

# ASK THAT SPECIAL SESSION BE CALLED

JUST FREIGHT RATE ASSOCIATION EFFECTS PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

## FEELING WAS VERY STRONG

Committee on Resolutions With W. C. Dowd of Charlotte as Chairman Recommends Extra Session of Legislature.—Subject to Call.

Raleigh.—With the election of Mr. Fred N. Tate of High Point president of the Just Freight Rate Association of North Carolina, and the unanimous adoption of resolutions pledging to Governor Locke Craig, the legislature and the corporation commission the enthusiastic and hearty co-operation and support of the organization in the movement for securing an equitable adjustment of freight rates for the people of North Carolina, the Just Freight Rate Association of North Carolina effected permanent organization at an adjourned meeting held in this city.

No less than 40 counties were represented, there being present 361 delegates from every section of the state. Every class and condition, and practically every interest was represented, manufacturers, merchants, jobbers, farmers and professional men being present to join in the great concerted crusade that has for its sole and single purpose the elimination of the present excessive and discriminatory freight rates, which Attorney General Thomas W. Bickett declared had placed an embargo and commercial quarantine upon the development of North Carolina for all these years.

"Therefore, be it resolved," read the resolution brought in by the committee of which Mr. W. C. Dowd of Charlotte was chairman and which summed up the work of the meetings, "that this meeting does hereby request the Honorable Governor of North Carolina to call a special session of the legislature to meet in Raleigh as soon as, in his judgment, it is wise to do so, for the purpose of receiving a report from the said special committee; and be it also resolved that this body pledges its support and encouragement to the Governor and the legislature in such efforts as they may make along these lines to obtain just treatment from the transportation companies for the citizens of the state."

Another clause of this same resolution pledged to the corporation commission the body's earnest support in the securing of just and equitable intrastate rates to and from all points in North Carolina.

### Destructive Fire Near Lexington.

The Patterson Lumber Company, situated southwest of Lexington, on the Southbound Railroad, was visited with a destructive fire recently. The fire started in the boiler room and did damage exceeding \$7,000 before the flames were subdued. The engine house and equipment and office building were burned. Many thousands of dollars worth of fine lumber stacked on the yards was saved by hard work.

### Breese Given More Time.

Broken in health and spirit by a 16-year fight to escape a jail sentence, William E. Breese, an Asheville banker, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the bank of which he was president, has been granted further opportunity to file evidence with Attorney General McReynolds in support of his application for pardon. Indicted in 1897 and convicted in 1909, Breese had six trials and by various appeals has never served a day.

### Elect Captain Dietz Mayor.

Capt. E. P. Dietz, of Statesville, has been elected mayor of the First Regiment, North Carolina National Guard, to succeed Maj. Lawrence Young of Asheville, now adjutant general. It required 21 ballots to settle the contest.

### Woman Do Not Want To Vote.

The fact that the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of North Carolina has just voted overwhelmingly for the information of the diocesan convention against extending women the right to vote on church government matters is taken as a demonstration of the claim that women of North Carolina are far from wanting woman's suffrage in matters of state. The diocesan convention a year ago passed a resolution giving the women the right to vote and brought it over to the convention this year.

### Fourth District Medical Society.

The quarterly meeting of the Fourth District Medical Society of North Carolina was held in the Masonic temple at Tarboro a few days ago. About thirty members attended and a very enjoyable meeting was had. The subject for discussion was the Diagnosis and Treatment of Parasitic Skin Diseases, and all the papers read were concerned with that branch of medicine. Dr. C. A. Shore, of Raleigh, opened this meeting with a very interesting paper on the general diagnosis of the parasitic diseases.

## COL. WATTS ENDORSEMENTS

Taken to Treasury Department in Wheelbarrow and Push Cart.—Why He Should Be Appointed.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that Charles Hubert Martin, secretary of Senator Overman, aided and abetted by Charles West, negro messenger wheeling a wheelbarrow, and Lee Christian, a negro messenger pushing a pushcart, carried to the treasury department the voluminous endorsements of Col. Austin D. Watts from the Democrats of North Carolina for appointment as collector of customs of the Western district. Mr. Martin also handed to Secretary McAdoo the joint recommendation of Senators Overman and Simmons for Watts' appointment.

"Is this all?" asked Mr. McAdoo. Another communication was sent to President Wilson by the senators advising him of the delivery to the treasury department of the recommendation and the endorsements. Secretary McAdoo was amazed at the bulk of the endorsements and clearly puzzled as to where to store them, when he promises to go over them carefully until he is exhausted. Clerks at the department stated emphatically that it was the largest bulk of endorsements they had ever seen delivered there.

The endorsements are from leading Democrats of North Carolina, both senators, Governor Craig, all the congressmen except Mr. Kitchin and Mr. Stedman, the latter having a candidate in his district, and from judges of the state and federal courts and thousands of voters.

Secretary McAdoo said he would take up the matter as soon as possible and send for Senators Simmons and Overman and advise with them as to the course to pursue.

### North Carolina New Enterprises.

The following charters were granted by J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of state: The Cagle Improvement Company was chartered with the principal office location in Brevard. The purpose of the organization is to deal in real estate. Total authorized stock, \$100,000; \$15,000 is paid in by J. F. Hayes, T. H. Shipman and J. M. McMinn. The White-Way Cash Grocery was chartered with principal office in Charlotte. The total authorized capital stock is \$5,000. The subscribers for stock are: G. W. Ould, A. H. Ould and Eugene Taylor. The Eiland Hosiery Mills secured a certificate of incorporation with principal office in Eiland. The object is to manufacture woolsens of all kinds. The authorized capital is \$50,000.

### Postpone Randolph Election.

The election scheduled for the near future to decide the matter of Randolph county issuing \$300,000 in bonds for road improvement was called off by the county commissioners. No cause was assigned for this action, but it was generally understood that it was to save the good roads advocates from an overwhelming defeat. About 4,000 voters had registered. For two months the campaign has been waged with vigor. Speakers, both local and imported talent, were sent into every nook and corner of the county to enlighten the natives, but the opposition was on hand at every turn and seemed to gradually gain ground as the campaign progressed.

### Instruction Camp A Success.

The annual officers' camp of instruction for the North Carolina National Guard came to a close recently, after a week of most successful work. There was an early morning conference in which there was discussion of methods of armory work and recruiting. The officers in attendance, upwards of 150 in all, received their pay for the week's service and the camp broke forthwith. The United States army instructors and the officers who have spent the week taking instruction from these experts all pronounce the school a complete success and admirably managed in every detail.

Smithfield.—May term of Johnston county superior court adjourned recently and Judge Frank Carter left for his home. A large number of cases were disposed of, but none of outside importance.

### Western North Carolina Fair.

The Western North Carolina fair association has bought from Alumnus at Riverside Bank, Asheville, in which the horticultural exhibit has been housed heretofore. The building is to be renovated and extensively improved to make it suitable for exhibits. The management proposes to make the native woods department a feature of the fair. W. H. Woodberry, a well-known and experienced lumber man, is to have charge of this department.

### Weather Has Farmers Guessing.

The peculiar condition of the weather since spring opened has kept the farmers guessing, and now they know no more what to expect than they did a month ago. Cotton has been coming up very slowly and in irregular way. From here away down into South Carolina the same complaint is heard. The cold and the lack of moisture has kept the seed from sprouting. Considerable cotton was planted early under the stimulus of the warm days of the first of April.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson VIII.—Second Quarter, For May 25, 1913.

### THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Gen. xliii, 18, 19, 23-34—Memory Verses, 29, 30—Golden Text, 1 John 2-10—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Because of Jacob's determination not to let Benjamin go to Egypt and the determination of the sons not to go without him they tarried till the corn they had brought was consumed. Then when they had to go or starve Judah pleaded with his father, saying: "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go. . . . I will be surety for him" (verses 8-10). This is all so suggestive, for the great and only surety, the Lord Jesus, came from the tribe of Judah (Heb. vii, 14), and in one of the great "Who is this?" verses concerning Him it is written: "Who is He that hath been surety for his heart to approach unto me?" (Jer. xxx, 21, R. V. M.) I still believe, as I have long believed, that anointed eyes may see Jesus Christ on every page of Scripture, but he must be blind indeed who cannot see Him in this wonderful story.

As Jacob sent away his sons with a present for the ruler in Egypt who controlled the corn and double money to pay for the first corn and the next and Benjamin he said, "God Almighty give you mercy before the man" (verse 14). This is one of the most wonderful names of God in the Bible, and it is found thirty-one times in the book of Job and only twenty-six times in all the rest of the Bible.

It is "El-shaddai," which may signify "the Mighty God, who is all sufficient." To know the sufficiency of God we must know our own insufficiency and become, like Job, thoroughly emptied of self (Job xlii, 5, 6). Jacob was now thoroughly emptied, even of his last loved son, Joseph's own brother, and was very near the time of fullness of blessing.

We may not attempt to describe the feelings of Joseph as he looked upon the face of his own brother and gave orders to the ruler of his house to make ready to have those men dine with him, nor can we imagine their surprise as Simeon having joined them, those eleven men sat before him in the order of their ages—Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah and so on to the youngest, Benjamin (verses 23, 33). We think of how thoroughly we are known by Him whom we know not as we might and will some day, and we cannot but think of another gathering of twelve when He sat with the eleven at the passover, Judas having gone.

Their fear and the "Peace be to you, fear not" of verses 18, 23, make us think of His "Peace be unto you. . . . Why are ye troubled?" to the ten, and a week later His "Peace be unto you" to the eleven (Luke xxiv, 36-38; John xx, 26). The great adversary takes delight in filling us with thoughts of fear and unrest, but the Lord's thoughts to us are always thoughts of peace (Jer. xxix, 11; Ps. xxix, 11; lxxxv, 8; John xiv, 1; Matt. xxiv, 6). The steward of Joseph's house seems to have known the God of Israel (verse 23), and we are not surprised, being in the service of such a man as Joseph. His words must have comforted the brethren and specially when he restored Simeon to them, no doubt in good condition.

The water for their feet (verse 24) takes us back to xviii, 4, and on to Luke vii, John xiii. When Joseph came home at noon they had the present ready and bowed themselves to him to the earth with probably never a thought of a dream they had heard twenty years before. There should be great comfort to every believer in "the eternal purpose of God" and in the assurance that "every purpose of the Lord shall be performed" (Eph. iii, 11; Jer. ii, 29). How can our hearts be quiet as we look on this scene and hear Joseph say to them: "Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? . . . Is this your younger brother of whom ye spake unto me? God be gracious unto thee, my son."

We do not wonder that Joseph could not restrain his feelings and that he had to hurry to his chamber to weep. How natural to read that after weeping he washed his face before he could be calm enough to go out to them again (verses 30, 31). Did you never do it after those tears had come that you could not restrain and your eyes were red with weeping, but a plentiful supply of water helped, and you looked like yourself again?

I do not quite see how they could be merry with him. They did not know him except as the ruler of Egypt, and their grief concerning their brother, of whom they said, "One is not," could not altogether fade from their minds, but it is wonderful how pleasant surroundings can make us forget for a time. They were certainly highly honored to be thus invited to dine with so great a man, and for the time being seemed to forget all else. They needed, however, more humiliation and a deeper conviction of sin, and it had to come.

There can be no lasting peace until we have learned that we are sinners and nothing but sinners and that in us—that is, in our flesh—dwelleth no good thing (Rom. vii, 18). Miss Habershon's suggestive typical lessons from this chapter are concerning the feast made ready and the perfect love of Him who makes the feast casting out all fear (Matt. xxii, 4; 1 John iv, 18; Rom. xv, 13). She also quotes Luke xv, 24, in connection with their being merry.

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