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IT IS COMING!

Enthusiastic Railroad Meeting in Greenville

Prospects Bright for the Construction of the Greenville & Knoxville at an Early Date

What the Brevard Delegation Think of the Outlook—A Magnificent Reception by the Greenville Board of Trade—The Brevard Delegates Acquitted Themselves With Credit.

THE LONG HOPED-FOR RAILROAD WILL BE BUILT

Last Thursday was a big day for people living along the proposed route of the G. & K. railroad, because on that day it was publicly determined that the road will be built.

A public meeting had been called by the Greenville Board of Trade for the purpose of getting an expression from those along the route, to which meeting both W. H. Patterson, president of the G. & K. and W. J. Oliver, receiver of the Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern, were invited as speakers to unfold their plans in order that the Board of Trade might intelligently ask Greenville business men to subscribe \$200,000 to the capital stock of the road—which sum Mr. Patterson had asked them to secure.

The delegation from Brevard consisted of Welch Galloway, J. L. Bell, E. W. Carter, F. L. DeVane, B. G. Estes, J. W. McMinn and V. Fontaine. A part of these drove from Brevard to Riverview, the present terminus of the G. & K., while the remainder of the delegation went via Spartanburg on the morning train. On the same train were delegations from Hendersonville, Asheville, Knoxville, Canton and other points that are interested in the construction of this line.

On arrival of the train in Greenville the delegates were met by a committee from the Board of Trade and were given a 20-mile ride to the several cotton mill towns which surround the city and to other points of interest, winding up at the Sans Souci Club, and from there to the Otteray hotel and Poinsett Club where the big meeting was scheduled to come off at night.

The magnanimous reception of our delegation by the Board of Trade of Greenville has made a lasting impression in the minds of the Brevard business men who participated, and we believe that when the bands of steel have united the two, Greenville business men will find out that their reception of our delegation was a paying investment.

But our readers are more vitally concerned in what the meeting did towards building the G. & K. railroad. Mr. Patterson's proposition as laid before them was that if the manufacturing and business interests of Greenville would take \$200,000 in capital stock of the road, one-half to be paid when it was built to Brevard and the other \$100,000 when completed to Knoxville, he would have trains running to Brevard in 18 months, and to

Knoxville in two and a half years.

Mr. W. J. Oliver of Knoxville was greeted with tumultuous applause, and for several minutes it was impossible for him to be heard. He told the meeting that Knoxville would do its part, and that he would have his road built to Canton by the time Mr. Patterson gets to Brevard, and that a way would be found to build the connecting link from Brevard to Canton.

The meeting was harmonious and enthusiastic, and leading business men of Greenville were heard to say that if subscriptions were called for the amount would be subscribed in 15 minutes, but the Board of Trade did not wish to be precipitate, so it was decided to have a committee of 25 look into the feasibility of the enterprise, and if investigation brought approval the \$200,000 would be raised. So it looks now as if the long-hoped-for connecting link between the farms, gardens and orchards of the French Broad valley and the cotton mills of the piedmont section is about to be realized. It is believed by everybody who attended that meeting and noted how earnestly desirous Greenville people are to get in closer touch with the coal fields of Tennessee, that the road will be built.

There is one feature of this meeting that gives us pleasure to record. The Brevard delegation came home with flying colors. It was the speech of a Brevard delegate which uncorked the bottled-up enthusiasm and literally "set the woods on fire." No town ever got better advertising than this little burg at that meeting—every one of the thousand who were present knows that Brevard is on the map, and that its influence is not to be despised. The consensus of opinion now is

THE G. & K. WILL BE BUILT.

PEACE IS PROBABLE.

Washington Believes That It Will Come for Mexico.

A Washington dispatch says: With the departure for Mexico City of Francisco Leon de la Barra, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, who was appointed minister of foreign affairs in the new cabinet of President Diaz, official Washington believes the initial stage of an era of peace in Mexico has been inaugurated.

President Taft and Secretary of State Knox, as well as the members of the diplomatic corps who have evinced keen interest on behalf of their countries in the developments of the Mexican situation, it is known, share this belief.

148 PERSONS PERISH IN A NEW YORK FIRE

Victims Caught Like Rats in a Trap.

SCORES LEAPED TO DEATH.

New York Experiences One of Most Disastrous Fires, So Far as Loss of Life is Concerned, Since General Slocum Disaster.

One hundred and forty-eight persons—nine-tenths of them girls from the East Side—were crushed to death on the pavements, smothered in smoke or shriveled crisp in a factory fire, the worst disaster New York has known since the steamship General Slocum was burned to the water's edge, off North Brother's Island, in 1904.

One hundred and forty-one bodies were removed from the ruins, and seven of the forty injured died in hospitals. This, it is believed, completes the list of dead, most of whom are unidentified. Grief-crazed relatives besieged the morgue as the bodies were laid out.

Nearly all, if not all, of the victims were employed by the Triangle Waist company, on the eighth, ninth and tenth floors of a ten-story loft building at No. 23 Washington Place, on the western fringe of the downtown wholesale clothing, fur and millinery district.

The partners of the firm, Isaac Harris and Maax Blanck, escaped unscathed from the office on the tenth floor, carrying with them over an adjoining roof Blanck's two young daughters and a governess. There was not an outside fire escape on the building.

How the fire started will, perhaps, never be known. A corner on the eighth floor was its point of origin, and the three upper floors only were swept.

On the ninth floor fifty bodies were found; sixty-three or more persons were crushed to death by jumping, and more than thirty clogged the elevator shafts.

The loss to property will not exceed \$10,000.

BANDITS ROB TRAIN.

Five Men Said to Have Secured \$20,000 From Express Car.

For two hours six masked men held St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern passenger train No. 104 at a standstill on the prairie, about six miles south of Coffeyville, Kan., while they blew open a safe in the express car. They escaped in two automobiles, carrying with them money and valuables which, it is believed, will amount to \$20,000.

The train left Little Rock bound for Kansas City. It reached Lenapah, Okla., half an hour late.

Just after the train left Lenapah, Engineer Lynch heard a sharp cry: "Hads up!"

Turking, he saw a masked man sitting on the tender, pointing a revolver at him.

"I'm going to ride a little way with you," said the man; "drive on."

The engineer obeyed. About four miles out of Lenapah, the robber compelled the engineer to stop the train near a clump of trees. Five more masked men came out of the woods, and taking position on each side of the train, began shooting in the air and along the side of the train. Then, while two bandits stood guard to prevent any passengers from leaving, the four marched the engineer and fireman to the day coach and locked them in.

They then proceeded to rob the train in true bandit style, after terrorizing the passengers in the day coaches and sleepers.

The place was a lonely one where the bandits stopped the train, and they proceeded leisurely with the work.

Railroad officials deny that the robbers secured as much as \$20,000 from the express car.

RUSSIA-CHINA CLASH.

Trouble Seems to Be Brewing in the Far East.

A London dispatch says: Private cables received by London business houses from representatives in the far east are disquieting. They assert that it is expected Russia will soon declare war against China.

The rate at Lloyd's to cover risks on the outbreak of hostilities within four weeks jumped from 5 to 10 guineas per cent.

Anti-clerical rioting occurred at Sao Paulo, Brazil. Several persons were killed.

DIAZ CABINET QUILTS IN BODY

Action Is Taken to End the Warring.

CHIEF DEMAND OF REBELS.

At Special Meeting Diaz Cabinet Resigns In Body in the Hope That Action Will Result in the Establishment of Peace.

The Diaz cabinet resigned in a body at a special meeting of that board Friday.

The reason given for the action in an official announcement is the belief that it will contribute to the re-establishment of peace and facilitate the reforms which are in contemplation.

Enrique C. Creel, minister of foreign relations, presented the resignation in behalf of all of the ministers.

General Diaz thanked the retiring members for their efficient and patriotic co-operation in the past, and announced that he would postpone his acceptance or rejection until later.

The resignation included that of Ramon Corral as minister of the department of gubernacion, corresponding to the department of the interior in the United States, but not as vice-president.

A dispatch from El Paso, Texas, says: Widespread political reforms in Mexico, with the abolition of direct federal control of the jefes politicos and popular election of governors of states, are seen by the revolutionary junta here in the announcement of the resignation of the cabinet.

Whether the cabinet's retirement would have the effect of allaying the insurrection, the revolutionary leaders would not say. They preferred, they said, to await immediate developments expected at the Mexican capital.

The following statement was issued: "If the insurrection has had the effect of retiring the cabinet, it will soon go further and retire Diaz. It will have the result ultimately of giving to the people a free ballot, guaranteed under the constitution of 1857."

TO BOOM THE SOUTH.

\$500,000 Will Be Raised to Conduct Advertising Campaign.

A half-million dollars will be raised to advertise the south and southern business opportunities as a result of a conference of advertising agents held at Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the Southern Commercial Congress.

The plans provide for the realizing of an immediate fund of \$100,000 a year for five years to advertise the south through the Southern Commercial Congress as the clearing house for Dixieland, this educational propaganda and its advertising newspapers in the leading publications through the country, particularly in the great metropolitan dailies.

Five leading lines of exploitation will be followed: Desirable farm lands available for settlement and cultivation by the new commerce from the north seeking homes in the south; industrial opportunities, manufacturing institutions; power plants, etc.; commercial opportunities in the various states of the south and the superior advantages of each; bona fide investment opportunities in the south and the returns from them and complete data concerning same.

An elaborate and systematic follow-up campaign is being formulated to care for the inquiries that will come to the congress as a result of the proposed publicity.

SWEPT OUT BY FIRE.

Fayette, Ala., Said to Have Suffered Heavy Loss.

It is reported that Fayette, Ala., forty-five miles east of Columbus, Ga., on the line of the Southern railway, between Columbus and Birmingham, has been swept out by fire.

The handsome new court house, jail, new bank and every business house in the place is gutted. Fayette is called the natural gas town of Alabama, for the recent discoveries of gas there have aroused much interest.

The gas wells are about a mile from the town. How the conflagration started has not been learned.

Two fishing tugs are believed to have been lost in the icy gales which swept Lake Erie recently. The tugs Sisco, of Cleveland, and the Silver Spray, of Erie, Pa., which left Cleveland with the fishing fleet, did not return as was expected. There are six men on the Silver Spray and eight on the Sisco.

County Government.

Representative—Thos. S. Wood.
Clerk Superior Court—Cos. Paxton.
Sheriff and Tax Collector—Fred A. Shuford.
Treasurer—Z. W. Nichols.
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.
Coroner—Dr. A. E. Lyday.
Surveyor—J. C. Wike.
Commissioners—W. L. Brooks, G. T. Lyday, Arthur Miller.
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.
Attorney—Robert L. Gash.

Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Brése, jr.
Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, F. L. DeVane, E. W. Carter.
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.
Treasurer—T. H. Shipman.
Health Officer—Dr. C. W. Hunt.
Regular meetings—First Monday night in each month.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

Transylvania Division.

In effect January 2, 1911.

N. B.—Schedules figures given as information only, and not guaranteed.

Mo	Daily	Eastern Standard Time	Mo	Daily
STATIONS				
P. M.	3:40	LY.....Asheville.....AT	A. M.	11:30
3:45	LY.....Hendersonville.....AT	10:35		
4:4	.....West Hendersonville.....AT	10:22	
5:00	.....Yale.....AT	10:10	
5:05	.....Horse Shoe.....AT	10:05	
5:08	.....Canton.....AT	10:02	
5:13	.....Elowah.....AT	9:56	
5:20	.....Blantyre.....AT	9:49	
5:26	.....Penrose.....AT	9:42	
5:34	.....Davidson River.....AT	9:33	
5:38	.....Pisgah Forest.....AT	9:30	
5:42	.....Brevard.....LY	9:24	
5:55	.....Selma.....AT	9:08	
6:02	.....Cherryfield.....AT	9:01	
6:04	.....Calvert.....AT	8:58	
6:08	.....Rosman.....AT	8:54	
6:12	.....Galloways.....AT	8:50	
6:21	.....Quebec.....AT	8:43	
6:30	.....Reids.....AT	8:34	
6:40	.....Lake Toxaway.....LY	8:25	

Nos. 5 and 6 are through trains between Asheville and Lake Toxaway.
No. 5 connects at Hendersonville with the Carolina Special for Spartanburg, Columbia and Charleston, and at Spartanburg with Nos. 11 and 12 for Atlanta and Charlotte.
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NOTICE—Change in Hour of Meeting.

By a vote of Dunns Rock Lodge at last regular communication the hour of meeting was changed and the following will be the hours until further notice: Jan. 13, 1911, meeting at 2 p. m. Hereafter the meetings will alternate—February, meeting at 8 p. m., March, at 2 p. m., etc.

All members are urged to attend these meetings. Visiting members cordially invited. Jan. 9, 1911.

WELCH GALLOWAY, Sec'y.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1911 Almanac

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for 1911, that guardian Angel in a hundred thousand homes, is now ready. Not many are now willing to be without it and the Rev. Irl R. Hicks Magazine, Word and Works. The two are only One Dollar a year. The Almanac is 35c prepaid. No home or office should fail to send for them to Word and Works Publishing Company, St. Louis, Mo.