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MUST CONCLUDE RATE ARGUMENT BY FRIDAY

Minnis Says Brandeis Concedes Roads Need More Revenue.

Washington, April 28.—Chairman Harlan of the interstate commerce commission has announced upon resumption of arguments in the cases asking an advance in freight rates that discussion must be concluded next Friday.

J. L. Minnis, general counsel of the Wabash and representing Central Freight association roads, pointed out that Mr. Brandeis' brief for the commission conceded that the railways in Central Freight association territory needed additional revenues. In view of this he said, and of the generally accepted belief that the people of the country were opposed to government ownership of railroads, he urged that the commission, having previously held roads were entitled to make reasonable return upon their property investment, ought to adopt such means as would insure to the railways such a profit as would attract

ne weapital and enable them to maintain and to extend their lines in conformity with the reasonable demands of the public.

Ready For Sea.

Charleston, S. C., April 28.—The scout cruiser Tacoma, which put in here for repairs to a propeller, was made ready for sea in record time at the local navy yard and will probably sail south for Vera Cruz this afternoon. She took on stores for the torpedo boats in Mexican waters.

Trail of Destruction.

Laredo, Tex., April 28.—Mexican federals retreating from Nuevo Laredo after dynamiting the border city left a trail of destruction behind them, according to a train crew arriving here today with the abandoned troop trains used by the federals in their flight.

Mexico City Quiet.

London, April 28.—Mexico City was quiet today, according to a cablegram received from the staff of a British commercial house there. The message said that the employees were well and safe.

Vocal Chaos.

If a fellow stutters and then tries to sneeze, what's the answer?—Philadelphia Ledger.

M'COY WILSON IS NOT ALLOWED BAIL

Arrested for Fracturing Skull of Lum Bellum, Colored, in Fight Last Night.

McCoy Wilson was arrested yesterday by members of the police department on charges of assaulting Lum Bellum, colored, Monday with a deadly weapon. It is claimed by the police that the fight took place in Dixontown and that Wilson struck Bellum on the head with a heavy iron pipe, fracturing his skull.

Bellum was removed to the Mission hospital that night and an operation was performed on his head at noon today. It is stated that he is in a very serious condition and his chances for recovery very few.

Wilson escaped just after the fight but was caught at 4 o'clock yesterday morning on Hilliard lane, where he was hiding behind some bushes. He is held at the police station without bond pending the outcome of Bellum's condition. Wilson has a long police record and has been before the court on numerous occasions.

BARACA-PHILATHEA MEETING A SUCCESS

Rev. Dr. Waller Tells Something of Enthusiastic Convention in Durham.

Rev. Calvin B. Waller, pastor of the First Baptist church, returned to the city yesterday from Durham where he delivered the annual sermon before the Baraca-Philathea convention Sunday afternoon. Mr. Waller was very enthusiastic over the convention, he said this morning:

"Such a representative body of young people, I have scarcely ever seen together. The number of delegates and visitors was about 1500. All the sessions during the day Sunday and yesterday were great, but I think the greatest inspirational scene that I have ever witnessed was Sunday afternoon, when the Baracas and Philatheas of the state, augmented by the local delegations, formed in line of march stretching for many blocks, and led by three brass bands marched to the Academy of Music for the annual sermon. Thousands lined the streets to witness this march of Sunday school young men and women. The Academy of Music, estimated to seat nearly 3000, had every available space taken, and hundreds were unable to get in. "It was an inspiring sight to look upon that great audience of the Old North State's noble young people; and it was a great hour for the Kingdom of God."

Of this service, and Mr. Waller's sermon on "The Christian's Chief Task," the Durham Daily Sun said yesterday:

"The convention mass meeting at the Academy of Music at 4 p. m. yesterday was a tremendous occasion in itself, aside from the street parade and other meetings of the day. Long before the doors opened crowds gathered about the place and when the doors were opened there was a rush for seats. The auditorium was packed, first floor, balcony, gallery, stage and all. That vast audience was held spellbound for over an hour by the eloquent discourse of Dr. Calvin B. Waller of Asheville."

CASES DISPOSED OF IN SUPERIOR COURT

When Superior court recessed at noon yesterday case of M. H. Harris against the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company was being tried, evidence still being taken in the case. In the case of Harley L. Cook against J. C. Wilbur, a judgment was returned in favor of the plaintiff. Judgment for about \$29 was returned in the case of Asheville Paint and Glass company against E. A. Reiseker.

A consent judgment for \$355 was reached in the case of John E. Crook against the Asheville Power and Light company.

A compromise was taken in the case of J. J. Coche against the City of Asheville.

A divorce was granted in the case of Woodcock against Woodcock.

Monday afternoon in the case of Ball, Thrash and company against A. H. McCormick and wife, after evidence had been taken in the case, and upon application of the plaintiffs, a mistrial was ordered, and the plaintiffs allowed to make the American National bank a party to the defense. Both parties were allowed to file new pleadings and defendants allowed in their answer to set up a counterclaim.

A Lively Play.
"I heard one man," said the playwright, "who attended the premier of my new play last night complain that it was so late when he got out."
"Yes," queried the critic.
"Yes, and yet the final curtain fell before 10:45."
"Ah, perhaps he overstepped himself!"—Philadelphia Press.

DISTRICT MEETING WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

Knights of Pythias of Thirteenth District Met Yesterday in Black Mt'n.

The annual district convention of the Thirteenth district, Knights of Pythias, held Monday afternoon and that night in Black Mountain, is reported to have been one of the most successful conventions held for several years. A large delegation of Asheville Knights attended the meeting and report a delightful time. Among those attending from here were: C. E. Case, E. H. Miller, F. O. C. Fletcher, Burgin A. Patton, E. M. Mitchell, Cloyd Penning, C. H. Honess, D. L. Jackson, Ben H. Case, Oscar White, W. B. Taylor, A. E. Swamy, Thomas M. Duckett, W. E. Johnson, Robert Lynn, B. H. Taylor, J. J. Mackey, L. B. Rogers, W. H. Westall, Hugh Miller, Judge J. D. Murphy, Allen T. Morrison and C. C. Myers.

There was a total attendance of about 40 delegates and the business session was held yesterday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. It was voted at this session to favor the reduction of the grand lodge tax from \$1.00 to 60 cents and to base membership in the grand lodge on the membership in auxiliary organizations. A committee was appointed to take the matter up with other lodges of the state and ask that they act favorably.

A banquet was tendered the delegates at the Gresham hotel in the evening, following which there was a public meeting. L. W. Morgan delivered an address of welcome at this meeting, to which H. M. Roberts of Fletcher responded. Among the speakers were: State Deputy Grand Chancellor W. W. Wilson of Raleigh, "Friendship"; Judge J. D. Murphy of Asheville, "Principles of Pythianism"; and Allen T. Morrison of Asheville, "The Right Choice."

BOARD OF EXAMINERS WILL MEET IN DURHAM

Nurses of State Will Go There For Examinations May 25-27—Convention.

Information is received here to the effect that the state board of nurses examiners will meet in Durham this year, the dates set for the examination for trained nurses being May 25-27. Any information desired about the meeting may be had from Miss Lois Toomer, 133 South Fourth street, Wilmington.

This meeting of the board will be followed immediately in Durham by the convention of the Nurses' association of the state. Plans for this meeting are already being made and it is stated that the program will be ready for publication within a short time. Durham was selected for this meeting when the nurses of the state were in session here a year ago.

They All Do.

An enthusiastic citizen, on the verge of a trip to Europe, was rejoicing over the fact and desponding on the pleasures to come.

"How delightful it will be," said he to his wife, "to tread the bounding billow and inhale the invigorating oxygen of the sea! The sea! The boundless sea! I long to see it! To breathe in great draughts of life giving air. I shall want to stand every moment of the voyage on the prow of the steamer with my mouth open!"

"You probably will, dear," interrupted his wife encouragingly, "that's the way all ocean travelers do."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Maybe He Went Then.
He—Who is that tramping around overhead? She—Oh, that's papa. He gets restless toward morning.—Life.

ASHEVILLE IS NOW IN IMMACULATE GARB

Just 120 Loads Trash Removed, Showing a Spirit of Cleanliness Year Round.

During last week, which was observed as "clean-up" week in Asheville, the people of the city displayed a greater enthusiasm in the effort than ever before, but the amount of trash removed by the sanitary department was just a little over one-fourth as much as was moved in the same period last year. This is evidence conclusive that the city is becoming cleaner year by year and that the citizens are taking more pains to keep their premises clean the year round than has ordinarily been the case in the past.

In 1912 the wagons of the city sanitary department removed over 500 loads of trash from the city during "clean-up" week. Last year about 400 loads were hauled out. This year the total was only about 120, in addition to the 200 loads collected on the regular daily rounds. Sanitary Inspector Bird states that the city is cleaner than it ever has been, which statement proves that a greater spirit of cleanliness is prevailing here the year round.

The fact that "clean-up" week is past and over has no visible effect on the operations of the Civic Betterment league, however, for the members continue to pounce on vacant lots that do not appear in nice, fresh spring garb and clean them up. Yesterday afternoon, under the direction of Mrs. Whiteford Smith, Mrs. T. P. Reynolds and Mrs. J. A. Sinclair. The following boys of the seventh grade of the Montford school gave a vacant lot on Haywood street a very thorough cleaning, afterwards planting vines: C. Mace, A. Rogers, A. Evans, A. Newton, M. McInery, G. Swicegood, B. Levich, J. Fir, H. Woodward, J. Divilbilis, I. Zimmerman, J. McConnell, J. Allen, U. Miller, J. Debovia, W. Reynolds, L. and M. Harshorn, L. Ashton and B. Smith.

It is claimed that someone living next door to the lot objected to the cleaning with epithets, cold water and stones, but these objections were overcome by the appearance of police officers and the work went forward as planned.

NEW ROCHELLE YOUTH ARRESTED HERE TODAY

Will Be Taken Back to "45 Minutes From Broadway.

Upon advice from his parents that he had left home without their consent, members of the police department, yesterday arrested George Enslit, aged 18, of New Rochelle, N. Y. The boy did not deny that he had run away from home, but declared that his parents were cruel to him and that he could not live with them. He will be held at the station until someone calls for him, the message ordering his arrest stating that a relative would arrive here at once for the boy. He says that he came to Asheville last Sunday, after wandering around several different sections of the country, and says that he was pleased with his trip, even though he has to return home against his will.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY IN CANTON THIS WEEK

The Asheville Presbytery will hold its regular meeting this year at Canton, on April 29-30, and it is expected that a large number of people from this city and section will be in attendance. The first day will be observed as home mission day and the second will be taken up with foreign mission work.

Several noted speakers are scheduled to speak at the meeting, among them Mrs. W. C. Winborough of Kansas City and Rev. J. M. Blain of Tulsa.

Not a Very Big Bluff.

There is a story of a man from out of town who came to New York and fell not among thieves, but liars. He listened to the tales of those who bled him about the city, and they came at last to Spuyten Duyvil. The Fallsides were pointed out to him, and he heard that the Hudson river scenery was the most beautiful in the world. He turned away and was not impressed.

"But," they remonstrated, "those bluffs of the Fallsides are 800 feet high!"

"Well," he returned sadly, "I've learned to know that that isn't a very big bluff in New York."

The story does not go on from there, but it ought to add, as if it were a moral, that that man knew New York very well for a stranger.—New York Post.

Upon the Road.

Perhaps one of the best known puns is that put into the mouth of John Gilpin by Cowper. It will be remembered that, according to the poem, John Gilpin borrowed a horse from his friend to ride to Edmonton to celebrate his wedding day, but the horse had other plans and took the jovial Gilpin to the house of his friend, who, on seeing his ruffled condition, asked him why he had come. Gilpin replied:

I came because your horse would come. And if I well forbode My hat and wig will soon be gone— They are upon the road.

French Thrift.

Departing Guest (scrutinizing his bill)—Look here! You charge for writing paper and I haven't used a scrap all the time I've been here. Hotel Proprietor—Ah, pardon, m'ieur! It is for se paper on which your bill is made out.—London Mail.

Well Made Up.

Lady (finishing her toilet)—Well, Annette, how do I look to you? Maid—Excuse me, madam, I am not an art connoisseur.—Fliegende Blatter.

Poverty.

Her Suitor—I admit I am poor, but poverty is no crime. Her Father—Er—No. Not until you commit something else.—Judge.

Turn thyself to the true riches and learn to be content with little.—Seneca.

Easily Made Salad Dressing.

Beat two eggs well, add half a pint of best vinegar, butter size of a hen's egg and half a teaspoonful of salt. Put this into a granite pan and set on stove. To prevent curdling stir rapidly and continue until it thickens like custard, then remove from stove, and while still hot stir in half a teaspoonful of made mustard thinned in as much vinegar, a sprinkling of pepper and, for those who like it, a teaspoonful of olive oil. Stir thoroughly until well mixed and set it in a cool place. Use the same as any dressing.—National Magazine.

Two Parts of a Sentence.

This story comes from the classroom on one of Uncle Sam's big battleships: Ensign Instructor in Grammar—What are the two principal parts of a sentence? Coal Passer (scratching his head)—Solitary confinement and bread and water.—New York Sun.

Inconsistent.

"Your wife says you have about the courage of a mouse," said the disagreeable relative.

"I wonder that she should make the comparison," replied Mr. Meekton. "Timidity is afraid of a mouse."—Washington Star.

A Cool Hand.

Sergeant (to recruit)—What would be the first thing you'd do, Jackson, if you were on guard duty at the powder magazine and the thing blew up? Recruit—The first thing I'd do, sir, would be to fire a shot to give the alarm.—New York Post.

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