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Bladen Railroad Propositions' Humorous Side

S. P. McNair Makes a Blunder —The Lightning Express from Lumberton the Pet of the Seaboard—The Situation as Seen by a Man in Bladen.

The following is so rich, rare and racy and withal expresses so well the sentiments of THE INDEX regarding Bladen's need of a railroad and the Lumberton-to-Elizabethtown scheme that we are pleased to print it. It was written for THE INDEX and The Robesonian:

The railroad campaign in Bladen is growing more interesting every day. Developments crowd thick and fast upon each other, and two of the more recent of these are not without their humorous side to one who stands quietly by and watches the melee. The story of these could be told in this wise:

Mr. S. P. McNair, of Wilmington, N. C., took a decided stand against the bond issue when the question came up last May. In the last few days he circulated a long letter to the voters stating that the present election is called under the charter of the V. & C. S. R. R. Co., and practically admits that there were some very redeeming features about the old act under which the former election was held. No sooner had this letter begun to arrive on the scene of action than an examination of the record of proceedings before the commissioners disclosed the fact that the election for January 11 is called under the identically same act as before and that the terms and conditions are the same just as everybody understood and expected, except Mr. McNair.

But the thing that is causing more merriment than anything else is the lightning express from Lumberton. This peculiar section of Bladen has thought of a railroad and longed for a railroad while the ages have rolled quietly away, but the people never dreamed that the first onslaught of actual construction would dart down upon them like a thunder bolt from a clear sky. From the Lumberton correspondence of December 16 to the Morning Star it was evident that things would move up at a lively clip. But that correspondence far underestimated the activities of the corps of engineers who were to have headquarters at Dublin and work both ways at the same time. Headquarters at Dublin? Headquarters be blubbered! What does perpetual motion want with headquarters? Leaving Lumberton Friday morning this bunch of locomotion reached Elizabethtown by nightfall, where they snatched a few hours of troubled sleep. Saturday they hastily ate a few morsels of food and dashed back upon the line to catch up the slack; surveyed into Elizabethtown, all over Elizabethtown, and vanished, leaving nothing better than a few crooked stakes to console a gaping populace. Certain it is that if this bunch of Seaboard Air Line engineers had turned their attention to the north pole a year ago neither Cook nor Peary would have ever been heard of in this connection. 25 miles in a day and a half looks like fast surveying—or a mighty big bluff.

One of the things for which the people of Bladen are now striving is to get into close touch with such progressive towns as Lumberton and Fayetteville. If the Virginia & Carolina Southern is extended into Bladen it will pass through three townships, a distance of about twenty miles. It would give more of the Bladen people an outlet to Lumberton, and would certainly give them as direct an outlet, as a road from Elizabethtown crossing the Big Swamp above Smith's bridge, running back to Bellamy and thence to Lumberton. There is another thing about it: the advantages of a town are estimated as much by the KIND of railroads that it has as by the NUMBER. The V. & C. S. R.R. is already an established road. The proposed road from Lum-

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DORMITORY FOR BUIE'S CREEK

$3,000 Raised in a Week to Secure Gift of $1,000 from M. C. Treat

A dormitory, which has long been needed at Buie's Creek Academy, seems now to be assured. One week before Christmas day Rev. J. A. Campbell, principal, received a letter from Mr. M. C. Treat, of Pennsylvania, offering to give $1000 toward building a dormitory on condition that the principal and his friends raise $3000 by 10 o'clock last Saturday night. The Sunday morning papers announced that about $3030 had been raised, thus securing the gift of $1000 from Mr. Treat who heretofore has been very generous to the school.

Congratulations to Prof. Campbell!

OH, YOU RAILROADS

Lumberton Meeting Falls Flat—Proposition to Put up Bonds.

The Robesonian

A meeting was held in the court house Tuesday evening to consider further ex-Sheriff C. B. McLeod's proposition for Lumberton to butt into the Bladen bond election fight. That's half. The meeting fell flat and adjourned. That's all.

Really that is about the size of it, and there is no space to spare to devote to so unimportant a meeting. Some remarks were submitted by a few men, but the crowd was listless. It seemed to be the sense of the meeting that it is none of the business of the people of Lumberton to meddle in the election to be held in Bladen county. Mr. McLeod said he was going to build a road to Dublin whether the bonds were voted or not, and that if the bonds were not voted he would build to Elizabethtown, that he proposed to start at Bellamy and use Cottingham's tramroad; that to do this it would only be necessary to lay every other crosstie and lay the rails he has leased from the Seaboard just outside; that he is going to Dublin within four months, and would run a free excursion to celebrate. No action. Nothing doing. The opinion obtains that Bladen is the battle field, not Lumberton.

A special from Fayetteville in to-day's Wilmington Star states that President J. A. Mills, of the Raleigh & Southport, says he will put up a $10,000 bond to guarantee that his road would be extended to Elizabethtown within two years. The V. & C. S. has agreed to put up a bond in the sum of $40,000 to build to Elizabethtown within a year.

SAMPSON JURY LIST.

For Special Term Superior Court, to Be Held in January.

Following is the list of jurors drawn for the January special term of Sampson Superior Court.

First Week—J. F. Gore, Redman Herring, S. H. Honeycutt, L. P. Holland, Hall's township; A. L. Lucas, Ballard Sessoms, Little Coharie; Geo. B. Sanderlin, Ransom West, Westbrooks; J. H. Monk, Y. J. Barefoot, Newton Grove; Wm. B. Jackson, Mingo; W. B. Honeycutt, Dismal; W. A. Harris, Piney Grove; R. D. Cannaday, Lisbon; Geo. Highsmith, R. E. Hobbs, McDaniels; E. J. Page, G. T. Bowen, Franklin.

Second Week—S. F. Jackson, L. H. Jackson, Jr., Wm. E. Jernigan, Mingo; T. L. Hall, J. B. Wrench, E. E. Page, Dismal; W. J. Johnson, W. B. Honeycutt, Graham Darden, Halls; D. S. Matthews, A. M. Lewis, Turkey; L. O. Holland, S. A. Royal, Herrings, W. A. Autry, Little Coharie; A. D. Williamson, South Clinton; W. D. Kelly, North Clinton; M. E. Bass, Westbrooks, H. A. Anders, Halls.

Death at Dunn

Mr. J. F. Phillips, twice mayor of Dunn, died at his home there December 15 at the age of 59. He was one of the leading citizens of the town and had lived there since Dunn was incorporated in 1886.

If a sample copy of THE INDEX falls into your hands it is an invitation to subscribe at once.

Shooting Affair in Bladen County

Ralph P. Melvin Shot by Frank Dyson at a Christmas Festival Near White Lake—Both Well Connected.

A Monday special from Elizabethtown to the Wilmington Star says:

While attending a Christmas festival at the home of Mr. Billie Melvin, on White Lake last night, Ralph P. Melvin and Frank Dyson became involved in a difficulty in which Mr. Melvin was shot in the chin with a pistol, the ball ranging along the jaw bone and lodging back in the neck.

Information as best learned at this hour is that Melvin was drinking and had been quarreling with one Russ Dyson, being an officer of some kind, was asked to command the peace. Upon Dyson's attempt to restore order, Melvin resisted his interference and offered to draw his gun, whereupon Dyson shot. Dyson gave himself up to Sheriff Clark this morning and was admitted to jail to wait the results of Melvin's wounds.

It is a very unfortunate affair, as both parties are well connected, and have a host of friends who sympathize with them in this trouble.

Mr. Melvin is a young married man, while Dyson is a young widower.

Dyson has employed able counsel to represent him, his lawyers being Bayard Clark, H. L. Lyon, of Whiteville, and Terry A. Lyon, of Fayetteville.

At 8:30 o'clock this evening a telephone message says Drs. Lucas and Cromartie made examination of Melvin's wound and failed to locate the ball. The wounded man was resting well, and it is considered that he is not dangerously injured.

MAJ. J. A. McLAUCHLIN DEAD.

One of the Most Popular Conductors on Southern Railway Dies in Fayetteville.

Major John A. McLauchlin of this city, one of the most popular conductors of the Southern Railway and among the most prominent members of the Order of Railway Conductors, died at Highsmith hospital here Sunday night of Bright's disease and pneumonia, in his 58th year.

Major McLauchlin was a son of the late John A. and Effie Jane McLauchlin. He is survived by three brothers, Charles, Archie and William McLauchlin. He was employed as conductor by the C. F. & Y. V., the A. C. L. and the Southern Railway, being at the time of his death chairman of the grievance committee of the National Order of Railway Conductors. He was formerly major of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, and in his younger days was active in work in the Order of Knights of Pythias. A special train ran to this city from Greensboro bringing a delegation from the Order of Railway Conductors to attend the funeral here yesterday.

The funeral was conducted from the residence of Mr. W. G. McLauchlin yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. W. M. Fairley, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. L. E. Thompson, pastor of Hay Street Methodist church. The remains were escorted to Cross Creek cemetery by the two companies of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry battalion; a large delegation from the Order of Railway Conductors, and the members of Phoenix Lodge of Masons.

The following were the pallbearers: Majors A. A. McKethan, B. R. Huske, R. G. Haigh, E. L. Pemberton (all ex commandants of the F. I. L. I.), Messrs. Joh O. Ellington and A. R. Williams.

Mr. William West Dead.

At his home on Franklin street Sunday occurred the death of Mr. William West, aged 39. He was a son of the late Mr. Archie West. The funeral was conducted by Rev. L. E. Thompson from the residence Monday afternoon.

Fayetteville and Bladen Railroad

Chamber of Commerce Directors Hear Mr. Armfield—Action Deferred Until Mr. Mills is Heard.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, President J. F. L. Armfield of the Virginia and Carolina Southern railway, addressed the body setting forth at length the proposition of his company to extend their line from Hope Mills to Elizabethtown provided the bond election Jan. 11 carries; the benefits the new line would bring to Fayetteville and to Bladen county, the importance of the election being carried now while there is a positive certainty that the voting of the bonds will insure the building of the road and asking the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fayetteville to endorse the proposition of the V. & C. S. In concluding his address he said:

Now, gentlemen of the Board, what I desire you to give our road is your endorsement of our proposition to build into Bladen County, that is, your moral support, so that the people of Bladen may feel that they have friends in Fayetteville who are interested in their progress and development, and that so far as Fayetteville is concerned, without regard to any future proposition, that our people heartily desire to see the V. & C. S. proposition adopted to the mutual benefit and advantage which are to accrue not only to the people of Elizabethtown and Bladen, but to our people, when they get into closer touch with the good people of that county.

"I feel that an action of this kind will strengthen the advocates of this proposition in Bladen; they would feel encouraged to know the people of this city are in sympathy with them and wish them well."

Action was deferred until President Mills of the Raleigh & Southport, could be heard by the board, though most of the members present, it is reported, were favorably impressed with the Armfield proposition. The board will probably hear Mr. Mills' proposition this evening or tomorrow.

KINLAW-REGISTER

Beautiful Christmas Home Wedding Near White Oak

(Correspondence of The Index)

A beautiful and simple home wedding occurred here at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mattie Register, at 6 o'clock of Wednesday, 22nd December. Rev. E. B. Craven, of Siler City, in the presence of a small company of special friends and relatives, with a beautiful ceremony, married Miss Irene Knight Register to Mr. Fred G. Kinlaw, of Fayetteville. The parlor was tastefully decorated with smilax and holly. As the wedding march was rendered by Miss Maggie Kinlaw, the bridal couple entered, preceded by Miss Bessie Woodhouse with Mr. William Register and Miss Maude McCulloch with Mr. George Register. The bride was becomingly gowned in white silk. Many presents were received.

The bride is the sister of Mr. J. E. Register, of Fayetteville, and the groom is the son of Mr. T. G. Kinlaw, a prosperous farmer who lives near Fayetteville. They will make their home near Fayetteville. Many good wishes follow them from their numerous friends here.

White Oak, N. C., Dec. 27.

Christmas at Raft Swamp

Sunday was an interesting day at Raft Swamp Baptist church, in Robeson county. Beautiful and appropriate Christmas exercises were rendered by the Sunbeams, in charge of Miss Addie Tyner. At the close of the Sunday school the Raft Swamp Camp of Woodmen of the World sprang a surprise by bringing into the church barrels, boxes and bags of fruits and candy and handing out to everyone present. The Raft Swamp Camp is a strong one and a live wire.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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$3,000. J. R. Luther, et al., to O'Neill, McLaurin, 141 acres, Seventy-First.

$400. G. H. Lewis, et ux., to [illegible] acres, to B. F. Bullock, lot, Mount Street.

$350. [illegible] Hall, et al., to A. G. Murchison, lot, Cross Creek.

$700. W. L. Biggs, et ux., to E. H. Woodall, et al., 22 acres, Rockfish.

$800. John Elliott, to Jamie Gardner, 21 acres, Flea Hill.

$150. E. T. Spence, et ux., to A. A. Thigpen, lot, Ellis street.

$400. F. J. Beasley, et ux., to J. T. Ritter, 18 acres, Seventy-first.

$35. John Elliott, to Samuel McNeill, 9½ acres, Seventy-first.

$1,500. J. S. McNeill, et ux., to A. P. Fletcher, 29 acres, Seventy-first.

$2,500. M. McRae, to C. A. Shaw, 266 acres, Seventy-first.

$1,500. F. G. Humphrey, to Hattie Humphrey, lot, Moore St.

$750. C. E. Lee, to Isham Jackson, 7½ acres, Carver's Creek.

$600. Thomas C. Whitfield, to A. W. Whitfield, lot, Franklin street.

$500. N. A. Sinclair and G. K. Nimocks, Commissioners, to John Beasley, 100 acres, Seventy-first.

$458. John Blue, to R. H. Owen, 90 acres, Seventy-first.

$110. M. B. West, et ux., to D. C. Downing, 8 acres, Cedar Creek.

$75. J. W. McLauchlin, et ux., to H. S. Cox, lot, Raeford.

$90. M. N. Sugg, et ux., to Paul C. Cook, 100 acres, Little River.

$40. I. K. Boon, et vir., to Robert McNeill, 8 acres, Seventy-first.

$12,000. John G. Shaw, et ux., to R. B. Evans, 166 acres, Seventy-first.

$4,000. Annie M. Currie, to J. B. McFadyen, 160 acres, Seventy-first.

$1,500. D. K. Taylor, et ux., to G. B. Smith, 72 acres, Flea Hill.

MRS. C. W. POE DEAD

Formerly Miss Lena Parker of Harnett County—Passes Away in Florida.

Mr. John A. Parker, of Charlotte, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Parker, near Bunns Level, in Harnett county, was in Fayetteville yesterday. Through him THE INDEX learned that the family had received a telegram from Apalachicola, Fla., announcing the death at 6 o'clock Monday morning of his sister, Mrs. Charles W. Poe, who, before marriage, was Miss Lena Parker. The news came as a severe shock to the family, and the many friends of the deceased in Harnett and Cumberland counties and elsewhere will learn of her death with sadness.

Mrs. Poe is survived by her father and mother and the following named brothers and sisters: Miss Laura Parker, who resides with her parents, Mr. J. C. Parker, of Roseboro, Mr. J. A. Parker, of Charlotte, Mr. D. C. Parker, now a student in the University of North Carolina, Miss Lonzretia Parker, a student in Radnor College, Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. Owen Parker, a student at Buie's Creek Academy, and young Franklin Parker, who lives with his parents.

The body will be brought home on A. C. L. train No. 80 to-day and the funeral will be conducted, probably, at the residence to-morrow by Rev. B. Townsend, of Broadway.

Mrs. Poe had been married just two years and a day. Her husband is the son of Mr. H. H. Poe, of Buie's Creek.

Miss Lena Parker was well known in Harnett county, where she was much loved and admired by hundreds. She was a remarkably bright girl and of cheerful disposition. She was cultured and very attractive. She possessed all the graces and traits of character that go to make a woman of charming personality and lovable disposition.

To the bereaved THE INDEX extends sincerest sympathy.

Mrs. Thomas Mills, of Chester, S. C., aunt of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Alexander, of Fayetteville, died Monday.

Christmas Storm Throughout the Eastern States

Trains Stalled, Wires Down and Traffic Generally Cut Off by the Blizzard—New England Hardest Hit.

In THE INDEX territory it rained most of Christmas day and was very cold. Saturday night the weather cleared, but Sunday was severely cold, especially so because of the biting cold wind that blew all day.

But the weather was far more severe in other sections than here. Heavy snow covered New England and most of the middle Atlantic States and a fringe of the middle West and South. Sunday morning papers at sunset, morning mail at supper time, night spent in street cars, in trains or stations contributed picturesque and amusing scenes to soften the general tone of such deaths as occurred.

At Boston water crept into the houses, left a man and wife and a child dead in bed, then crept away. Cellars were flooded in New York by a wave of less gigantic proportions.

Trains were stalled or late throughout the East, wires, to use the familiar terms, were "paralyzed" or "crippled" and streets were almost impassable except where heroic measures were adopted to clear them. The automobile was rendered temporarily useless.

The freight steamer Thurman, going ashore on the Jersey coast, offered an opportunity for the always spectacular use of the breeches buoy, by means of which her crew was rescued.

Two men were drowned near Seymour, Conn., when a trolley car left the track and plunged into the icy river. Almost every city of consequence, where the storm reached, reports suffering or deaths due to exposure.

New England was hardest hit Saturday night and Sunday, apparently receiving the full force of the storm, which had been working eastward.

New York had the tremendous task of street cleaning on its hands.

A snowfall of sixteen inches, which drifted in places to a height of ten feet or more, completely tied up for hours Sunday all steam and trolley traffic in the vicinity of Philadelphia. Many trains were stalled, and the Pennsylvania Railroad announced that eight trains had been held at Frazer, Pa., for five hours. Among them were the Pennsylvania 18-hour train from Chicago for New York, the Manhattan express from Chicago for New York, and other fast trains. Two cars attached to the leading train left the track, and this was responsible for the holding of the trains. The passengers were well taken care of. The 18 hour train left Frazer at 8 o'clock, and was followed by other trains.

Grim winter swept into New England Sunday on the wings of a northeast storm with such terrific energy as to cause great damage, much inconvenience, not a little suffering and a few deaths.

The gale drove a tide into the Massachusetts bay which nearly equaled that of the famous storm of 1851, and the wet snow prostrated wires, telephones, telegraph, electric light, and trolley and railroad trains were stalled. Three persons lost their lives in Everett and Chelsea by the sudden rise of the tide.

New York and its environs were practically stormbound for the first time this winter. The west wing of railroad service was almost wholly cut off, wire communication in every direction was crippled, metropolitan streets were blocked with snow and shipping suffered considerable damage.

County Superintendent B. T. McBryde has returned from his wedding tour and is now in his office. **Mrs. McBryde will be in Wadesboro for a few days, after which Mr. and Mrs. McBryde will be at home in Fayetteville.**