

PETITIONERS WITHDRAW THEIR REQUEST

Citizens in Mass Meeting Protest Against Another Railroad Track Across Main Street—Were Unanimous—Meeting Enthusiastic and Well Attended—Request of Petitioners Withdrawn.

There was a meeting of the citizens and taxpayers at Washington at the City Hall last night in consequence of a request by the Board of Aldermen to consider with them the question of another railroad track being constructed across Main street.

At a previous meeting of the Board of City Aldermen, Mr. Havens made application for the privilege of allowing the Atlantic Coast Line to run another track or spur across Main street to his property.

Mr. Havens was asked to state what he desired of the board, etc., with reference to his request. He replied that he would like to have a track placed across Main street to his property.

A map of the proposed crossing was exhibited and viewed by many present. Mayor Sterling then called on any citizen present to express himself on the question.

Mr. Havens, one of the petitioners, stated that he desired the additional track across Main street to his property for the reason that it would increase his business.

Before this motion was put, Mr. Stephen Bragaw arose and stated that while this large number of citizens were present, they should be permitted to register their views.

First, that we believe that the streets of the city should be kept open for the use of the public, and that no part of same should be donated for purely private purposes.

Second, that in our judgment, to permit another track to be laid across the street, at the distance proposed from the present track would seriously interfere with traffic upon the said street.

Third, that special privileges should not be granted for the benefit of a few, when it involves taking the public streets, which belong to all.

Wherefore, we petition that you refuse to grant the application, or applications, now pending before you.

GOING AHEAD.

Family Chemical Plant Being Rapidly Constructed.

Work is progressing rapidly on the plant for the Family Chemical Company in the east end of the city. The pier, which projects 200 feet out in the river, has been completed.

STOLEN MONEY.

The Baltimore Evening Sun asserts that since January 1, 1905, the banks and trust companies of the United States have lost the enormous sum of \$25,000,000 by the dishonesty of officers and employees.

FOUR TASTE QUALITIES.

Only four distinct taste qualities are discoverable by the human tongue, is the announcement of a scientist.

Sweets and salts, two of the taste qualities, are observable at the tip of the tongue, and in determining whether the white crystals be salt or sweet the tip of the tongue is used.

SUMMARY OF COTTON CROP.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 15.—The following cotton crop summary will be published by the Commercial Appeal tomorrow.

For three successive weeks cotton has improved in the States east of the Mississippi river, and it promises now fair to good.

A SKILLFUL MANUEVER.

Governor Patterson's offer to waive the Democratic governorship nomination now held by him, in the event that the insurgent Democrats will agree to support whoever may be nominated in a new primary, must embarrass his opponents considerably.

ORIGIN OF HAND-SHAKING.

Shaking hands is a relic of barbarism anyway. It became the custom in the days when everyone carried a dagger in his belt, and when one friend meeting another thought it necessary to attest the peacefulness of his intentions by extending an open palm.

AN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT.

Wilmington, Aug. 15.—Dr. W. D. McMillan, county superintendent of health, and at present acting city superintendent of health, met with an unusual accident today in a most extraordinary manner.

FIRE FEIND'S WORK

The Brussels Exposition is Destroyed by Fire.

LOSS OVER TWO MILLIONS.

BRUSSELS EXPOSITION BURNED SUNDAY NIGHT—ALMOST THE ENTIRE GROUNDS ARE SWIFT CLEAR AND SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED.

Brussels, Aug. 15.—Careful estimates made this afternoon by the Belgian exposition officials put the total amount of damage done by fire last night and early today at \$2,000,000.

It was announced today that the exposition would continue open with the few buildings remaining, efforts being made to repair such as were not entirely destroyed.

The smoking ruins of the White City, Brussels' 1910 exposition, today are practically under martial law and not a building in the magnificent fair grounds escaped damage of destruction in the flames which swept on with panic-spreading speed last night.

When the fire was finally under control today the officials of the exposition estimated the damage at a minimum of \$75,000,000. It probably will be double that.

Sparks carried by a high wind not only spread the flames within the fair grounds, but carried them beyond to the residential districts in the vicinity and 60 homes were destroyed.

Throughout the night special trains arrived from every part of Belgium, bearing additional firemen and apparatus.

Dawn found the English and the French buildings in ruins, and the Russian, Austrian, Japanese, Norwegian, Danish, Chinese and American buildings still burning.

RAILWAY NEWS

Several Boats Being Repaired at the Local Yards.

The tug Nautilus, owned by the Kugler Lumber Company, has just been launched from the Mutual Machine Company's rail yards, where she has been undergoing considerable repairs to both hull and machinery.

The tug W. F. Taylor, owned by the Leach Towing Company, is now on the rail yards having her machinery and hull overhauled.

The schooner Ida Midyette and other craft are in port awaiting their turns on the rail yards.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A woman never loses interest in a man as long as he knows something she is anxious to find out. Liberty is represented by a female, but the suffragette is firmly convinced that the facts are all to the contrary.

CHILDREN KILLED

Train Runs Down Two Tots at High Point.

THEIR MOTHERS ESCAPE.

BOTH OF THE VICTIMS WERE NATIVES OF HIGH POINT AND WERE ON A VISIT TO RELATIVES NEAR LAKE—TRAIN ON SOUTHERN THE SLAYER.

High Point, Aug. 15.—This city was shocked this morning when the news of the horrible accident at Lake reached here, telling of the killing of two small girls by train No. 44.

It seems the children were some distance in front of their mothers and could not be warned of the approach of the train, which was coming around a sharp curve.

The same engine that killed these children was the one that some time ago was being driven by Engineer Sebe Perry, of this city, when he met his death.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled for in the Local P. O. for Week Ending Aug. 13. GENTLEMEN—Mr. W. T. Brown, Mr. C. A. Brown, Mr. W. M. Bauby, Mr. Henry Cratch, Chapin Sacks Mfg. Co., Mr. J. W. Cherry, Gus Carter, Lewis Herman, Hours, J. W. Jones, Mr. R. J. Jordan, Mr. David M. Lucas, Jessio Little, Mr. F. E. Leathy, J. H. Mills, Mr. J. D. McKnight, Thos. Neal, Mr. F. N. Pinner, Mr. Charley Smith, Freeman Tankard, C. White.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office August 25, 1910, if not delivered before.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, FAMOUS NURSE, IS DEAD

London, Aug. 15.—Florence Nightingale, the famous nurse of the Crimean war, and the only woman who ever received the order of merit, is dead, having passed away yesterday at her London home.

On May 12 last she celebrated her 90th birthday, and was the recipient of a congratulatory message from King George.

Florence Nightingale was born in 1820. She was the first woman to follow a modern army into battle as a nurse, and in the Crimean war gained the title of "Angel of the Crimea."

WITH THE SHARPSHOOTERS.

Down in New Jersey a gang of avengers (armed and feathered) a man and tied him, leaving him exposed to the attacks of Jersey mosquitoes—crowning horror of all, particularly if those cruel birds recognized their feathers.—Troy Times.

It will be safe to doubt the news from Tennessee that the preliminary election results "stung Governor Patterson to the quick."

MEANS PROSPERITY

Purchase of the Canal to Eastern Carolina.

State Library OPINION

GOVERNMENT HEARING IN NORFOLK SEPTEMBER 6 RELATIVE TO PURCHASE OF ONE OF EXISTING ISLAND WATERWAYS BEING MADE FREE.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 15.—In discussing the inland waterway and the question that is now uppermost as to whether the old Dismal swamp canal or the Albemarle canal shall be selected as the course for the waterway, J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of state, said today:

"The old fight that for several generations has been waged between the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal and the Dismal swamp canal has fairly to be settled at the meeting in Norfolk September 6, when the government will have a hearing of the interests represented by the two canals.

"The purchase and making free of one by the government means the practical confiscation of the other. The making free of either of these canals means the reestablishment of boat lines that have been bought up or strangled by the railroad companies in eastern Carolina.

"A successful business man, a large millowner in eastern Carolina, writing a few days ago in answer to inquiries as to the amount of savings in freight that the making free of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal would mean to the people of eastern Carolina, said: 'The figures have been carefully estimated, but in doing so both the Albemarle and Chesapeake and the Dismal swamp canals were taken into consideration.'

"You understand, of course, if this canal were made free the water commerce would be increased very much—possibly double. You are aware of the fact that the present canals permit boats to pass through them loaded not to exceed nine feet. If, as suggested, either of the canals should be purchased by the government and made free and the cut made deep enough to permit boats loaded to 12 feet, there would be a marked decrease in the freight rates and increase in water traffic; and when you take into consideration the fact that the eastern coast of North Carolina has 2,600 miles of water front, bottled up, subject to toll canals, I am inclined to say that I would be modest in suggesting that a saving of at least a million and a half dollars per year might be made by the people of eastern Carolina.

"As anxious as are the people of eastern North Carolina for an inland waterway, which has been the hope of that section for a hundred years, there are many who believe the making of a free waterway from the Albemarle sound to Chesapeake bay would give that section almost as much a benefit as the more extended waterway. There is a bill before the Congress now which authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the purchase of a canal, subject to the approval of Congress."

IN HOSPITAL.

Mr. Greely Brinn, of Swan Quarter, arrived in the city yesterday bringing to the Washington hospital Messrs. W. B. Swindell, of Swan Quarter, and W. H. Jones, of Lake Landing. Mr. Swindell was operated on last night and the latest reports from his bedside are that he is getting along nicely. Mr. Swindell was at one time proprietor of the hotel at Swan Quarter. His many friends in this city wish for him a speedy recovery.

SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 19.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Washington Public Schools yesterday afternoon in the office of the secretary, Mr. C. H. Harding, it was decided to open the fall session on September 19.

EXCURSION TRAIN.

An excursion train of five cars passed through the city yesterday on the Norfolk Southern bound for Beaufort and intermediate points to Norfolk. At Plymouth another car was added, making six in all.

ACCEPTS POSITION.

Mr. Howard W. Bowen has accepted a position with Mr. J. E. Hoyt as salesman. He has our best wishes.

THE RIOTERS BUSY

Conditions Rapidly Approaching Anarchy.

CARS ARE ALL CALLED IN

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE WEEKS THERE WERE DAY-LIGHT MOB—CARS CALLED IN EARLY—ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP BARN.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 15.—Street car strike conditions are rapidly approaching anarchy and it is said that the return of State troops cannot long be averted if a reign of terror is to be avoided.

For the first time in the three weeks of the street car strike the police were forced yesterday to cope with daylight mobs. Rioting broke loose at 3:30 p. m. in the north and south portions of the city and soon spread in every direction.

Eighteen arrests was the record made, nine persons were injured and 25 reports of disturbances were received at the city prison. The most serious disturbances were attempts to blow up the south and west car barns; two riots which occurred in the afternoon near Schiller park, and a riot at night in Mr. Vernon avenue.

Had not street cars been taken to the barns earlier in the night than usual, judging from the temper of the rioters, last night's riots would have been the worst of the strike. Two thousand rioters at Mr. Vernon and St. Clair avenues were covered after two hours of rioting last night only when patrolmen and detectives drew their revolvers and fired a volley. The men intentionally fired high and no one was hurt, but a wild scramble ensued to get out of range and the backbone of the riot was broken.

With a deafening roar and a detonation that shook houses a mile away, an explosive said to have been a dynamite bomb, alleged to have been thrown from a roof or window nearby, exploded on the roof of the south high street car barns at 9:55 last night and did considerable damage.

A hole two feet across was torn in the sidewalk and windows of neighboring residences shattered. A third attempt was made yesterday to blow up the west barn. Considerable damage resulted.

His cry of "scab" brought to Emmet D. Hoover, aged 35, a bullet in the right leg that severed an artery, and nearly cost him his life, at Park and Spruce streets. Conductor Johnson was locked up at police headquarters after he had confessed the shooting.

The list of mutineers in the Columbus police force was increased from 56 to 64, when eight more of the special policemen turned in their badges and refused to ride on the cars. Their resignations were accepted without protest.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Those students who failed on one, two, or three examinations in May will be given an opportunity to pass these examinations before school is opened in September. If there are any who failed on more than three subjects who desire to take the examinations they will be allowed to do so. No examinations will be given after school opens except for satisfactory reasons. It is unfair to the great majority of students who have done their work, that so much school time should be taken up with these delinquents, hence the reason for giving the examinations before the opening of school.

If students who failed on examinations in May and others who have for any reason to take the examinations, will call at the public school office on Thursday, August 18, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, I shall be glad to furnish them with books with which to prepare themselves for the tests. Please remember the date, Thursday of this week. I am confident that a large number of the students who failed can pass the examinations if they will do a little faithful study between now and the Friday before school opens. For this reason we are offering them this opportunity to prepare themselves for promotion with their grades in September. Parents are requested to see that their children avail themselves of this opportunity. The children may have the use of the books for the month free of charge.

Those who failed in music can easily make up their deficiency in that subject by making some arrangement with Miss Lillian Bonner for private lessons. Miss Bonner will return to the city this week. Miss Elizabeth Warren will be willing to assist those who failed in other subjects. She now has a class of about 14 to whom she is giving private lessons. N. C. NEWBOLD, Superintendent. August 15, 1910. MATERIAL ARRIVES. The schooner William H. Davidson arrived in port this morning from New York loaded with asphalt for the streets. Mrs. Aubrey Hawkins, of New Bern, is visiting Mr. John W. Owen, on East Main street.

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