

JAS. H. CUTLER ANSWERS W. T. WEAVER

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE RAILROAD FRANCHISE DISCUSSION.

The Aim and Purposes of the Asheville Electric Company.

The Proposed Extension of the Asheville Street Railroad to Biltmore—Wafer Power Competition.

James H. Cutler has submitted the following to the aldermanic committee considering the street railway franchise question:

"As Mr. Weaver and his attorneys seem disposed to give undue prominence to the General Electric company and the Asheville Electric company, also myself in the simple matter of laying a track on South Main street by the Asheville Street Railroad company, which is a company entirely distinct, and so far as I know will for all time remain so, I deem it wise to make answer to certain portions of Mr. Weaver's statement, feeling that if they remain unanswered a wrong impression may be gathered by you as to the aims and purposes of the General Electric company, the Asheville Electric company and the writer.

"Many results are possible in this world and the Asheville Electric company may sometime embark in the hotel business in Asheville, but up to the present time such a step has never been considered by its board of directors.

"So far as I am advised, the Asheville Electric company proposes to curtail its business within certain lines, i. e., the electric lighting and power business, but this does not include the building and permanent running of a railroad.

"While its charter is broad, as all charters are liable to be, yet it does not necessarily follow that it must 'embark' in all the enterprises within its limits.

"The Asheville Electric company has considered the idea of establishing temporarily, a railway line to Sulphur Springs, with the hope that once established it would be able to make sale of same to another corporation.

"Mr. Weaver, in his statement, first compares a newspaper reporter's interview with me, some time in May, 1900, with a statement made by me before your honorable body.

"Assuming the reporter's interview as published to be absolutely correct, I take pleasure in suggesting that you can easily see how a person could fail to understand in May, 1900, how a certain rumor should gain currency regarding an effort not then made on the part of a company which he might be interested in, viz., the Asheville Electric company, when he or that company might be favorable to the same matter in June of the same year.

"The second statement of Mr. Weaver compares a problem or plan for the running of railroads discussed several years ago, which to me then seemed feasible, with a plan lately suggested which I condemned before your committee.

"I would say that the two problems are as different as they could possibly be.

"The plan discussed several years ago contemplated the enlargement of our water power plants on Hominy creek, with possibly a steam auxiliary, all under the control of one power company, furnishing power for several roads.

"The mere stating of the fact that one company only was to furnish the power, and that all the arrangements for the furnishing of the same were to be arranged by mutual consent of the parties using it, will show you wherein the plan materially differs from the one last suggested and condemned.

"I would say, however, that if my memory serves me (and I think it does) Mr. Weaver is not quite correct in outlining the details of the plan discussed several years ago.

"Opposition to every development on Hominy creek, which our company has found in every effort it has made, since locating in that section, stopped all negotiations on the line then discussed.

"Had the plan in its fulness been carried out, the probabilities are that the railroad and other enterprises in this city would have been much further advanced than they are at the present time for the pleasure and convenience of the citizens and visitors of Asheville.

"As to the argument advanced by myself before your honorable body regarding the saving to the pavement, I still insist that it would be easy for teams to utilize the rails, as suggested by me, although for 1,000 feet there might be now and then a car which would have to be avoided by the team temporarily after which it could seek the rail again, to make the hauling easier, as you know it is done in many cities in the United States.

"In Mr. Weaver's statement he also makes mention of parallel lines, referring to the lines running between Asheville and Biltmore.

"From the only map I can get in Asheville I estimate his line from the postoffice to the terminus in Biltmore is about 12,900 feet long.

"That of the Asheville Street railroad from the court house to the same point in Biltmore, would be about 10,300 feet long.

"Of that distance the roads would only run parallel to each other about 5,700 feet, leaving you will observe, quite a distance where the roads do not in any way interfere with other, but run through a territory in which there are many riders who would be served by the plan proposed by the Asheville Street Railroad company.

"The proposed condition is in no sense worse, or so bad, so far as paralleling goes, as in the line between the postoffice and the depot, and the line between the court house and the depot, of which Mr. Weaver, of course, makes no complaint.

"The last reference of Mr. Weaver to myself makes mention of the foolishness of a development on the French Broad river in competition with a much larger one, and the policy of the General Electric company during times of competition.

"All this refers to a conversation had with Mr. Weaver in the office of the Asheville Electric company when the question of the Ivy development was under discussion.

"My memory is very distinct on this matter. Mr. Weaver called on me and commenced at once to condemn the Ivy river development. In the discussion I stated to him the following conversation that Mr. Ellis and the writer had at our first interview. Mr. Ellis stated that the Asheville Electric company was a very easy company to 'whip out,' to which I did not quite assent because of the backing that the Asheville Electric company would probably have during such an effort as Mr. Ellis proposed to make.

"In the conversation with Mr. Ellis I went on further and stated that it would probably have assistance from the north regardless of the prices of electric lights in the city of Asheville. That it was the policy of the General Electric company to stand loyally by any concern in which they have stock.

"Further I told Mr. Ellis that we had got a water power on the French Broad river and our purpose was to develop same, renting several thousand horse power to cotton mills, expecting to secure as rental enough to pay interest on any bonded debt that we might have, and operating expenses, so that the electrical current which would be used by us in Asheville would be, to say the least, inexpensive, as regards cost, and I thought it foolish for any concern with hardly enough power to meet the wants of Asheville, to threaten to drive a concern already in the field out of the business, when the newcomer would be dependent for its bond interest and operating expenses on its earnings.

"If I should enter into discussion on this matter again, I should probably take the same ground.

"All this I stated to Mr. Weaver without the slightest reference to his development, because he certainly made no mention then of his entering into the lighting business, in this city, but instead did say that he had a water power which he would like to utilize in some cotton mill enterprise.

"I told him then, and have told him since, that it would be a pleasure to be of assistance to him.

"In closing, and having in mind the best interests of Asheville, I take pleasure in protesting against the effort that appears to be made on the part of certain attorneys to create a prejudice in the minds of the community against persons and capital from other sections.

"Capital, above all other things, is timid, and does not naturally seek sections where bitter opposition to it exists, and I do not believe that the majority of the citizens of this city will sanction or are in accord with the effort that is apparently being made this time on this line."

"MOTHER" EDDY ILL.

Portsmouth, N. H., June 16.—On the authority of a Concord correspondent of the Portsmouth Times, the Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, "Mother of Christian Science," is afflicted with creeping paralysis. Crowds of Christian Scientists, including delegates from nearly every state in the Union, visited Concord last week, but very few, if any of them, got a glimpse of her, though many of them enjoyed the privilege of kissing the front doorstep at Pleasant View.

FATAL COLLISION IN ENGLAND.

London, June 16.—(2:50 p. m.)—A collision between an express train and a train filled with Windsor race-goers, occurred at Slough. Six persons were killed and forty injured.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Chicago—Indianapolis, 6; Chicago, 0.

At Milwaukee—Milwaukee, 8; Buffalo, 0.

At Minneapolis—Minneapolis, 5; Cleveland, 1.

At Kansas City—Kansas City, 4; Detroit, 3; 11 innings.

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W. G. T. U. CONVENTION.

Yesterday's Proceedings and Program for Today.

The state W. G. T. U. convention opened yesterday with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Kate Zimmerman, of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Ramseur sang "Just for Today" very sweetly.

"Miss Mollie Fetzer, of Reidsville, read the report on literature.

The report on press work by Miss Sally K. Stevens, of Goldsboro, was encouraging to the workers, showing a large amount of careful work done.

Miss Florence Worth, of High Point, reported on the scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. The report showed that the schools of the state have taken up the work, and commended the work of the state superintendent in helping establish temperance instruction. A great increase in the number of schools teaching it and in the number of pupils taught was shown.

Mrs. Craven read the report of the state superintendent of organization, and Miss Stevens the report of the fourth district and Mrs. Cozart the report of the eighth district.

Mrs. E. Turner, of Asheville, led the devotional exercises in the afternoon.

Mrs. Della Blair, of Raleigh, read a full report on prison work, showing 183 visits made, 131 bibles, 96 testaments and 45 other books distributed, 11,909 pages of literature, 88 pieces of clothing, 45 lunches and 377 white men visited, 13 white women, 630 colored men, 84 colored women. There are now 178 white men in prison, 6 white women, 742 colored men and 43 colored women.

The White Ribbons report, by Mrs. J. F. McCulloch, of Greensboro, showed the financial condition and outlook of the paper good. The impetus given the W. G. T. U. work by the paper is very large. A liberal collection was taken up for the paper.

Miss Davis, of Henderson, read the alms house report, showing what the different unions have done, and especially the appreciation shown by individuals for the visits made them.

The reform school was discussed, and it was decided not to stop petitioning the legislature for the school until they get it.

Rev. J. N. Higgins, of Asheville, was introduced to the convention and spoke in behalf of the reform school. A number of delegations were present and also the Asheville union.

Mrs. Mary Shelley, of Sylva, will give a bible reading at Haywood street M. E. church this evening at 8:30 and Miss Sallie K. Stevens will give a short address.

This morning at 11 o'clock Rev. W. M. Vines will deliver the annual sermon at the First Baptist church.

At 8:15, at Central M. E. church, there will be devotional services and an address by Mrs. Mary C. Woody, honorary president of Guilford college, followed by an offering and benediction.

MONDAY'S PROGRAM. 8:45 a. m. Devotional Services—Mrs. E. K. Allen, Dillsboro. Reading minutes. DEPARTMENT REPORTS. AFTERNOON. The afternoon will be devoted to a drive over the Biltmore estate, EVENING. 8:15 p. m.

Mrs. T. G. Cozart, secretary of Young Woman's Branch, presiding. Devotional services, conducted by Miss Sallie Cherry, Edenton. ORATORICAL CONTEST.

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES.

At Philadelphia— RHE Philadelphia 5 11 0 New York 6 10 2 Batteries: Orth and McFarland; Carrick and Bowerman.

At Boston— RHE Boston 6 11 3 Brooklyn 7 11 4 Batteries: Dineen and Clark; Nops and McGuire.

At Pittsburg— RHE Pittsburg 5 12 3 Chicago 8 13 2 Batteries: Chesbro and O'Connor; Killen and Chance.

At St. Louis— RHE St. Louis 3 11 1 Cincinnati 9 15 1 Batteries: Powell and Criger; Hahn and Peitz. (Eleven innings.)

BOXES OF GOLD.

Send for Letters About Grape-Nuts. 330 boxes of gold and greenbacks will be sent to persons writing interesting and truthful letters about the good that has been done them by the use of Grape Nuts food.

10 little boxes, each containing a \$10 gold piece, will be sent to the 10 writers of the most interesting letters.

20 little boxes each containing a \$5 gold piece to the 20 next most interesting writers, and a \$1 greenback will go to each of the 300 next best. A committee of 3 to make decision and the prizes sent on July 3, 1900.

Write plain, sensible letters, giving detailed facts of ill health caused from improper food and explain the improvement, the gain in strength, in weight, or in brain power after using Grape-Nuts food.

It is a profound fact that most all of humanity come from improper and non-nourishing food, such as white bread, hot biscuit, starchy and uncooked cereals, etc.

A change to perfectly cooked, predigested food like Grape-Nuts, scientifically made and containing exactly the elements nature requires for building the delicate and wonderful cells of brain and body, will quickly change a half sick person to a well person. Food, good food, is Nature's strongest weapon of defense.

Include in letter the true names and addresses, carefully written, of 20 persons, not very well, to whom we can write regarding the food cure by Grape Nuts.

Almost everyone interested in pure food is willing to have his or her name appear in the papers for such help as they may offer the human race. A request however, to omit name will be respected. Try for one of the 330 prizes. Everyone has an equal show. Don't write poetry, but just honest and interesting facts about the good you have obtained from the pure food Grape-Nuts. If a man or woman has found a true way to get well and keep well, it should be a pleasure to stretch a helping hand to humanity, by telling the facts.

Write your name and address plainly on letter and mail promptly to the Postum Cereal Co. Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich. Prizes sent July 3.

It is Our June Sale of Wash Goods

A big cut on high class wash materials, nothing the matter with the quality—just too much of a good thing to keep over till next summer.

Our 55c Imported Foulards, 34 inches wide, elegant styles, fine assortment colors, best wash materials, reduced to 29c yd.

Our 50c silk Madras Gingham, 5,000 yards of as good washable colors as can be found anywhere, wears well and looks well, all at 15c yd.

Ten assorted kinds of Wash Goods, former prices, 15 and 19c. On special table at 12 1/2c yd.

Any pair of Kid Gloves at \$1.00—Guaranteed.

Black, colors and white. Have changed our line of white kid gloves and can show you one of that will prove satisfactory at \$1.00 per pair, or money refunded every time.

New Laces, Veilings, Parasols, Hosiery and Gauze Vests, always at reasonable prices.

Prices on Towels, Table Linens and Sheetings.

Ready made Pillow Cases, 36x45 10c and 12 1/2c each Ready made Pillow Cases, hemstitched, 38 1/2x45 inches 19c each Ready made sheets, 81x90 inches 59c 10-4 sheeting 25c 9-4 sheeting 23c 5-4 P. Casing 12 1/2c

72-inch satin Damask 59c yard, worth 85c 72-inch fine Irish Damask 66c yard, worth \$1.00 72-inch extra heavy Damask 75c yard, worth \$1.19

You can see the goods at third counter, dry goods side. 17x32 inch pure Linen Towels 10c each, worth 15c 24x42 inch pure Linen Towels 19c each, worth 25c

BIG CUT ON FINE HATS.

Regardless of cost all fine hats put at \$3, \$4 and \$5. Some were priced at \$8, \$10 and \$12 50. Fresh lot of new white shapes and flowers just received. Bright fresh goods for half early season's prices.

If you need a Hat of any kind, you will find a big assortment and they are reduced in price, so that fine goods cost less than is usually paid for many ordinary goods.

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CAPT. JOHN B. EAVES DEAD.

The Former Republican Chairman Passes Away at Rutherfordton.

Special to the Gazette. Rutherfordton, N. C., June 16.—Captain John B. Eaves, ex-chairman of the republican state executive committee of North Carolina and ex-collector of internal revenue, died at his home near here at 12:30 o'clock today. He was unconscious all the morning. He was 66 years of age. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Methodist church. C. D. W.

CHARLOTTE'S CONTINGENT.

Special to the Gazette. Charlotte, N. C., June 16.—Tomorrow the Charlotte contingent leaves for the republican convention at Philadelphia. The party has not yet decided at what hour they will take their departure.

Among those attending will be Postmaster J. W. Muller, Assayer W. S. Clanton, Mr. M. B. Williams, clerk of the criminal court, and probably six others in the party. The unanimous verdict is of course the nomination by acclamation of President McKinley for a second term. As to the vice presidential nomination no predictions are being made here.

DESERTED COUNTRY DISCOVERED.

London, June 16.—Reports received here from the Whitehouse-Harrison expedition to Abyssinia, which safely returned to Mobsa, on the east coast of Africa, June 10, show that the explorers found the districts round Lake Rudolph and Stephanie deserted, the inhabitants having either died or left the country. It is added that the kraals were discovered to be full of skeletons.

ACCIDENT ON THE PAN HANDLE.

Pittsburg, June 16.—Five persons were painfully injured and fifteen to twenty others were more or less hurt by the wreck of the Carnegie accommodation on the Panhandle railroad this morning. The accident was caused by a landslide from Mount Washington, over 100 tons of rock and earth toppling over on the train.

MANY NEW BANKS.

Washington, June 16.—Mr. Daves, the comptroller of the currency, has had prepared a statement which shows that national law has been in effect there have been received 362 applicants for the organization of national banks, involving a combined capital of \$16,196,000. Banks with a proposed capital of less than \$50,000 each numbered 280 and 82 were for banks with a capital of \$50,000 or over.

THIRD STRIKE RIOT VICTIM

St. Louis, Mo., June 16.—Edward Burkhardt, one of the striking street car men who was shot last Sunday in the riot in front of the police barracks, died today as the result of his wounds. This makes the total number of fatalities three.

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