

Weather—Unsettled, probable showers tonight or Friday.

CHARLES LAWRENCE, JR., WINS BABY'S GOLD AND SILVER PRIZE

Contest Closed Last Night at Midnight—The Winner Leads by 683 Votes Over Nearest Competitor in Thrilling Contest.

Charles Lawrence, Jr., is the successful baby in the contest that has been going on at A. G. Smither & Co., jewelers, for the past month, having received 2,160 votes.

HAVE FORMED A BIG SALE FOR LEGAL FIRM CARPET FUND

Messrs. W. L. Vaughan, of this city, and Mr. W. A. Thompson, of Aurora, have formed a partnership for the practice of law.

EFFORTS TO GET LYCEUM COURSE

Efforts are being made to secure the lyceum course for Washington this season, to be given under the auspices and for the Washington Public School Library.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at their rooms tomorrow night. Business of importance.

MISS TYER TO WED.

Invitations are received here making this announcement.

GRAPE CROP ABUNDANT.

The grape crop in this section this season is abundant and the price is lower than in several years.

LADIES TO ORGANIZE FRIDAY

To Meet at School Auditorium at 4 o'clock to Start Ladies Betterment Association.

Tomorrow afternoon, in the Public School Auditorium, the ladies of the city are expected to meet at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Betterment Association.

HYDE COUNTY WANTS RAILROAD TO WASHINGTON

People Too Negligent

If People's Present Interest is Not Protected, There Will be Another Case of Being Dominated by a Railroad.

R. R. CARES NOTHING FOR THE PUBLIC

(By A. C. Hathaway.) After drainage, the most important project to the people of Hyde, Belhaven, Bath township and Washington is the terminal of the Mattamuskeet Railroad.

THE FINAL SETTLEMENT

What the Papers Say About 'The Final Settlement.'

A strong play. An excellent company.—Pittsburg Dispatch. A great play, well produced. It scored an immediate success.—Pittsburg Leader.

GOES TO LITTLETON.

Miss Emma McCullen, daughter of Rev. A. McCullen, presiding elder of the Washington district, left yesterday for Littleton Female College, Littleton, N. C., to continue her studies.

RETURNS FROM HUNT.

Mr. Frank Moss has returned from a hunting trip down the country and reports good sport. Several deer were killed.

CAPTAIN GALLOP RELIEVED OF DUTY

Capt. Peter Gallop, who has been the custodian of the United States buoy yard here for the past three years, has been relieved and appointed keeper of a lighthouse near his home, in Currituck county.

OPINION HAS SOME WEIGHT

Mr. H. H. Carrow has again come to the front as a prognosticator. This time he intimates that in as much as the bond issue has been decided and he is to receive the baby prize, at Smither & Co., news will be somewhat scarce in these parts for the next few days.

CIRCUS COMING.

Young America will be jubilant over the news Washington will have a circus in October. It will exhibit here about October 11.

DELEGATES TO U. THRONGS GREET THE PRESIDENT

Will Attend Meeting in Wilmington—Local Chapter Meets Saturday.

The following ladies have been elected to attend the convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to be held in Wilmington, October 13-15.

GEM TONIGHT.

The Gem was crowded last night from start to finish. There was some new music, and the pictures were simply beautiful, and the scenes in faraway-Lapland were most interesting.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE.

providing for a game here today between the Chicago Cubs and the New York Giants, was changed at the request of President Taft.

SOUVENIR DAY.

As will be seen on fourth page of today's News, J. K. Hoyt will have his fall and winter opening tomorrow which will be Souvenir Day.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY.

There will be a meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy at the residence of Miss L. T. Rodman, next Saturday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wm. Bragg & Co. Fire Insurance. Gem Theater—Moving Pictures. Dixie Theater—Moving Pictures. Spencer Bros.—Griffon Brand Cigarettes. Dr. Hardy's Drug Store—Locals.

8 KILLED IN BAD SMASHUP

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 16.—Eight trainmen killed and fifteen passengers injured, two fatally perhaps, is the result of a collision between a passenger and a freight train this morning on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad at Pegram, 20 miles west of here.

The dead: Will Morgan, traveling engineer, Nashville; Joe Gower, engineer on passenger train, Nashville; Jess Tarkington, engineer on freight, Nashville; Walter Roach, messenger, Nashville; Sam Whitted, fireman on freight, Nashville; S. B. Welp, brakeman; W. S. Stalcup, mail clerk, Martin, Tenn.

Seriously injured: Bob Halley, fireman, Nashville, two ribs broken and left side injured; Ellis Martin, conductor on freight, Nashville, injured in head and internally (may die); Slightly injured: Capt. T. Jobe, Burton, N. C.; William H. Lunsford, Peachtree, N. C.; W. L. Thomason, Peachtree, N. C.; R. W. Boyd, Almond, N. C.; Mrs. L. M. Lee, Tullahoma, Tenn.; Mrs. Temple Lunsford, Murphy, N. C.; Mrs. A. G. Thomason, Murphy, N. C.; May Thomason, Murphy, N. C.; Mrs. Mary J. Jackson, McLean Branch, Tenn.; Mrs. Joseph S. Lively, McMinnville, Tenn.; Mrs. John Dunn, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.; John Dunn, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

The collision occurred about 8 o'clock and was between passenger train No. 4, westbound, and fast freight, No. 51, en route to Nashville. The wreckage at once caught fire. The baggage, mail, express and smoking cars of the passenger train and several of the freight cars were burned. But one bag of mail was saved. Through the almost superhuman strength exerted by the passengers the three day coaches and the Pullman were pushed back from the fire and the equipment saved. It is the general impression among passengers and trainmen that the fault was with the passenger crew, as orders to meet at Pegram station had been issued and the wreck occurred west of that station.

The National League schedule, providing for a game here today between the Chicago Cubs and the New York Giants, was changed at the request of President Taft.

When invited by the Hamilton Club to visit Chicago, the President told the committee that he would like to see the Cubs play the Giants.

An entire tier of boxes has been reserved for the presidential party, and Manager Chance has promised that "Miner" Brown and Ed. Ruelbach, his star twirlers, shall both pitch in the game. Arrangements have been made with McGraw to have Christy Mathewson pitch for the Giants. This will insure Mr. Taft seeing a great exhibition of the national game.

From Chicago the President will proceed to Milwaukee, where he will visit the Wisconsin State Fair tomorrow and make an address. It is expected this early in the trip that Mr. Taft has adopted economy as his watchword, and in this respect the four differs from those made to the Pacific coast by three Republican predecessors, Roosevelt, McKinley and Harrison. These three Presidents all went on handshaking and speechmaking jaunts, and if they left anything undone in either line the newspapers of their day failed to record the fact. Every milestone along the transcontinental lines was paraded and every corral and prairie dog between the Mississippi and the Great Divide got a view of at least one of the three perambulating presidents.

Those roystering fellows, Vain Show and Needless Expense, who were on the Harrison, McKinley and Roosevelt trips to the coast, have this time been left behind. No matter how strenuous they may endeavor to climb aboard when the President is looking, they will not be permitted under any circumstances to set foot on the executive's car. This is official and also remarkable, for who on earth ever heard of a public expense without taking one or both of these old favorites along? Quite often, it is true, Vain Show has been left off of junkets planned and executed on the quiet, but never in history has Needless Expense been given such a cruel blow by a public servant.

One item will convince the most skeptical of Mr. Taft's intention to hold expenses down to bed rock. The trip he is making will cost the Treasury no more than \$15,000; the Roosevelt coast trip burned up \$60,000 of good money. Taft has only one and one-half cars at his disposal; Roosevelt had a train of five. Taft travels on regular trains; Roosevelt "ran special" from Washington to Bellingham, from Bellingham to Los Angeles and from Los Angeles back to Washington again. Taft will be accompanied by only a small staff; Roosevelt had a retinue of 20 in his wake.

Still, frugally as Taft will proceed to the Golden Gate and back, his going and coming will cost the United States Treasury more than the journey of his predecessor six years ago. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company paid the bill for the entire journey made by Roosevelt—for the Pullman car, for the porters, waiters and train crew, for the food eaten, the cigars smoked and the cheer-ful conversation maintained during the 66 days that the presidential party was on wheels. So, too, did the railroad settle the bills for the Harrison and McKinley tours to the Pacific coast.

But, if the roads were so generous to Harrison, McKinley and Roosevelt, why not to Taft? Why should they not swing him around the circuit too, for a handshake with the American