

ROWLAND ASHORE

Big Freight Steamer Aground Off Currituck.

HAS A CREW OF 50 MEN

Steamer Bound From Cuba to Bremen Ashore on Island Striking Currituck Sound—Wrecking Tugs Sent Out From New York to Give Her Assistance.

New York, May 3.—Merritt-Chapman wrecking tugs were today rushed to the North German-Lloyd liner Rowland, which has grounded on the North Carolina coast.

At the office of the North German-Lloyd Company here this morning it was said that advice had been received that the ship was in no danger. She ran ashore on an island and not on a reef and the sea was moderate.

Officials of the company declared their belief that the steamer had run onto one of the Carolina sea islands. Within a short time after the first news of the accident was flashed out, five tugs were on their way to the Rowland.

The steamer is in the Bremen-Cuba trade. She arrived in Havana April 1 and left within the last three or four days, according to the officers here. It is believed that the captain was bringing her up the coast to take the course from Baltimore across the Atlantic.

OPENING

The Children's Play Grounds Now in Full Blast—Large Crowds Attend.

The opening of the children's play ground Monday at 4:30 o'clock was well attended by the little folks. Several hundred were present, participating in the May pole, swinging, sawing, joggling, etc.

This play ground has been fitted up by the Woman's Betterment Association for the small white children of Washington. This is particularly for the younger children and we hope the older ones will remember this. It is the desire of the association to fit up a play ground for the larger children as soon as they can procure a lot. The present lot was kindly offered by the vestrymen of the Episcopal Church for us to use. We wish to thank them in behalf of the association and the children of Washington for their kindness. We also wish to thank Mr. Tim Harding, who gave us his services in superintending the building of the pavilion. The Bureka Lumber Co., which contributed lumber for the swings, Kugler Lumber Co. and Moss Planing Mill for two joggling boards. Mrs. Sam Powle one joggling board, Mrs. Tom Clark the May pole ribbons, and the band for furnishing the music which so delighted the little folk at the opening and added much to the success of the opening day.

INCREASE IN WAGES

Postal Telegraph Company Shows Appreciation of Its Excellent Force. (Special to The News.)

New York, May 2.—The Postal Telegraph Cable Company announces that on June 1 it will make substantial increases in the wages of its telegraph operators in all its important offices of its system. These offices are to be classified according to their comparative importance. The increases will be selective, and will run from five and in some cases as high as twenty-five per cent.

Careful examination and full inquiry will be made as to the merits of each individual operator's ability to be the first requisite; years' experience and other special fitness will count in each man's favor and all will be graded accordingly.

Efficient and deserving operators will receive pay commensurate with the value of the work that they are able to perform, and less experienced and new operators will have greater opportunity to demonstrate their fitness for advancement in pay or promotion in other ways. It is the company's inclination by continued fair dealing with employees, to retain and attract to its service the most skillful and reliable operators, thus maintaining and improving what is already recognized as "the fastest telegraph service in the world."

THE PARENTS' DAYS

Take Place Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5.

ALL CORDIALLY INVITED

Special Exercises to Take Place Tomorrow Morning—All are Requested to Spend Some Time Looking at the Exhibits and the Classroom Work—All Should Attend.

Are you going to see the exhibits at the public school Wednesday and Thursday? The teachers and pupils have done a great deal of extra work for you, and they will be greatly disappointed if you fail to go and see them. All the people of the city are cordially invited to visit the school on the days mentioned.

On Wednesday at 9 a. m. there will be some special exercises at the opening in the auditorium. Friends who can attend these exercises might be prepared to spend some time in looking at the exhibits and also see the actual classroom work in the different grades. If you cannot attend the opening exercises it will be alright to go any time you can. All visitors are requested to enter the building at the front door on second street, where they will be met by some of the older students who will be glad to direct them to any part of the building, and show them the way. There will be some one in each class room to explain the exhibits to visitors. The teachers will go right on with their work, so visitors can see some of the actual class work. If the teachers should continue their work and not stop to speak long with visitors, do not consider this rudeness on the teacher's part; they will be trying to play their part in the daily program. If visitors desire to ask questions of the teacher do not hesitate to do so.

On Wednesday at 12 o'clock there will be brief exercises in the auditorium by the kindergarten and primary grades. Visitors can attend these exercises and after that see the exhibits in all the rooms and the recitations in the grammar and high school grades. The studies will be open to visitors until 4 o'clock on Wednesday.

On Thursday there will be some special exercises at the opening at 9 a. m. in the auditorium. Visitors who can do so may attend these exercises and then see all the exhibits and class rooms afterwards if desired.

At 12 o'clock on Thursday there will be special exercises in the auditorium by the grammar and high school grades. After these exercises the session will close for the day, so as to give the pupils an opportunity to see the exhibits in other grades besides their own. Visitors who attend these special exercises may, if they so desire, go immediately through the different rooms and see all the exhibits, though there will not be any class room work going on at that time.

On Thursday the building will be open to visitors and to the pupils of the school from 2:30 to 5 p. m. This period of two and one-half hours is set apart especially for those who cannot come at any other time, and for the school children to visit the various rooms and see the display of work.

This teacher, in the domestic science department, and her classes will serve light refreshments on Wednesday from 10 a. m. to 1:35 p. m. and from 3 to 4 p. m. On Thursday from 10 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

Will not every man and woman in the city who can possibly do so visit our school at some time on Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5?

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Eugene Murray Short, of High Point, N. C., formerly of this city, announces the engagement of her daughter, Camelia Rodman, to James Edward Mills, the wedding to take place in June.

The Greensboro Daily News, in announcing the engagement, says: "Miss Short is the fourth daughter of Mrs. E. M. Short, formerly of Washington, N. C., but for the past 18 months of High Point. She is a strikingly handsome young woman of a charming personality, and this, coupled with her sweet disposition and gentle bearing, has made her a society favorite. Mr. Mills is the second son of J. Henry Mills, one of the best known men of Guilford county. He has applied himself to good advantage to High Point's great manufacturing business, and though quite young, is regarded as one of

PROMOTE WELFARE

The North Carolina Association of the Blind.

A COMMUNICATION TO ALL

The Next Meeting of the Association is to Take Place in Raleigh on May 27—All Graduates Can Secure Special Rates on the Railroads by Communicating With J. E. Ray.

All who may be kindly disposed to the interests of the blind and who would be willing to do something for the betterment of their condition by helping them to help themselves, are asked to read the following lines:

On June 1, 1909, about thirty-five blind men and women of this State formed the North Carolina Association for the Blind. The prime object of this organization is to promote the welfare of the blind within our borders, especially the unemployed adult blind.

Through an employment bureau or committee who get information of vacancies or openings and urge the appointment of suitable individuals, many idle and discontented blind persons may become happy and useful. By a loan fund for the purchase of materials, tools, appliances, stock of goods, etc., many may become self-supporting who would fall without aid.

If we acquire sufficient strength financially, we hope to establish an industrial home for blind women where they may spend their time pleasantly and profitably, making at least partial self-support. Also a workshop for blind men may be run on a paying basis like the one at our State school in Raleigh, where those not admissible into the school may learn the trades and where those who cannot work with seeing men may find employment.

Besides these four valuable auxiliaries which are approved of by the leading workers for the blind and practiced in many other States with satisfactory results, by meeting together for the exchange of helpful ideas in prepared addresses, open discussions, and private conversations, etc., the members may be encouraged and benefitted in many ways. By working together as an association, we may bring about the repeal of the law of our State which is enforced in some cities. Blind persons who travel and beg on the streets can sell small articles just as easily and with far more grace. It is a public nuisance and prejudices public opinion against other blind people who do wish to earn a living.

Any seeing person, paying the dues of only \$1 per year, may become an associate member of our organization and thereby materially advance this good cause. All expenditures of money will be under the direction of a committee of competent and experienced persons, whose judgment and integrity are unquestioned. There are many similar associations in other States and cities, particularly in the North, which are doing much good and are liberally patronized by "benevolent people." And we feel sure that this deserving movement for the unemployed blind of our own State who are so handicapped in many respects, will receive the kindly support and best wishes of those who read this paper. All names and fees of associates or regular members will be gladly received by the corresponding secretary and treasurer, C. B. Alexander, Matthews, N. C.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Raleigh, May 27, it being the occasion of the commencement exercises of the State School for the Blind and any graduate of this institution who may wish to attend the association can communicate with John E. Ray, principal of the institution, and they can secure special rates over the railroads.

BOARD MEETS

The Board of Education Met in Regular Monthly Session Yesterday.

Usual Routine of Business.

The County Board of Education met in the courthouse yesterday with all the members present. The following business was transacted:

A petition was received from District No. 3, Bath township (white), located at Rainsville, asking for a special school election. The petition was granted and the election was called for Friday, June 3.

A petition was received from District No. 19, Bath township (white), located at Yatesville, asking for a school election for special tax. The petition was granted and the election was called for Friday, June 3.

No other business was transacted and the board adjourned until the first Monday in June.

The foremost business men, and this, with his prominence in society, makes his popularity general. Both parties have scores of friends throughout the State who will wish for their much happiness.

IN SMOKY TOWN

The President Has Busy Time in Pittsburg.

ATTENDS THE BALL GAME

The Program Begins With Business and Pleasure—Luncheon, Reception, Banquet and Ball Game. Mr. Taft Addressed as Special Attraction.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 3.—A clear sky, bright sunshine, and warm weather greeted President Taft yesterday when he arose at an early hour at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas K. Laughlin, where he has made his headquarters since his arrival early Sunday morning. A program replete with business and pleasure, that kept the president busy every minute of the day and evening, up to the hour of his departure for Cincinnati, had been arranged. The general public had their opportunity to see the chief executive yesterday afternoon at Forbes' field, where he witnessed the game between the Chicago and Pittsburg National League teams. All roads lead to Forbes' field, and even at an early hour in the morning great crowds wended their way to the magnificent home of the Pirates to secure vantage points. Every trolley car in the city carried huge posters announcing the fact that the president would be a spectator at the afternoon game and every indication pointed to a record-breaking attendance.

This was the presidential program: Departs for Cincinnati at close of Banquet. Severe criticism was aroused yesterday by the advertising of President Taft as a special attraction at the ball grounds. Throughout the city in all the advertising mediums—on bill boards, cars and by hundreds of bill-boards—the public faced the announcement: "Go early to the ball grounds and see President Taft and the great game between the Cubs and the Pirates." This is the first time in the history of the nation that the chief executive has been advertised as a part of a double bill show or used as a drawing card to an athletic contest. Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, is the owner of the Chicago Cubs.

LIST OF LETTERS.

The following list of letters remain uncalled for in this office for the week ending April 30, 1910:

- Gentlemen—Shade Adams, G. S. Briggs & Co., J. G. Bishop, J. W. Brinson, J. P. Campbell, Louis Corvopolis, W. Coleman, A. G. Cherry, Rev. C. R. Canipe, Edward H. Dunaff, Fulton & Co., T. J. Fulcher, Elliott Fallon, Andrew Garrett, George Hamill (2), M. E. Holliday, John Hilliki, Abraham Jones, E. A. Lee, R. L. McKinlon, Maxwell Bros. Lumber Co., W. Soppinhusan, F. J. Penley, Tom Steward, Costantino Sianello, J. R. Soywell.

Ladies—Mrs. Adlaid Brown, Mrs. A. C. Cox, Mrs. Mary E. Gorham, Miss Julia H. Marsh, Miss Florence Mayberg.

DISCONTINUED

The Mail Clerk on the Atlantic Coast Line Discontinued.

Mr. J. H. Howard, who has been the efficient mail clerk on the Atlantic Coast Line train between Washington and Farmale, has been removed by the department and is now on the run between Hookerton and Tarboro. Mr. Howard has been a resident of this city for several years and has made many friends.

From now on there will be no mail clerk on the train between here and Farmale; the pouch system being in vogue. Citizens who have been in the habit of mailing their letters on the train after the mail has been dispatched from the postoffice should remember that this mail does not leave with the regular mail, but has to be returned to the Washington postoffice for distribution. This rule went into effect Monday.

LEFT TODAY.

Prof. Will E. Smith, who has charge of the Washington Concert Band, the Belhaven Band, the Aurora and Small bands, left this morning on the Norfolk & Southern for Harnell, New York, where he expects to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. Smith has overtures to again have charge of the band at Thousand Islands this summer, but as yet has not decided whether he will do so. Last season his direction was much appreciated by that organization and the fact that he is desired again this season at this well known summer resort goes to show the skill and ability of Professor Smith as a musician and director. He is one of the most capable musicians ever to locate in Washington. He has many friends here who wish him a pleasant summer.

THE CITY AFFAIRS

Mayor Sterling Delivers Annual Address to the Aldermen.

A YEAR AGO AND NOW

He Makes Recommendations and Suggestions, Touches on the Prohibition Law, Asks That the Mayor's Power be Increased and That the Aldermen Elect Extra Police.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of Washington, N. C. As the first fiscal year of our administration is about to close, I herewith make a report to you of the condition of affairs as we found them, and as they are today, together with a few recommendations as I see them, for your consideration.

In the first place, I wish to say, we took charge of the city under the most adverse conditions possible, absolutely nothing was turned over to us but two keys, one to a locker in the hall, in which was found some old papers of no value, and the other to the desk on the mayor's stand. In it was found some blank warrants and blank paper. Not a single city official came to show where anything was, in fact there was no need, as there was nothing, and upon enquiry we found there was \$6.14 in bank to the credit of the city, together with a local debt of about \$6,000.00 in round figures, and some of the employees of the city actually threatened to sue the city for their wages. Besides all this, there were the long summer months before we could collect any taxes.

MAYOR C. H. STERLING

It was my intention to give you the actual figures in this report, but at the last minute, I found the finance report would not be ready for tonight; therefore I will have to wait for that, as there was where I was to get the figures. The entire revenue for the general fund of the city is about \$17,000, out of that the entire expense of the city has to be paid (this does not include the revenue from the electric light plant which is barely self sustaining) including the interest on the \$22,000, refunding bond interest on the local debts, and money borrowed from the banks, which amount in total is inadequate by over \$2,000 per year to pay the expense.

The expenses of the city are, in round numbers, as follows: Salary list, \$1,000; lights, \$2,000; water, \$2,500; streets, \$4,000; insurance, \$350; fire department, \$1,300; and as you can see will constantly run the city behind. Last year the total amount of taxes collected by the clerk was \$24,964.36. This year the clerk with the same levy collected \$29,227.13, and it does seem to me that the present levy is high enough, but that he trouble lies in equalization of the assessments of property. There was a deficit in the general fund when we assumed control of \$4,292.28, and the city got the advantage of the liquor license, in former administrations, besides the surplus of the tax collected for payment of the bond interest, which was carried to the general fund, instead of being placed in hands of the sinking fund commissioner, who should have had at May 1, 1909, \$5,288.65, but not a cent did he have. This amount as I said has been transferred to the general fund each year and used. Note what the charter says: "That if any person connected with the town government shall use, or cause to be used, or knowingly permit to be used, any money arising from any special tax levied for the purpose of paying any bonds by the town, to any other purpose than that for which the same is levied, the said person or persons shall be guilty of a felony and fined or imprisoned, &c." We expect to place with sinking fund committee this year about \$1,500.

When prohibition went into effect provisions were made to meet the loss to the school fund by a special tax, but nothing was done to meet or care for the loss to the general fund, therefore a constant deficit will appear, and will increase from year to year, and in the end would deplete

PEARY IS HONORED

Hailed in England as Discoverer of the Pole.

IS FETED ON EVERY SIDE

The English From the First State Library Had the Utmost Confidence in the Claims of Commander Peary—Has Honors Galore Thrown at His Feet—Hearty Reception by Americans.

London, May 2.—Commander Robert E. Peary was hailed today by representative British scientists as the discoverer of the north pole. This nation is the first, other than the explorer's own, to accord him full honors.

The fact that the United States Congress had failed to reward Peary and that his claims had even been disregarded here, from the first Peary has held the faith of British scientists, and while ridicule of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claims was at its height here, Peary's assertion of the discovery was instantly accepted as true.

When the American explorer stepped from the steamer train at the Paddington station at 11 o'clock he was greeted by Major Leonard Darwin, president, and Dr. Scott Keltze, secretary of the Royal Geographical Society, and a delegation of members of that body.

Naval attaché Simpson, of the United States embassy, was among the formal welcome, and a crowd of Americans cheered the famous complot.

Commander Peary seemed more touched by this tribute from the American colony than by the honors from the scientific world.

Commander Peary thanked his hosts for the heartiness of their welcome with a few words. The first engagement on itinerary is luncheon at the Royal Societies Club tomorrow.

the general fund. I feel sure the specific taxes now levied is every cent the people can stand, and no relief in sight from the general tax, therefore I recommend that you have a committee appointed from your body including the City Attorney, to take this matter up without delay for investigation and make recommendations to the full board. This matter has got to be done sooner or later, and you had as well shoulder it (as wait for the next board), and relieve the financial situation. The expense of the city is now as low as possible, in fact, some of the departments are suffering now on account of it. One is the police department, we need at least one more police officer. It is absolutely impossible for the two street men to police the town. They are on now from twelve to eighteen hours a day. One way out of it is, I would suggest to place the man on the streets (that is now required to stay in the hall) a part of the night and have the janitor stay in the hall until 11 o'clock to answer phone calls, then with the extra man at night I feel sure we could furnish far better police protection to the citizens. I believe it would be well to place telephones in the homes of some of the police. At least two officers should patrol the streets at night to at least 2 o'clock. You must know it is a physical impossibility for two men to police the city all day and at so late at night, therefore you must know crime will go unpunished without proper police protection. I therefore ask for one more officer. As I said we surely need four men, the illicit sale of liquor is on the increase, thanks to the failure of the courts to convict, together with such exhibitions of evidence as has been given in cases on inquiry, which has been a farce. This of course has made the blind tigers more bold, and they are laughing in their sleeves at that kind of efforts to get at them.

As long as the business man (who could give the police some aid) refuse, and say "Oh, I can't be mixed up in those cases; it would injure my business," just so long will those efforts be a failure. I want to say it becomes all good citizens regardless of different views on the liquor or political questions, to support the law and officials who are trying to enforce it. Right here I recommend that a large license tax, say \$500, be placed on the near-beer and cider saloons; that they also be free from partitions, screens, &c., and a further condition, that if any intoxicating liquors be found on the premises, that it shall be prima facie evidence of sale, and that their places be closed by the police, and the Mayor be notified, and that it shall be the duty of the Mayor to revoke the license. The police to have the authority to inspect the places at will.

Prohibition is now a law, and I am in favor of enforcing it to the end, but no man can do so without sufficient police and the support of the citizens. People who stand on the streets and criticize the officers, and criticisms from the pulpit, will not help the matter. Right here in passing I want to say my conception of the duties of a minister are to preach the gospel of love, good will and peace among men, and not utter from

the pulpit personal criticisms that will cause continual political strife, such as continues to appear in certain papers, and on the streets. I think the condition of our fire department is satisfactory, if anything better than ever. We have 1,000 feet of new hose, and two new horses for the engine, which have added to the efficiency of the department, and one new horse for the volunteers (who ought to have the backing of every citizen); the loss to the city by fire has been very small this year and the re department are to be congratulated on their promptness and efficient work at time of alarm of fire.

The electric light department is also in good condition. The local and foreign debt on this department was nearly \$2,000 when we assumed control, that amount has been paid, and we are now keeping the bills paid promptly. Some improvements have been made in the way of a pipe line to the river, at considerable cost, but it has been a great help to the boilers and a saving of fuel and cost of repairs to the boilers, due to the softness of the water. I wish to especially call your attention to the condition of the plant, the actual cost for repairs to the machinery and dynamos have been less than \$200. For these conditions the engineer, Mr. Jones, deserves special credit. The plant has been out of commission (that is the lights out) one time during the year, and for a period of less than five minutes. For the convenience of the citizens several extra lights have been placed on the streets. I am informed that the plant is furnishing more lights than ever (and at a less cost per kilowatt hour) and saving in the way of fuel, &c., due to some improvements in the boiler room, at practically no expense. The location of the lights referred to are, one placed at foot of Respass street (Fowler's wharf), one at end of West, Main street, two on Third, one on Fourth and one on Ninth and Market streets.

As to the streets, there has been the usual amount of work on them and only so far as to keep them in the best condition possible with the crude system as now in use. My information is that we could make

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IMPORTANT CHANGE

A New Ruling Has Been Made in Service.

ARE TO BE CONSOLIDATED

The English From the First State Library Had the Utmost Confidence in the Claims of Commander Peary—Has Honors Galore Thrown at His Feet—Hearty Reception by Americans.

Washington, May 1.—The rural delivery service and the star route service of the Postoffice Department are to be consolidated and the combined service is to be taken as the division of rural mails. The order for the change was signed late Saturday night by Postmaster General Hitchcock and will take effect on July 1.

For some years past the two services have provided practically the same kind of mail facilities, but the management of each has been distinct. The star route service had been conducted by the division of contracts under the Second Assistant Postmaster General and the rural delivery service by a division in the bureau of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

The new division will have immediate supervision over annual appropriations aggregating close to \$50,000. It is claimed that the consolidation will prevent conflicting management, avoid duplication of postal facilities and result in material economies.

The change is the result of a recent investigation which showed that the rural delivery system was costing about \$28,000,000 more than the revenues derived from it. Plans were set on foot immediately to reorganize this service and place it on a more business-like basis. It is believed that the change will have the effect of cutting down the expenses of operations by several millions of dollars without any loss of efficiency.

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