the engine disabled.

Mr. Harris has been running on the Winston train for 25 years or more.

The Old Schedule.

Wednesday Pinehurst train made the day trip for last time this winter. It arrives here in time to meet No. 45 at 2 o'clock in the morning and wait for 39 from Washington which is due here at 4:30 a. m. This is the same schedule the Pinehurst train operated on last year. We regret that we shall not be able to see Capt. Leach and Capt. Bolling any more until Jackson Springs opens in the spring.