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THEY REPLY TO THE TULLOCH CHARGES

The Answers by Castle and Tracewell.

BOTH STRONG DENIALS

They Specifically Deny Allegations of Wrongful Procedure and Belittle Accusations Brought by Tulloch--Payne Comments on the Replies.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 23.—Postmaster General Payne today made public the answers of Henry A. Castle, the auditor of the Treasury for the Postoffice Department, and Comptroller Tracewell, of the Treasury, regarding the Tulloch charges of irregularities in the Postal Administration. The answers specifically deny the allegations of wrongful procedure. Comptroller Tracewell charges T. W. Gilmer, formerly an expert of his office, with abstracting but subsequently returning upon demand, the letter authorizing Mr. Gilmer to examine the accounts of any postoffice except Washington and New York. Mr. Tracewell alleges this letter was written by Gilmer himself without any suggestion from the Comptroller. Mr. Castle says that the sum of the tentative disallowances by Expert Gilmer and the Comptroller aggregated \$932; that the credits finally disallowed out of a total of a quarter of a million were \$165, of which he claims only seven dollars was incorrectly audited. This, Mr. Castle says, is the basis of Mr. Tulloch's charge of disallowances of \$30,000 or \$40,000.

The Postmaster General's statement says that the letters are made public at the request of the two officials, and that it will appear from them how much foundation there was for the Tulloch statements. Mr. Payne adds:

"In the Postoffice Department the complaint made of Mr. Gilmer, was that he would abruptly and discourteously enter the rooms of department clerks, demand papers in an offensive way, and then carry them away without leaving a receipt. It was demanded that he be instructed to act as a gentleman and leave receipts for all papers which he carried out of the building, for if any were misplaced the department clerks would be held responsible."

Mr. Castle in his answer says that Mr. Tulloch shares in a prevailing misapprehension that an auditor is charged with the responsibility of keeping other officials "correct and honest," and in determining the necessities of the service. The auditor says that such functions would be fatal to administrative freedom by the head of a department.

Regarding the settlement and subsequent revision of an account of the late Postmaster Willett, of Washington, which involved alleged irregularities in Porto Rico during the military occupations here, the Auditor replies that every item believed to be illegal was disallowed by the Auditor's office. The wide discretion given in the language of the appropriations for military postal service, according to the auditor's answer show that Congress intended to exempt the disbursement of those appropriations from many of the ordinary regulations.

Every expenditure made was authorized in advance by the department; every voucher approved and actually paid by a postmaster weeks or months before its presentation to the auditor's office for allowances. Many expenditures were unusual, and a few of them were by us held to be illegal, and disallowed, as to which the service was necessary or the compensation extravagant, the department was the sole judge."

Mr. Castle goes at length into details of the examination of accounts, and says: "While this revision was thus barren of financial gain it was indirectly profitable. Through Tulloch's private interviews with Gilmer irregularities were pointed out which did not appear on the face of the papers and were unknown to the auditor."

NOT BACKING TEDDY

Nor is the Bee Buzzing in My Own Bonnet, Says Hanna.

(By the Associated Press.)

Cleveland, O., May 23.—Senator Hanna in an interview this afternoon concerning widely circulated reports as to his position in connection with a proposed resolution to be introduced at the coming State Republican Convention endorsing President Roosevelt for a second term, made the following statement to the representative of the Associated Press:

"I have seen the reported interview with Senator Foraker with reference to the proposed endorsement of the nomination of President Roosevelt by the next Ohio Republican State Convention. At the outset I want to deny that Mr. Dover, my private secretary, or so far as I know any of my friends, had anything to do with raising this question."

"The first I knew of it was when I read in the papers a previous interview with Senator Foraker which I construed as an expression of his own personal views. This was followed by an interview with General Grosvenor along the same line. These made it apparent that there was a disposition on the part of some people to suggest such action by the convention."

"I certainly have no criticism to make of any individual as to his rights to entertain or to express such views, but I certainly do criticize the propriety of action along that line by the delegates to the State Convention who are chosen for the purpose of nominating a State ticket. It does not appear to me to be entirely proper for this convention to assume the prerogative of the one to be chosen in 1904, and upon which one will rest the responsibility of representing and expressing

THE LOSS IS \$750,000.

James Herold Injured in Seaboard Fire at Portsmouth, Expected to Die.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., May 23.—The fire which practically destroyed the machine shops, round house, warehouses and minor offices of the Seaboard Air Line Railway in the company's yard last night entailed a loss of about \$750,000. The property was partially covered by insurance. Although numerous accidents occurred at the fire and among the crowds surrounding the conflagration only one man was injured seriously. He is a machinist named James Herold, who was struck by a flying timber and sustained injuries that will probably result in his death.

YESTERDAY'S EVENTS AT SALISBURY.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Salisbury, N. C., May 22.—Yesterday was a big day for the carnival, great crowds being in attendance. The Rowan Rifles are to be congratulated on their efforts to establish a public library, the object for which the carnival is being given.

Ed. Rose, one of the actors with the Hatch-Adams Co., who was seriously in-

THE BURNED SHOPS WILL BE REBUILT

Giving Employment to Many Employes Now Idle.

THE LOSSES ALL COVERED

They Were Between \$100,000 and \$175,000 --Spontaneous Combustion Probably Caused the Fire--Young Machinist Dies of His Hurts.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., May 23.—A conservative estimate of the loss by fire at the Seaboard Air Line shops on Friday night is between \$100,000 and \$175,000 which is covered by insurance.

The burned buildings will be rebuilt. Temporary buildings in which to carry on the business of the company will be erected as soon as material can be gotten and the ground cleared of rubbish. The work of cleaning up has already begun.

Of the 350 workmen thrown out of work many will find employment in rebuilding the shops, and it is thought that none will be idle longer than a few weeks, by which time the shops in all probability will again be on full running order.

Railway officials believe that the fire originated from spontaneous combustion among the paints that were stored in the shed, where the flames were discovered by Watchman Saunders. There is nothing apparently to substantiate the idea of incendiarism.

A revised list of the damage places the number of cars destroyed at eighteen, and passenger coaches nine.

The buildings destroyed were the wrecking shed, where the fire originated; the stationery warehouse, the paint shop, office building of the Superintendent of Wood Work; a large brick structure, in which were located the carpenters and cabinet makers shops and a shop in which the painting and finishing of the passenger coaches was done. Half a dozen or more coaches were destroyed in this building. A small blacksmith shop, pipe fitters and tin shop, a large quantity of lumber and yard truckage completes the list. The departments which were not destroyed were the machine shop, main blacksmith shop, moulding department, general offices, power house, oil house, library and roundhouse. The latter was filled with engines.

Grant Penrod, the young machinist, who was fatally burned while trying to save a fellow workman's tools during the fire at the Seaboard Air Line shops last night, died at the King's Daughters Hospital this morning. The unfortunate man was so badly burned as to be almost unrecognizable.

Captain Hartmann Acquitted.

(By the Associated Press.)

Manila, May 23.—The verdict in the court martial of Captain Carl F. Hartmann of the Signal Corps, charged with embezzling government property, is a full and honorable acquittal.

Major General Davis in reviewing the verdict disapproved of the finding on the ground that the facts did not warrant it. It is understood that the court expressed the opinion that the prosecution of Captain Hartmann was malicious. No statement to this effect, however, was published.

Hartmann Guilty of Bribery.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., May 23.—After being out fifty-five minutes the jury in the case of Emil Hartmann, former member of the House of Delegates for bribery, returned a verdict this afternoon before Judge Ryan finding Hartmann guilty and fixing his punishment at six years in the penitentiary. The penalty is the heaviest that has been inflicted so far in the bribery trials.

FOR HABEAS CORPUS

The Prisoners at Wilson Make Application.

And the Matter Will be Heard Before Judge Brown on Tuesday or Wednesday.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilson, N. C., May 23.—J. B. Piver, W. H. Rich, George Whitley, Gil Ward, John Allen and W. W. Barnes, the prisoners charged with the murder of Percy Jones on the night of the 13th, instant, have applied to Judge Brown for a writ of habeas corpus, and the matter will be heard before him here on Tuesday or Wednesday next.

KILLED BY HIS HORSE.

It Ran Away, Kicking Its Master in the Head.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Monroe, N. C., May 23.—Quite a novel accident occurred here yesterday that cost the life of a good man. Mr. Phelin Funderburk from Chesterfield county, was driving into the city about noon. His young horse became frightened and ran away. During the flight he kicked, striking Mr. Funderburk in the head, fracturing his skull and knocking out one eye. The gentleman never rallied and died last night. Mr. Funderburk was a good and prosperous farmer and Chesterfield loses a good citizen.



View of the MAIL AND BAGGAGE CAR IN WRECK ON THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY, NEAR RALEIGH. Photograph by Watson.

the sentiment in our State for any candidate.

"It would seem unnecessary for me to say that these conclusions are in no way influenced by any personal desires or ambitions of my own."

"I have often stated, both privately and publicly, that I AM NOT AND WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION."

"On account of my position as chairman of the Republican National Committee at the further fact that this year I am supposed to have a vital interest in the results in Ohio as bearing upon my reelection to the United States Senate, it would be presumed that I might have some influence as to the policy or action of the State Convention this year in national affairs."

"In that connection it would seem apparent that if such a resolution were adopted its influence might be exerted in a direction which would cause just criticism on the part of any other person who might aspire to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1904. For these reasons I am opposed to the adoption of such a resolution."

jured at Tarboro while making a high dive, is improving rapidly and it is thought will now recover. He had both legs broken in the accident.

The Salisbury graded school closed today for the summer holidays. The school is in a flourishing condition.

Prof. Noble Speaks on Education.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Nashville, N. C., May 23.—Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the University, delivered the address before the Nashville Collegiate Institute yesterday afternoon. It was a masterly effort in behalf of education of the boys and girls of the State. The address was well received and greatly appreciated.

The very dry weather is beginning to be felt seriously by the cotton and tobacco farmers.

FOR PRACTICAL A & M GRADUATES.

Take Charge of Fairview Dairy Farm and Promise Model Creamery.

Two young men of the A. and M. College are putting into practical use at once the knowledge given them by the college.

Messrs. J. E. Coit and J. N. Garren take full charge of the Fairview Dairy Farm, formerly run by Mr. B. G. Cowper, after June 1st. Mr. Garren, of the class of 1902, has been associated with Mr. Cowper for some time, and Mr. Coit graduates from the agricultural course this week. It is the purpose of these young men to operate an up-to-date creamery, and they will without doubt keep it in the front rank, as both of the young men have been trained in all details of sanitary and scientific dairy management.

It is gratifying to know that while both of these young men have been offered positions elsewhere, they prefer to go to dairy farming for themselves. They will doubtless enlarge this already prosperous dairy business, and offer such high class of dairy products as will be instrumental in raising the standard of such products throughout Raleigh, and in neighboring cities.

DEATH OF MR. EVERETT SMITH.

A North Carolinian Nominated for Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Smithfield, N. C., May 23.—Everett Smith, born in Wayne county, died yesterday at the home of his nephew, W. S. Stevens, whose family he was visiting. He was the last member of his family, all the others having preceded him to the grave many years. He was a Methodist of the old school, having joined the church at "old Smith's Chapel" in Wayne county in his young manhood. He moved from North Carolina to Dakota in 1883, where he has resided since. He always manifested a lively interest in public affairs and was the Democratic nominee for

LILLINGTON IS BUOMING.

Solicitor Jones Tells of the Splendid Prospects in Harnett County.

Solicitor Armistead Jones has returned from Lillington and brings a glowing account of the growth and prospects of Harnett's county seat.

Judge H. R. Bryan presided at the court there and Solicitor Jones said that there was no case of great importance tried. In one case two gentlemen who had broken up a fishing trap that they had floated down the river, were fined \$25 each. In the case of Holland & Company of Dunn, who sued an insurance company for \$1,500 because of property destroyed, a whole day was taken in the case, which at night was compromised for \$750.

"Lillington is on a boom," said Solicitor Jones yesterday. "New people are moving in and these have bought property on which buildings will be erected. New stores are to go up and some of these will be of brick. A big saw mill is being put up on the river bank at the end of Mill's road."

"Mill's Railroad is pushing on into the

STATE RETAIL GROCERS.

The Association Will be Formed at Session Here June 8 and 9.

Delegates from all the Retail Grocers Associations of the State will meet with the Raleigh Association here on June 8th and 9th, to form a State Association.

This session will be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, and the address of welcome will be delivered by State Auditor Dr. B. F. Dixon, at 10 o'clock on the morning of Monday, June 8th. Other prominent speakers will be present and will address the convention.

After this the State Association will proceed to organize and all retail grocers throughout the State, whether members



View of the WRECK ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY NEAR RALEIGH. Photograph by St. Jacques.



View of WRECK ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY IN FIRST-CLASS CAR. Photograph by St. Jacques.