

## SPECIAL SESSION CALLED TO SETTLE THE RAILROAD RATE QUESTION.

### Tuesday January 21st the Date Governor Glenn Explains in Detail the Terms of the Agreement Reached.

The following is the Proclamation of the Governor:

To the Honorable the General Assembly of North Carolina:

By and with the advice of the Council of State, and the attorneys employed to represent the State of North Carolina,

I, R. B. Glenn, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in the exercise of the powers conferred upon me of Article Three, Section Nine, of the Constitution, do issue this my proclamation, conveying the General Assembly, in extra session on Tuesday, the 21st day of January, 1908, on which day, at 11 o'clock a. m., the senators and members of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of North Carolina are hereby notified and requested to meet in their respective Halls in the Capitol, in the City of Raleigh, to consider the following specific purpose:

1st. To amend, modify, strengthen, change or repeal Chapter 216, Laws of 1907, prescribing the maximum charges railroad companies may make for transporting passengers in North Carolina, and Chapter 217, Laws of 1907, preventing unjust discriminations in freight rates, and to fix the maximum charges therefor.

For information of members of the Legislature, all papers are requested to make notice of this proclamation.

In witness whereof, I, R. B. Glenn, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State.

Done at our City of Raleigh, this 8th day of January, 1908, and in the one hundred and thirty-second year of our American Independence.

R. B. GLENN, Governor.

A. H. ARRINGTON, Private Secretary.

Immediately following this Proclamation the Governor gave out the following:

TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

In another place will be seen my proclamation conveying the General Assembly of the State, to meet at the Capitol in Raleigh on Tuesday, the 21st day of January, 1908 at eleven o'clock a. m., but I deem it best to issue this statement to the public, explaining more at length why at this time an extra session of the General Assembly is deemed necessary.

The specific and only purpose for which the Legislature is convened is, to consider the terms of agreement offered by me to the various railroads, and accepted by all of them save one, which one accepts all of the terms except the proposition of an interstate rate, concerning which it says it has no power to act, but doubtless circumstances will regulate the rate as requested.

The terms are as follows: The Legislature will be asked to increase the flat rate of 2 1/4 cents now in force to a flat rate of 2 1/2 cents; to allow a charge of 15 cents when persons board a train without a ticket, when such ticket could have been procured at station; also to repeal the present law, with penalties, etc.

If this is done the railroads agree on their part, to

1st. A flat rate of 2 1/2 cents per mile for intrastate passenger travel with an extra charge of fifteen cents each against persons boarding a train

without a ticket except at stations where there are no agents.

2nd. Two thousand mile books, intrastate, interchangeable with such of the solvent roads of the State as will consent, at two cents per mile, good for heads of firms and employes, not exceeding a total number of five, the names to be furnished at the time of purchase of mileage books, and entered thereon.

3rd. One thousand mile books, intrastate, and interchangeable with such of the solvent roads of the State as will consent, limited to one individual, at two cents per mile, and good to one year from date of purchase, the name of the purchaser to be furnished at the time of the purchase of the book and entered thereon.

4th. Five hundred mile books at two and one-quarter cents per mile, good for heads of families and dependent members thereof, intrastate, and noninterchangeable, the names of the families to be furnished at the time of purchase and entered thereon.

5th. All of the above mentioned rates, except the five hundred mile book, to apply also to interstate travel to points on the line of this company in the States of Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, and to points on such of the other lines in these States as will consent thereto.

All of these mileage books, whether intrastate or interstate, to be limited to one year from date of purchase, and redeemable, charging for the part used at two and one-half cents per mile.

In my judgment, it would be better for the State to adopt these rates, which give mileage books and an interstate rate, in preference to letting the flat rate of 2 1/4 cents remain in force.

It is further agreed that these rates are to be tried for a year, and then if found objectionable, application to be made for modification of the same to the Corporation Commission, with power in them to modify same subject to appeal as at present.

In my judgment and in the judgment of all whom I have consulted, the terms made are just and equitable and I sincerely trust that the Legislature, when it assembles, will ratify what has been done.

I tried to get the family mileage books fixed at two cents but the railroads contended with some force, that this would virtually put a rate of two cents in vogue in the State, which was too low, so the State agreed to the 2 1/4 cent rate—the railroads on their part agreeing to pay \$17,500 towards liquidating the expenses of the State in convening the Legislature, and for court costs.

South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and probably Virginia, will have the same rates,—thus giving a uniform system throughout the entire South, which is a thing very much to be desired.

I have given these facts to the public so that they will thoroughly understand the object of the convening of the Legislature.

R. B. GLENN, Governor.

### Rev. F. A. Bishop Writes of Louisville.

Rev. F. A. Bishop, the new pastor of the Methodist church, writes, the following to the Raleigh Christian Advocate of last week:

On the 18th of December we bid good-bye to the dear friends of Selma and turned our faces toward Louisville. About 7 o'clock at night of the same day we reached our new charge. We were met at the depot and conveyed to the parsonage, where we found many ready to give cordial greeting to the new preacher and his wife. A good supper was ready and so were we. On investigating we found these kind friends had amply

provided the larder so that for many days we had plenty.

Louisburg has a neat, comfortable, well furnished and well finished brick church. The parsonage is exceedingly and conveniently arranged and more completely furnished than you usually find. Truly these people have wrought well in their church and in the home for their pastor. We have been kindly received and daily find kindness scattered along our path.

Of course, Louisville College is prominent in the pastoral care of this church, and it is truly a pleasure to minister to such intelligent, devoted women as have charge of the institution. As I stood in the presence of the president and her faculty and took in the scene of the good mother encircling all in her great heart of sympathy and love, I thought truly our girls here are under a hallowed influence.

Yes, Louisville College ought to live and prosper. There is great need of additional buildings now, and they must be put there if the college is to do the work demanded. We hope for a good year.

F. A. BISHOP.

### Honor Roll For Bab Rock.

The following is the honor roll for Bab Rock school:

First Grade—Sooky Upchurch, Willie Rice, Edna Hayes, Gertie Layton, Ujis Hayes.

Second grade—Ernest Layton, Edgar Bunn.

Third grade—Albert Medlin, Viola Bowden, Pauline Bowden.

Fourth grade—Robert Layton, Annie Medlin, Lizzie Bunn, Tammy Bunn, Cleaveland Moses.

Sixth grade—Tommy Medlin, Johnnie Bunn, Marie Layton, Bonnie Bunn, Cleveland Moses, Alice M. Hines, Teacher.

### Hard Year on Newspapers.

The year 1907 was an especially hard one on the newspapers. It is reported that about four hundred were forced to suspend publication. There are several reasons why the year was a hard one. Paper has cost about one-third more than formerly. Labor has been high. The cost of living has been high, and the income from subscriptions has been low in comparison with other years.

Catawba County News.

### Death of Bro. Blueford Cates.

At a recent meeting of Franklin Lodge the following resolutions were adopted:

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our departed brother, Blueford Cates, beg leave to report as follows:

Whereas, it has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe to remove from our midst Bro. Blueford Cates who was in his seventieth year. Therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we most humbly bow in submission to His will and more firmly trust in the hand that leads us on our pathway through all the changes that come to us in our journey through life.

2. That we strive to emulate the example of our beloved brother in his fidelity and faithfulness to his duties as a Master Mason and shall ever cherish his memory.

3. That we extend to his bereaved wife and children our heartfelt sympathy and deepest regret in the loss they have sustained and commend them to God and His infinite wisdom and grace.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon a special page in the minutes of this Lodge and a copy sent to the bereaved family and to the Orphans Friend with a request for publication.

Franklin Lodge No. 123, A. F. & A. M.

A. J. MORTON,  
D. T. WARD,  
B. F. COOK,  
Committee.

## THE MOVING PEOPLE. THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go, Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

Miss Ethel Davis returned Monday from a visit to Raleigh.

Miss Agnes Person, of Florida, is a guest of Mrs. C. M. Cooke.

Miss Sallie Williams returned Monday from a visit to Kittrell.

Miss Annie Pegram, of Henderson, is visiting her parents here this week.

Miss May Pegram returned home Wednesday after a week's visit to Henderson.

Mrs. L. M. Childs, of Chicago, is spending some time with her sister Mrs. Wm. Bailey.

Judge Cooke leaves Saturday to preside over McDowell Court which convenes next week.

Mr. D. F. McKinnis and family returned Tuesday from a visit to their people at Princeton.

Messrs. S. C. Vann and son, A. H. Vann, of Franklinton, were visitors to Louisville this week.

C. F. Williams and son, of Jacksonville, Florida, are visiting Dr. A. H. Fleming and wife.

Mr. B. B. Massenburg, Jr., returned last week from Richmond where he has been visiting friends and relatives.

S. S. Sykes and Calvin Benton of near Justice attended the Grand Lodge of Masons in Raleigh this week.

Senator Charles M. Wilson of Johnston county, was here this week looking after his interest in this county.

Mrs. E. C. Jones returned Wednesday night from Littleton, where she visited Mrs. J. F. Jones, who is quite sick.

Among those who went from here to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons at Raleigh this week were W. M. Boone, and J. A. Thomas.

Miss Lillie High went to Raleigh Wednesday to visit her friend, Miss Ruby Rutherford, who will be her guest here for short while.

### Why New Year.

The Year 1908 is leap year, so-called because one day is leaped, giving February twenty-nine days instead of twenty-eight, and the year three hundred and sixty-six days instead of three hundred and sixty-five of the ordinary year. The actual length of a calendar year is 365 days, five hours and forty-nine minutes, but for convenience in reckoning time one day is added to every fourth year except one year in four centuries, when leap year is omitted to make the exact calculation.

### Random Shots.

"Sweet are the uses of adversity," says the poet, and if there be truth in this line, then only the business men of the land need no sugar in "thebairn" in these latter days.

One of the panic's "uses" is its sending us back to the homely, frugal virtues of the forefathers. Patched shoes and halt soled trousers may be seen in the "most exclusive circles, and pot liquor has been restored to its ancient place in the affection of the people.

There is a rift in the clouds. When the banks suspended payment of currency there was a mild sensation, but the worst was reached when the hen—affected by the contagion—refused to perform her normal functions, and would only issue "promises to lay." We note, however, a disposition of National wealth to resume payment "in specie," and

we are beginning to look forward to the time when the bacon will not smile alone on the table.

When you hear a man saying he can't pay because the banks have his money tied up, you may know he is an aspirant for that position in human history so long held by one Ananias.

As Congress has met again we mildly suggest that it give the country something that will relieve the panic pains at once; and then it can write volumes on the cause, symptoms and cure of the disease. Just now a salient injection is in order. Afterwards the patient's general health can be built up.

### Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of Mapleville Academy for December:

1st Grade—Ollis Cheaves and Clarence Sledge.

2nd Grade—Clyde Harris, John Wilson, Royal Strange and Ray Dean.

3rd Grade—Florina Boone, Olivia Hobgood, Forest Sledge, Arch Perry and Wallace Neal.

Lucy Wynn, teacher.

4th Grade—Annie L. Dean, and Johnnie Strange.

6th Grade—Allan Boone and Alur Wilson.

6th Grade—Raymond Hobgood.

7th Grade—Rilla Fuller, John Harris, Rella Hicks.

8th Grade—Irene Dean, Jennie Long, Herbert Perry and Herman Harris.

JAMES HAYS, teacher.

### Maple River Manufacturing Co.

The stockholders of this company held a meeting this week and elected the following directors: J. M. Allen, R. A. Bobbitt, W. M. Fuller, F. H. Allen, E. S. Ford, K. K. Allen, R. G. Allen. The directors elected the following officers:

President—J. M. Allen.  
Vice-President and Secretary—R. A. Bobbitt.

Supt.—Vice-President—W. M. Fuller.

Treasurer—R. G. Allen.  
A semi-annual dividend of 30 per cent was declared.

This company is turning out excellent work, and the mattresses made by it find ready sale.

### First National Bank.

The stockholders of the First National Bank held their regular annual meeting on Tuesday of this week. Directors were elected as follows:

J. M. Allen, W. H. Ruffin, T. T. Trentell, P. R. White, W. H. Allen, W. H. Waddell, F. H. Allen, G. W. Ford, R. G. Allen. The directors met and re-elected the old officers as follows:

President—R. G. Allen.  
Vice-President—G. W. Ford.  
Cashier—P. R. White.  
Assistant Cashier—Mrs. S. T. Wilder.

A semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent was declared, and a good amount was added to the surplus fund.

National Bank Examiner, F. A. Hull, was here this week and made a thorough examination of this institution, and in a conversation with the editor of the Times he said that he found the bank in excellent condition.

### Change in R. F. D. Route.

A change has been authorized by the post office department in the R. F. D. Route now running out from Margaret, to take effect February 1st. After that date the Carrier of said route will start from Mapleville, instead of Margaret, leaving Mapleville at 9:30 in the morning and returning not later than 4:30 in the afternoon. H. H. Hobgood will remain as Carrier with J. B. Bunn as substit-

ute. This change will prove very beneficial to the patrons of that route, as they will receive their mail a day earlier than at present.

### Has Proctor Knott A Rival?

W. R. Andrews, Grand Rapids, Mich., at a recent toast delivered the following appeal to the Filipinos:

"You Filipinos don't know what you are missing by not wanting to become citizens of this great country of ours. There isn't anything like it under the sun. Yes, I ought to send a delegation over to see us—the hall of the free-land of fine churches and 140,000 licensed saloons, billiard, forts and guns, houses of prostitution, millionaires and paupers, preachers and thieves; liberals and lying politicians and poverty; Christians and chugging schools and sawmills; trusts and tramps; money and misery; homes and hunger; virtue and vice; a land where you can get a good Bible for fifteen cents, or a bad drink of whiskey for five cents; where we have a man in Congress for having ten wives and a lot in the penitentiary for having two wives; where some men make enough out of their wives and some want to eat their raw; where we makeologna out of dogs, canned beef out of horses and sock cows, and curpies out of the people who eat it; where we put a man in jail for not having the means of support and on the rocks for not asking for a job of work; where we throw away houses and fire man for preaching Christ on the street corners; where we have a Congress of 400 men to make laws and a Supreme Court of nine men to set these aside; where good whiskey makes bad men and bad men make good whiskey; where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth and making rich for telling a lie; where professors draw their convictions from the same place they do their salaries; where preachers are paid \$25,000 a year to dodge the devil and toddle the ears of the wealthy; where business consists of getting hold of property in any way possible that won't land you in the penitentiary; where trusts "load up" and poverty "loads down"; where men vote for what they do not want by voting for it; where "biggers" can vote and women can't; where a girl who goes wrong is made an outcast and her male partner scowls as a gentleman; where women wear false hair and men "look their horses' tails"; where the political wire-puller has diplomas of the patriotic statesman; where men vote for a thing one day and vote it 365 days; where we have progress on the floor of our national capital and whiskey in the cellar; where we spend \$300 in bribe—a statesman who is rich and \$10 to put away a working-man who is poor; where to be wealthy is to be lonesome and to be lonesome is to be drunk; where we sit the safety-valve of society and pull with open the throttle of conscience; where gold is substance—the one thing sought for; where we pay \$1,000 for a dog and fifteen cents a dozen to a poor woman for making slipper; where we teach the sentimental Indian eternal life from the Bible and kill him off with bad whiskey; where we put a man in jail for stealing a loaf of bread and in Congress for stealing a railroad; where the check book talks, sin walks in broad daylight, justice is asleep, crime runs amok, corruption permeates our whole social and political fabric, and the devil laughs from every street corner. Come to us, Filipinos! We've got the greatest aggregation of good things and bad things, hot things and cold things, all sizes, varieties and colors ever exhibited under one tent.

—M. F. Houck, Louisville's popular Contractor, has completed plans for the erection of a \$5,000 residence, for Mr. Claude Chestnut, at Youngville.