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Leave Square for Zillicoa street at 6:00, 6:15 a. m. Returning arrive square 6:35, 6:30.

Leave Square for Riverside 6:30, 6:45, 7:00 and every 15 minutes until 10:30 a. m.; then every 30 minutes until 8:00 o'clock p. m. Car leaving Square at 11:00 p. m. runs through to river. A 15 minute schedule will be maintained on the Montford line between Santee street and the Square.

Leave Square for Depot via Southside avenue 6:30 a. m. then every 15 minutes until 1:15 p. m. Then every 15 minutes until 8:30 p. m. Then every 15 minutes until 11:00 p. m. leaving Square. Then every half hour until 10:45, last car from Square.

Leave Square for Charlotte street, running to Manor at 6:00, 6:15, 6:45 and every 15 minutes thereafter until 8:30. Cars run to Golf Club every 15 minutes from 8:45 to 9:45. Then to Manor only until 11:45. Then to Golf Club every 15 minutes until 6:45. Then every 15 minutes to the Manor only, with the exception of cars leaving the Square at 7:45 and 11:00 which run through to Golf Club.

Leave Square for Depot via French Broad avenue 6:15, 6:30, 7:00 and every 15 minutes until 8:30 a. m. Then every half hour until 10:00 a. m. Then every 15 minutes until 7:30 p. m. Then every half hour until 11:00 p. m., last car.

Leave Square for Biltmore 6:15 and every 15 minutes until 8:00 p. m. Then every half hour until 11:00 o'clock, last car.

Leave Square for Winyah at 6:00, 6:15 a. m. Returning arrive square 6:15, 6:30. Leave Square for Woolsey 6:30 and every half hour until 8:00 o'clock, a. m. Then every 15 minutes until 8:00 p. m. Then every half hour until 11:00, last car.

Leave Square for Patton avenue 6:00 a. m., and every 15 minutes until 11:15 o'clock p. m., last car.

Sunday Schedule differs in the following particulars.

Cars for Depot, both Southside and French Broad avenue, 6:15, 6:30 a. m. Car for Depot via Southside avenue 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 a. m. Next regular car for Depot leaves the Square 8:45 via Southside avenue, 9:00 o'clock via French Broad avenue.

First car leaves Square for Riverside Park at 8:30; next at 8:45 a. m. First car leaves Square for Golf Club 6:45 a. m.

With above exceptions Sunday schedule commences 9:00 a. m., and continues same as week days.

On evenings when entertainments are in progress at either Auditorium or Opera House, the last trip on all the lines will be from entertainment leaving Square at regular time and holding over at Auditorium or Opera House.

On occasions when entertainments are given at both houses, cars will leave Auditorium.

Car leaves Square to meet No. 15, night train, 15 minutes before its scheduled or announced arrival.

VAST QUANTITIES OF CHRISTMAS MAIL

All Records in Receipt of Letters and Packages Broken—All the Postoffice People in Work "up to Their Eyes"—One Carrier Hires a Dray—An Even Greater Volume of Business Is Expected Tomorrow.

The holiday rush at the Asheville postoffice this season is unprecedented. The volume of business thus far handled has smashed all previous records. There was nothing ever before like it in this burg. Starting a week ago—48 hours ahead of time—the incoming and outgoing mails have increased in volume until today the interior of the local office resembles a great storage warehouse where have been piled all the gifts for a waiting and anxious people. A Gazette-News representative wandered through the office this morning about 10 o'clock and the sight that greeted him was an eye-opener. It looked as though there were myriads of packages and bundles and letters stacked and packed about the place. The 12 regular carriers and the three assistant carriers were working at their cases deftly and swiftly. In front of them were piled in huge heaps the packages for distribution.

One carrier was starting on his round. Instead of the conventional leather mail pouches he had employed four great mail bags and each of these were filled to the opening. Another carrier had to some extent solved the delivery proposition. He had simply hired an ordinary one-horse dray wagon and his load this morning almost completely filled this vehicle. The other carriers were loaded "to the gunwales." But that was not all. The carriers—rather the extra carriers—had been making deliveries since about daybreak and the huge piles viewed by the news gatherer was simply the remnant.

"Just look at that," said Postmaster Rollins standing beside the reporter. In the direction indicated was another great mass of mail matter—packages—where three employees were

hard at work. It was the registered mail and every piece for Asheville. The carriers and the clerks, although hard-worked and tired, were cheerful and willing and determined to serve the public as rapidly as possible. It is probable that no other place in the country the size of Asheville has handled this season as great a volume of mail and packages as has thus far been handled here, and again it is probable that no place else in the United States is there a more efficient force of postal employees.

While the rush at the postoffice today broke previous records it is expected that tomorrow the volume will be even greater and while the day will be generally observed as a holiday throughout the city there will be little rest for the mail carriers. It will probably take them much of the day to deliver the mail to the patrons of the office. During the rush at the postoffice all those connected with the postal service here, including Postmaster Rollins, have worked uncomplainingly and almost without cessation in an effort to serve the public with dispatch.

Tomorrow new holiday hours will be inaugurated at the postoffice. The windows will be open from 10 o'clock in the morning until 12 o'clock, noon. The city carriers will make one delivery while the rural carriers will also perform service. The office will be closed after noon.

It was announced that the carriers' window will be open all day Saturday and persons receiving packages too large for delivery may get them that day.

Sunday in an effort to accommodate and convenience the public the windows will be open from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m.; also the regular Sunday hour from 5 to 6 p. m.

ALL IN READINESS FOR CELEBRATION

There Will Be a General Cessation from Labor on Christmas Day.

Asheville is all in readiness to celebrate the great religious festival day—Christmas. The holiday season in Asheville has been one of exceptional good trade while the buying public has perhaps gone about its Christmas shopping with more ease and with a greater variety of attractive merchandise from which to select gifts than ever before in the town's history. The Christmas shopping this season began early and is ending today with a rush. All day the streets and the stores have been thronged with people, and tonight the main thoroughfares will doubtless present a merry if noisy scene.

Business interests of Asheville will with a unanimity of spirit, take a day off tomorrow. All the stores of members of the Retail Merchants association will be closed during the entire day; there will be little if anything doing at the county court house while the federal court offices will be deserted. The banks of the city closed this afternoon at 2 o'clock, a full Monday morning. The city market will observe the day and remain closed while the city's employees will be given a holiday in so far as is possible.

The corridor of the post-office all day long has presented an animated appearance with crowds of people hurrying to get away little gifts to friends at a distance. The offices of the Southern Express company have been jammed with packages for the past several days. The receipt of packages this year it is said far exceeds that of last season.

The unfortunates of the city have been remembered and several hundred children have been made happy already through the generosity and nobleness of purpose of citizen and visitor.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS.

(Continued from page 5)

Lynn Hahn is spending the holidays in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Scales of Memphis are spending some time at Kenilworth inn.

Miss Genevieve Brown, who is the guest of Mrs. Rad-life in Richmond, goes to New York Sundays. Miss Brown will return to her home in Asheville the latter part of January.

Miss Annie Ingie, who is attending a Bible institute in Chicago, has returned home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ingie.

Miss Mary Corbet Cooper is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cooper, in Woolsey.

W. H. Johnston of Judson, N. C., is spending a few days in Asheville.

J. T. Chadwick of Copper Hill, Tenn., is a guest at Kenilworth inn.

G. W. Laxton and sister, Miss Laxton of Charlotte are at the Battery Park hotel.

G. F. Bowman of Salem, Va., is spending some time at Kenilworth inn.

G. L. Alben leaves tomorrow for his

SCIENTISTS MEET IN CONFERENCE

This is the Fourth International American Conference—Purpose of the Convention.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 24.—Everything is in readiness for the opening of the fourth international American conference, which will begin its sessions in this city tomorrow with an attendance of distinguished delegates representing practically all of the countries of the three Americas. The government has extended a cordial welcome to the visitors and will leave nothing undone to make the conference the most successful of its kind that has yet been held.

The purpose of the conference, as set forth in the official call for the gathering, is "to co-ordinate the action of the various American states in the direction of material understanding and sympathetic relations." Many questions of an international character are to be considered, such as hygiene, quarantine, commerce between the nations on the high seas and by overland routes and the political rights of citizens of each in relation to the other.

The United States has sent a distinguished delegation to the conference. Included among its members are Dr. Leo S. Rowe of the University of Pennsylvania; Professor Archibald C. Colquhoun of Harvard university; Professor Hiram Bingham of Yale university; Professor Paul S. Reinech of the University of Wisconsin; Professor Bernard Moses of the University of California; Col. William C. Gorham of the United States army, and chief sanitary officer of the Isthmian canal commission; William H. Holmes, of the Smithsonian institution, and George M. Rommel, representing the United States department of agriculture.

PRESIDENT ELIOT IS COMING TO ASHEVILLE

Distinguished Educator, Together with Mrs. Eliot, Will Arrive Here Saturday, March 20.

William Garrett Brown is in receipt of a letter from Joseph Warren of Cambridge, assistant secretary of the Harvard Alumni association, which reads in part as follows:

"I take great pleasure in informing you that President Eliot has decided to visit Asheville. He and Mrs. Eliot leave Spartanburg at 6:25 p. m. on Saturday the 20th of March, and arrive at Asheville that same evening at 9:15. They plan to stay in Asheville Sunday and Monday, the 21st and 22d, and to leave there at 8 a. m. on the 23rd to go to Greensboro via Salisbury. As I work it, he arrives in Greensboro at 3:10 p. m."

President Eliot's visit to Asheville will be incidental to a six weeks' tour in the south, which he has arranged just prior to going out (May 29) of an office he has occupied 40 years. An invitation was extended him to speak here, by the Pen and Plate club, through a special committee composed of Mr. S. Barnard, Col. Robert Bingham and R. J. Tighe. Mr. Warren states that a formal acceptance of the invitation will be forwarded to the committee at once.

President Eliot's determination to make a trip through the south at that particular time is regarded as of significance; especially so by Harvard alumni everywhere. A number of interesting hypotheses may be built on it.

Thus, it is pointed out, Dr. Eliot may bring a message from Harvard, telling of the spirit of catholicism that is working so potently in that community; and with more or less special reference to the south, or things southern; or his coming may be looked upon as a high evidence of the rapid awakening of the north to the rapid expansion of the south in all lines of thought and endeavor.

According to present plans, President Eliot will speak in the Auditorium on Monday night of his stay here.

JAMES HOWELL WINS THE JUNIOR RACE

From Biltmore Bridge to Y. M. C. A. in 15:25—Pelham Second, Leo Third.

The race between the members of the Junior department of the Young Men's Christian association this morning was a big success and proved to the public that Asheville has some as strong boys as any association in the land. Through the kindness of Frank Loughran, Dr. Smathers and the Southern Auto company, automobiles were placed at the service of the boys and they were taken to Biltmore about 10 o'clock, where the race was started by Robert Whittington.

James Howell won the race, coming in from the bridge in 15 minutes and 25 seconds. Charles Pelham came second, with Claude Lee a close third. This race will be made an annual event and each boy has his eye on the medal that will be given each year to the winner.

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