

THE WEATHER: Generally fair tonight and Friday.

## WHERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS TO N. S. DEPOT? CORPORATION COMMISSION HAS DONE NOTHING. NORFOLK SOUTHERN FAILS TO KEEP PROMISES

Washington Chamber of Commerce Wrote to Both the Organizations. No Satisfaction Obtained From Either. Present Filthy Conditions Continue at the Depot.

The following set of resolutions were adopted by the Washington Chamber of Commerce at a regular meeting held Tuesday, December 10, 1912:

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Washington and the traveling public have long endured great inconvenience and hardship on account of the miserable accommodations afforded by the Norfolk Southern Railroad, due to the inaccessibility, inadequate and filthy passenger station at Washington, and

**WHEREAS**, These conditions have become unbearable and no immediate relief promised by the said Norfolk Southern Railroad, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Corporation Commission be requested to investigate this complaint, and to better judge the situation, they are requested to call a public meeting in the city of Washington at an early date. Be it also

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Corporation Commission with the request that they take immediate action thereon.

The above set of resolutions were sent to the Corporation Commission as stated.

On December 15th, Mr. Flynn, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, received a communication from the Commission stating that the resolutions had been received.

That was all. No mention was made as to the Commission's attitude in the matter and nothing was said about improving the conditions here.

Why have they not taken the trouble to investigate the matter? Why were they, at least, not courteous enough to set some date when they would meet with representatives of this city? We believe that the requests made in regard to the improvements of accommodations are in a direct line with the work that these gentlemen are supposed to do. Why then, do they not give Washington just a small share of their valuable time?

It is true that we are not as large as Raleigh, Charlotte and other cities in the State, but we feel that we are entitled to SOME consideration. The miserable shanty which bears

the name of a railroad station is a disgrace to the Norfolk Southern Railroad. It is not half large enough, is unsanitary and inconveniently located.

"Good enough for Washington!" Is that the idea? Are there not as many passengers who travel to and from Washington as there are from other cities between Raleigh and Norfolk? Is there another town of anywhere NEAR its size which has such miserable accommodations as this city?

Some few weeks ago, a smooth tongued representative of the railroad was profuse in his promise regarding the extensive improvements which the Norfolk Southern intended to make,—intended to make IMMEDIATELY.

We have waited patiently but as yet, there is not the slightest sign of any improvements.

Perhaps when the railroad or the Corporation Commission wake up and begin to take notice, they will start doing things. Probably we are unjust in trying to hasten matters. The Corporation Commission only received the resolutions six months ago. It is a matter which requires deep contemplation. Perhaps in a few years time they will be ready to TALK ABOUT THE MATTER.

W. A. Witt, superintendent of the Norfolk Southern, to whom a copy of the resolutions was also sent, stated in his reply (dated Dec. 19, 1912) that "the matter will have my immediate attention and handled to the interests of all concerned."

We can almost see Mr. Witt smile as he dictated the above clause to his stenographer. That "immediately" was six months ago. We begin to see now what the station agent means when he says, "the train will be here immediately."

In the meantime, there is only one thing to do, and that is for passengers to avoid using the present depot. If the railroad refuses to cater to your wants, why should you make yourself uncomfortable by putting more money in their pockets? To this city.

The Corporation Commission is without doubt properly named and really would do as much for the people were its members named by the railroads.

## PREST. WILSON THANKS MR. AND MRS. C. J. STUDDERT

Appreciates Compliment They Paid Him in Naming Their Boy After Him. Sends Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous Life for Child.

Hon. Geo. J. Studdert is in receipt of a letter from President Woodrow Wilson, which we publish below. In explanation, we might add that when Hon. Josephus Daniels was here on May 19th, he named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Studdert, "Woodrow Wilson Studdert."

The White House, May 27, 1913.

My dear Senator: I warmly appreciate the compliment which you and Mrs. Studdert paid me in selecting a name for your little boy. He has my very best wishes for a happy and prosperous life.

Cordially and sincerely yours,  
WOODROW WILSON.

Hon. Geo. J. Studdert,  
Washington, N. C.

MRS. BERNHARDT SAILS.

New York, May 29.—After making an extensive theatrical tour of the United States accompanied by her company of twenty-five players Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt sailed for France today. Divina Sarah received a salary of \$5,000 a week while here. This will probably be her last appearance in America.

## TOURNAMENT AT GUN CLUB

To Be Held on July 4th. Special Prizes to Be Offered for High Scores.

A shooting tournament will be held by the Washington Gun Club on the afternoon of July 4th. There will be five events and the shooting will start at one o'clock.

The arrangement committee is working hard to make this one of the best affairs of its kind that has ever been held in this section of the State. There will be several professional and crack sharpshooters present and an interesting contest may be expected. Special prizes will also be given for high scores.

The grounds will be open from 9 o'clock on the Fourth so as to permit those who desire to practice, to do so.

## LEARNING GOLF.

A young woman entered a sporting-goods store one morning, and the polite clerk went forward to meet her.

"I want," she said, "to see some golf clubs."

"Certainly," replied the clerk. "About how many do you want?"

"Well, really," she responded slowly, "I scarcely know. You see, I am just learning to play golf, and I do not know much about it as yet. Why, I don't even know which end of the caddy to use."—June Lippincott's.

## VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES AT LYRIC THEATRE TONIGHT.

Richardson and Bernard, Clever Comedians to Appear on Stage Tonight.

Richardson and Bernard, funny, fascinating and frivolous, will be seen at the Lyric tonight in a new, novel, neat and witty talking, singing and dancing act. New songs, new jokes and new costumes are a feature of their act.

The pictures, which appear on tonight's bill are sure to please and attract. In short, it's going to be a good program. Meet your friends there.

## THE GIRL IN PINK TOMORROW NIGHT AT AUDITORIUM

MISS ADA RHODES TO PLAY THE LEADING ROLE IN MUSICAL COMEDY TOMORROW NIGHT.

Miss Rhodes Will Play the Part of "Dolly" in the "Play Which Is to Be Given at the Auditorium for Benefit of Public Library."

"Where are you going my pretty maid?" "I fear I can't tell you just yet," she said.

"I'm out in my automobile which is brand new. And I'm not quite certain what it may do."

"But if you're on earth until Friday night, I hope you'll come witness a wonderful sight."

She was gone, with a toss of her head and a wink. "Twas no one else but 'The Girl in Pink.'"

Miss Ada Rhodes, who is the "Girl" in the "Girl in Pink" show, is one of Washington's prettiest and most popular young ladies and as she was born and raised in the city, she has hosts of friends who will turn out en masse to see her in the difficult role she will play in this production. Everyone can remember the success she made with the part of "Elsie" in Slumberland, but that is no comparison to the part of "Dolly" in this new play. Miss Rhodes has a great many lines and a lot of the singing to do and we know that, if possible, she will add many more to her long list of admirers when she appears as the leading lady of the "Girl in Pink" show.

Tickets for the performance have been selling fast the past two days and there will be a good sized audience who will witness the play Friday night.

The Greenville, S. C., Daily News of September 29th, states in a write-up of the Girl in Pink show, that it was a "brilliant success," "performance at Grand last night greeted by a large and thoroughly delighted audience, matinee this afternoon and another performance tonight." "The play equaled if not exceeded all expectations."

We can recall how Mr. Foote presented his Slumberland show here some few weeks ago and with what success he made with the great cast of some three hundred people upon the stage. It was known then that the first nights performance exceeded anything ever given here before both in an artistic and financial way and we have confidence in the gentleman to the extent that we are willing to believe he will give us a good show and one that will be worth the price of admission charged.

As we mentioned before, this will be the last in the theatrical line this season and as the play is given for

## PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CONSERVATION EXPOSITION



T. A. Wright, attorney and business man of Knoxville, who is one of the men directing affairs of South's great show.

## Exposition Planned for Whole People and for Posterity

The country is facing grave problems, the solution of which must come from a clear understanding of conditions, and immediate action. The work of man in dealing with the forests and soils, which were given for use, and not for abuse, may aptly be compared to the work of smaller forms of life, such as the boll-weevil and army worm. The great creator probably views it in this light. Devastation is apparent on every hand, in denuded hills and gullied and gulched fields.

For this reason and for many others the National Conservation exposition to be held at Knoxville

next fall will mark a most important step in the world's work. The exposition is of nation-wide importance, and timely. It will not be a celebration, like other large expositions. It looks forward—pointing the way to better conditions. It is in line with the advanced thought of the day. It will stand second to no enterprise of recent years as an agency for the promotion of the general welfare.

The great plans and purposes of this exposition are being carried out for the benefit of the whole people and of posterity.—From statement made by W. M. Goodman, Director General of Exposition.

## REV. H. B. SEARIGHT RETURNED FROM ATLANTA

Rev. H. B. Searight returned last night from the Presbyterian convention at Atlanta. Mr. Searight, after the convention, stopped for a few days at Acworth, Ga., where he has a sister living.

He states that he has had a most enjoyable and interesting trip. He was unable to attend the commencement exercises at Davidson College, at Charlotte.

A worthy cause, we advise every one to secure seats for "The Girl in Pink" and make the last play of season one well worth while.

## Keeping On Being Successful.

Would So and So keep on advertising his hats or Such and Such his shoes if what they have to sell wasn't backed by the right kind of quality?

Merchants and manufacturers who come out and tell you all about their product wouldn't keep on being successful unless they supported their advertising with their reputation.

This is why you are nearly always safe in patronizing a business that advertises. Now and then some voracious individual or firm tries to "put one over" on the public, but the success of such a house usually is short-lived.

If you see a manufacturer or a retailer advertising steadily and consistently in the best papers you may be sure his business is successful. If his business is successful his product must be good. Therefore watch the advertisements and buy accordingly.

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## BATTLESHIP TO ATTEND MONUMENT UNVEILING

NATIONAL MAINE MONUMENT WILL BE UNVEILED IN NEW YORK CITY TOMORROW, MEMORIAL DAY.

## CUBAN WARSHIP ARRIVES

The "Cuba" Landed in New York Harbor Early Today With an Armed Force of Soldiers Who Will March in Memorial Day Parade.

New York, May 29.—The North Atlantic fleet arrived today at the Ambrose Lightship at 6 o'clock this morning to participate in the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the National Maine Monument on Memorial Day. Admiral Hager is in command and extensive preparations have been made for the entertainment of his staff while here. Police escorts will be provided for all officers of the fleet who come ashore. All plans in connection with the line of march have been perfected by Commissioner Waldo.

## Cuba Lands Armed Force in New York

The Cuban warship—Cuba—landed in New York harbor early today with an armed force of sailors.

No alarm, however, is felt by local authorities on account of the landing of this battleship as the crew will march in the Memorial parade connected with the dedication of the Maine Monument on Decoration Day.

## AMATEUR NIGHTS TO BE HELD AT THE LYRIC

MANAGER H. G. SPARROW HAS ANNOUNCED THAT NEW FEATURE WILL BE ADDED TO THE LYRIC THEATRE.

It is expected that the first Amateur Night will be held within the next week or two. Prizes to be offered for Best Acts Each Week.

H. G. Sparrow, manager of the Lyric Theatre, has announced that beginning in the next week or so, it is his intention to run "Amateur Night" once a week.

Mr. Sparrow is certain that the people of Washington will appreciate this novelty. The talent on these nights will be purely amateur and composed of well known people in Washington or the neighboring towns.

Here's a chance that the amateur Romeos and Julietts have been waiting for. It will be the best of training for all who have the ambition to go on the stage. Many a present day star has made his or her beginning at Amateur Night. Others have been raked from behind the foot lights with that appendage, termed "the hook."

Manager Sparrow will give a first, second and third prize for the best acts each evening.

## TO HOLD REUNION AT JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville, Florida, was yesterday awarded the honor of entertaining the 24th annual Confederate Veterans' Reunion, which will be held next year. Commander-in-Chief General Bennet H. Young, of Louisville, Ky., with his three departmental commanders were re-elected to office.

Yesterday marked the last important business session of the convention at Chattanooga. Today is the last day of the reunion.

## OVER TWO MILLIONS FOR GOOD ROADS.

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## ASTOR HOUSE TO BE RAZED; WORK STARTS JUNE 15TH

CONTRACTS FOR DOING WORK BECAME EFFECTIVE TODAY. ACTIVE WORK, HOWEVER, WILL NOT START UNTIL ABOVE DATE.

## HOTEL FAMOUS WORLD OVER

Has Honored Presidents, Senators, Dukes, Lords and Other Famous Personages. Only Half of Building Purchased by City. Other Half Belongs to Astor.

New York, May 29.—The famous old Astor House, one of the first and most luxurious hotels in America, and which has sheltered presidents and senators, dukes and lords, governors and many other noted characters passes into history today. The City of New York has decided to pay \$500,000 for the southern half of the building to be used as an annexment of the new Broadway subway. The contract becomes effective today and the work of razing that part of the building will begin about June 15th.

The northern half of the house belongs to William Waldorf Astor, who lives in England and is a British subject. Unless he comes to an agreement with the managers of John Jacob Astor's estate he will find himself with half a hotel and a few stores on Barclay street. The city will shear off the southern half of the building, leaving open ended hallways and rooms split through the middle. Perhaps William Waldorf Astor will decide to put up a building on the Barclay street half leaving Vincent Astor and the managers of his father's estate to do what they please with their property.

The gray stone old Astor House probably has more history, tradition, tragedy and comedy associated with it than any other building in New York City. Shortly after the Revolutionary War Rufus King, once minister to England, had his Colonial homestead and garden on the plot where the Astor House now stands. One of his neighbors was Cornelius Roosevelt of whom Col. Roosevelt is a direct lineal descendant.

John Jacob Astor, the founder of the Astor family in America, bought the house and ground from King and while he lived there entertained all the authors and scholars of the day. He bought up all of the block between Vesey and Barclay streets, and in the early '30s decided, much to the alarm of some conservative old Knickerbockers, to erect there the finest hotel on the western continent.

The cornerstone was laid on July 4, 1834, and beneath it was buried a silver casket containing copies of the daily newspapers of the day previous, a silver tablet and a full length portrait of Lafayette, who was a mighty popular figure in this country even at that date.

It took three years to erect the building, and the original cost was \$70,000. The opening ceremony was presided over by Mayor Cornelius W. Lawrence.

Perhaps there is no place in America where during the march of years so many celebrities from every field of endeavor have gathered. There has been murder, theft and suicide between those grim stone walls. Some of the bitterest political campaigns of American history have been planned there.

Ask us regarding our advertising and subscription rates. You will find that both are reasonable.

Advertising is to a merchant like a rifle to a hunter.

## LIST YOUR TAXES.

Notice is hereby given to all persons in Washington Township required to list property or poll for taxation, who have not listed will find me at the Court House on Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, for the purpose of receiving their list. After the above dates the tax list will be closed.

Attention is also called to the fact that failure to list will result in your being double taxed.

Respectfully,  
W. G. STANCLILL,  
List Taker for Washington Township.  
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