

Satisfactory Schedule Arranged by N.S. Officials And Washington Shippers

An Enthusiastic Conference Held at The Chamber of Commerce Rooms Last Night. Both Passenger and Freight Service on Washington, New Bern, Raleigh Division to be Improved.

M. L. Kyla, traffic manager, H. L. Leard, general passenger agent, and J. M. Stone, superintendent of the Norfolk Southern Railway, met the business men of Washington at a conference held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night at 8 o'clock and the result of the conference was gratifying and satisfactory to the business men of the city. The officials of the Norfolk Southern the business men of Washington feel are endeavoring in every way possible, to render them good service, certainly so if the schedule as arranged at the conference is an index.

The meeting at the Chamber was one of enthusiasm and the outlook for both shipper and railroad is surely one not lacking in interest. The schedule as agreed upon will give a decided advantage to the wholesale dealers in having their freight handled with more dispatch and the passengers traveling over the Norfolk Southern from now on will have no cause to "kick."

A large number of the business men and shippers met the officials of the road and the conference resolved itself into a regular family talk. There was nothing formal, everyone having a grievance expressed himself fully as did the officials and in consequence results were accomplished that mean much to the city's welfare. The meeting was presided over by Mr. C. F. Bland. The main object of the conference was to discuss the unsatisfactory arrangement for the handling of freight and passengers on the New Bern and Raleigh division. Prior to the conference it was ascertained that the Norfolk Southern had already made a change in their schedule which went into effect yesterday. The schedule as decided upon is about as follows: Freight will be received at the station here for the Raleigh division up to five o'clock each day; the train leaving Washington about seven o'clock the next morning.

Local freight for the New Bern and Norfolk division will be received at the station up to the hour of ten o'clock daily for the train leaving Washington about eleven o'clock.

Service on the passenger trains was agreed upon as follows: Should the morning Raleigh train be more than thirty minutes late arriving at Chowanville junction the Belhaven passenger train will take all passengers from the New Bern train and bring them on to Washington.

It has also been arranged that should the night train from Raleigh be more than thirty minutes late arriving at the Chowanville junction the train from New Bern will bring all passengers on to Washington without delay.

As stated above this arrangement of schedules certainly pleases the business men and shippers as the evidence by their expressions after the conference.

LATEST FIRE ALARM



Woman's Screams Effective In Arousing The Students

A woman's screams have been used for many purposes. The latest application is as a fire alarm. When College Hall, one of the oldest and largest of the Wellesley College buildings got afire, the first alarm was given by one of the girls who was in the room and her room filled with smoke. Her screams aroused other students and attracted the attention of the watchman, who sounded the fire gong and within a few minutes the fire escape and stairways were swarming with young women. Later burning objects from occupancies of other dormitories, the girls rushed to the burning building and succeeded in saving many valuable books from the library on the lower floor before the flames reached it. The hall contains many valuable paintings and works of art, which added greatly to the loss, which is estimated at \$25,000. Among the books 300 volumes were among the things rescued. The floors of the building were drenched with water and the fire extinguished. All escaped unharmed. The building is now being repaired.

THE COMIC OPERA

MIKADO WILL MAKE A BIG HIT HERE APR. 14

F. W. Taylor as "Pooh Bah" Has a Part That Gives Full Scope to His Natural Ability as a Comedian of the First Rank.

In the role of "Pooh Bah" the chief and principal gratter in kingdom of Japan. Mr. Ben Taylor has a part that gives full scope to his natural ability as a comedian of the first rank. It can be expected that there will be several timely topics discussed and taken off by Pooh Bah and Mr. Taylor's appearance in this role will be awaited with interest. The Mikado comic opera is one of the wittiest and fetching of the Gilbert and Sullivan creations, with music of the brightest and most musical. The different specialties by the children between the acts and the fancy dances "The Coquette" by twenty-four young men will be predicted make a Confederacy of Dancers. The production of the new spectacle is expected to open at the Lyric Theater on Tuesday, April 14th.

Training School Will Hold Memorial Services In Honor of Late Supt. W. H. Ragsdale

First Conceived The Idea of The East Carolina Teachers Training School. Was One of The Best Known, Most Progressive and Popular Educators in North Carolina.

CITY COURT TODAY WAS INTERESTING

Mayor Frank C. Kugler held another interesting court at the City Hall this morning at 10 o'clock. Eight cases were tried and disposed of by His Worship. Those tried were: Lewis Graham, colored, was charged with the crime of being drunk. He was found guilty and attached with the cost. A. Murphy, colored, had too much "booze" about yesterday, so he enriched the city treasury with \$3 and the cost. Charles Cole, colored, was indicted for being drunk. He was fined \$2 and the cost. The case of the colored, was before the court for riding wheel on the sidewalk. The case was attached with \$5 and the cost. Frank Barker, colored, riding of a bicycle on the sidewalk. The case was attached with \$5 and the cost. John Dixon, first and second class, riding on street Sunday. Guilty. \$5 and cost. Mack Whallon, shooting a dog within the corporate limits. Judgment suspended upon future good behavior.

Greenville, N. C., March 31.—(Special).—Prof. W. H. Ragsdale, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Pitt county, Professor of School Administration in East Carolina Teachers Training School, died at Greenville on Friday, March 27th, and was buried Sunday, March 29. He was buried with Masonic honors. He was also president of the Northeast Division of Superintendents of Public Instruction. Beaufort county is in this division. All work at East Carolina Teachers Training School was suspended on Saturday and plans are being made for a memorial service at some day in the near future. He was born in Granville county in 1855. Most of his life was spent in Greenville and since 1901 he has been Superintendent of Pitt county schools.

Prof. Ragsdale was one of the best known, most progressive and popular educators in North Carolina. He has been engaged in educational work in North Carolina for many years and has had much to do with the development of the public school system of North Carolina. The schools of Pitt county are among the best in the state. Feeling the need of good teachers in Beaufort, North Carolina, he conceived the idea of a teachers training school in 1898. Others took hold of it until the idea finally grew into brick and mortar and is now fulfilling Prof. Ragsdale's dream of sending out trained teachers into the rural schools of North Carolina. When the school was once established he did not let his interest relax. He became a member of the faculty giving to each group of professional students before they received the school's certificate or diploma, a course in public school administration. By his daily contact with the rural schools he was a constant source of inspiration to his colleagues and students of the Training School. From his daily touch with the rural schools, he brought them into close contact with the actual conditions and practical vital problems of the public schools. This practical knowledge of educational affairs coupled with his years of experience, his sane judgment, optimistic nature and never failing tact, made him of inestimable value to the school. The school in turn was an inspiration to him. Quick to assimilate new ideas of real worth, he said he was always learning something from his colleagues and carried it back to the rural schools. It will be impossible to fill his place in Pitt county, or in the town of Greenville. His death is a great loss to the educational work in North Carolina. The faculty and students of East Carolina Teachers Training School attended the burial in a body. State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner and Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, were among those from a distance to attend the funeral. The enormous crowd and the beautiful flowers bore witness to the great popularity of Prof. Ragsdale.

EASTER DAY IN CHURCHES SONG OF JOY

The different church choirs of the city are now actively engaged in rehearsing their Easter music. The prospects are that the Easter church songs will be privileged to hear the best music on that glad day in year. The day bids fair to be one of song and praise for the risen Lord. The First Methodist Church choir will render the cantata "The Conqueror King," on Easter Sunday night. The choir of the St. Peter's Episcopal church have a fine program for Easter morning. The other church choirs will render suitable music. The entire city, especially the music lovers are looking forward to the coming of Easter with gladness.

WHEN BASSO MEETS TENOR NEW THEATRE

Lovers of good music, especially singing, should not fail to attend the New Theater tonight for Smith and Martin in "When Basso Meets Tenor" is surely a delightful singing and talking act of the highest merit—in a word—par excellence. This comes direct to this city from New York and is one of Kelt's best attractions. Those who heard them last night were charmed. When the curtain went down the audience endeavored to secure their reappearance. Mr. Smith, the basso, is a former concert and light opera singer. Mr. Marino plays an Italian comedy part and possesses a very fine tenor voice. There is not a dull moment and their opening performance last night was a conspicuous success. The "movies" were interesting and instructive. Those attending the New Theater tonight will witness a program pleasing, instructive and too, entertaining.

COM'D MORTON COMMISSIONED

Adjutant General Young of the North Carolina National Guard, with headquarters at Raleigh, N. C., on yesterday issued a commission to Commander Charles L. Morton of this morning the project of one of Battalion of the North Carolina Naval Militia. Commander Morton was recently elected to this position by the officials of the militia at a meeting held here, to succeed C. J. McMorley, who resigned.

CAPT. JAMES E. CLARK WHO HAS BEEN ILL NOW CONValesCENT

The numerous friends of Capt. James E. Clark will be pleased to learn that he is now convalescent from his recent illness of several weeks duration. He has been confined to his home since January 1. The news of his improvement is most gratifying.

VISITORS TODAY.

Among the visitors to Washington today are Eugene T. Barrett of Beaufort, N. C., who is enroute to Greenville on business; George W. Brown of Jamaica, and N. S. Bell of Beaufort, N. C.

BENEFIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The performance at the New Theater tonight will be for the benefit of the Athletic Association of the Washington High School. One of the best photoplays to be released this season, "The Octoroon" in three acts will be a feature besides the vaudeville. A generous patronage should be given at this playhouse for thereby you are aiding the school boys in their efforts to have better athletics in Washington.

PASSES THROUGH CITY

Rev. W. O. Winfield pastor of the Christian Church, Bath, N. C., was a Washington visitor yesterday. He was enroute to his home near Hohenbergville, where he attended the district convention of his church, which met Saturday and Sunday.

HERE YESTERDAY.

Mr. E. N. Midway of Bath, N. C., was in the city yesterday shopping.

How To Produce Good Seed Irish Potatoes Suggested Department Agriculture

This is Season of Year When The Farmers Should Pay Particular Attention to This Product. High Grade Seed Would Greatly Increase The Crop of the Country Millions of Dollars.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—This is the season of the year when the farmer should pay particular attention to seed potatoes, cautions the Department of Agriculture, and the use of high grade seed would increase the returns from the potato crop of the country by many millions of dollars. A conservative estimate of the increase that might be expected from the use of high grade seed is certainly not less than 10 per cent. Such an increase based on the average production of the past five years would amount to over \$4,000,000 bushels, having an approximate value of \$21,000,000. Of the many causes which operate to produce a low average potato yield in this country the seed is an important one. The American potato grower pays too little attention to his seed potatoes.

The European growers, especially those of Great Britain and Germany, pay very strict attention to the quality and quantity of seed they use. This has led to the differentiation of the potato industry into seed and crop specialties. The seed specialist makes a business of producing high quality seed, while the crop specialist produces a high grade table potato. No such differentiation at least to the same extent occurs in this country. While it is true that in certain sections there is a well developed seed potato growing industry but comparatively few growers in these sections are paying sufficient attention to the elimination of diseased and unproductive strains, or to keeping the variety grows free from mixture with other varieties.

By far the simplest and most promising means of developing high grade seed potatoes is that of the tuber-unit and hill-selection methods. The former consists in selecting from the seed his before planting time a considerable number of the most perfectly shaped tubers of from 4 to 8 ounces in weight. When planted these tubers are guaranteed, as dropped, into 4 or nearly equal parts as possible. This is done by splitting the bud-eye clumps in

SINGING DUO AT THE LYRIC PLEASING

The opening vaudeville bill Kamplene and Bell, harmony duo, at the Lyric Theater last night, like the other attractions presented there since the present management assumed control, was first class. Not only is the singing one of merit, both possessing voices of compass and sweetness, but the jokes are new and catchy. The entire stunt by these artists is pleasing and entertaining and the audience last evening were fully repaid for their presence. The pictures were as usual, up to the standard. The same vaudeville artists will appear again tonight with an entire change of program. High class pictures will be shown.

7,800 SHAD RECEIVED BY FISH MEN

Seven thousand eight hundred shad were received by the local fish dealers this morning via boat from the fishing grounds in Pamlico sound. This is the largest shipment of shad so far this season. Swindell and Fulford received 3,000; J. M. Swindell & Co., 1800; S. F. Willis, 2,000 and C. H. Sterling, 1,000. The dealers have been busily engaged since early this morning expressing them to the different markets of the country.

CONTINUED ILLNESS

Mr. E. B. Moore, one of Washington's honored citizens, still continues quite ill at his residence on West Second street much to the regret of his many friends.

HAS MOVED HIS OFFICE NEXT TO THE CITY HALL

Attorney George J. Studdert, has moved his law office from the building next to the law office of Simmons and Vaughan to the building formerly occupied by Justice of the Peace A. Mayo on Market street.

MED. SOCIETY MEETS HERE WED. NIGHT

The Beaufort County Medical Society composed of all the resident physicians and dentists of the county will meet in this city tomorrow night at the home of the president, Dr. H. W. Carter on Harvey street. Papers will be read at the business meeting by Drs. D. T. Tayloe and J. C. Rodman and report of cases will be made by Drs. J. G. Blount, P. A. Nicholson and H. H. Hunter. After the business session Dr. Carter will entertain the doctors at a luncheon.

NEW APARTMENT HOUSE FOR CITY

Mr. Frank A. Moss is now busily engaged in erecting a four story forty-four room apartment house. The structure when completed will be an ornament. The plans and specifications were worked out by Mr. Moss unaided and contains not only a number of rooms located on the outside but the plans call for a spacious reception hall and rest room. When finished Mr. Moss expects to erect some on a high pole at his home corner of VanNorden and Second streets for the use and lounging of the birds of the Martin variety. It is to be hoped that Mr. Martin will appreciate the thoughtfulness of Mr. Moss and engage quarters without delay.

WE HAVE EMPLOYED MR. EBN-

est Kunz of Portsmouth, Va., a practical and up-to-date baker. We are now prepared to serve the public with the very best of cakes, pies, bread or anything in the bakers line. C. M. Willis Bakery, corner 2nd and Market Sts. Phone 234-1wo.

MONSTER EGG IS EXHIBITED

The News office was shown an egg this mornig the product of one of the hens owned by Mr. Robert L. Cotten, who resides on East Eighth street, and it is surely some egg. It weighs four ounces and measures eight inches in circumference. It attracted considerable curiosity wherever exhibited.

It's Restful in Washington Park.

Superintendent of the County Schools, W. G. Privette, made a business trip to some of the country schools today.

BUSINESS TRIP.