

RAILROADS FORBIDDEN TO RAISE THEIR RATES

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Interstate Commerce Commission decided against the railroads in both "Eastern" and the "Western" cases. The decision, eagerly awaited by railroads and shippers alike, was handed down late this afternoon.

Proposed advances in class freight rates in official classification territory, aggregating among all the railways in the territory approximately \$27,000,000 a year, were disapproved by the commission.

In the case involving the increases by the railroads in Western Trunk line territory the commission also declined to approve the proposed advances in commodity rates.

The carriers in both cases are required to cancel on or before March 10 their advanced tariffs and restore their former rates, which are the rates now in effect. If this requirement be not complied with, the commission will issue a formal order suspending the proposed advances and putting into effect the existing rates for at least two years.

In the case of the rail road Commission of Texas against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway and other carriers, known popularly as the Southwestern rate case, the Commission declined to disturb the commodity rates or the first-class rates complained of. The defendants are ordered, however, to reduce the second-class rates, which were increased from \$1.21 to \$1.29 to \$1.25. On the remaining classes the defendants are required to restore the rates on effect before the increased rates were published.

Front Street Epworth League.

The Business and Social meeting of Front Street Epworth League, Burlington, N. C., was held at the parsonage Tuesday night Feb. 14th 1911. The parlor had been appropriately decorated for the occasion by Miss Bernice Hornaday, the hostess, assisted by Miss Lola Lashley. It looked like all the members of the chapter were present, and quite a number of invited friends. It was the most largely attended meeting our league has ever had in all its history.

To the Business meeting reports were submitted by the officers showing the League to be in a healthy and prosperous condition in all its departments. Three new members were received into the League, and nearly all the money on our "Mission Pledge" was secured.

For the Social meeting an interesting program suitable to the occasion (Valentine program) had been prepared by our popular and efficient third vice-president Miss Lola Lashley as follows: (1) Scripture lesson, Ruth 2:11-17, by Rev. J. A. Hornaday. (2) Instrumental music "Schubert's Serenade" by Miss Imogene Thurston. (3) Recitation, "Somebody" by Miss Bernice Hornaday. (4) Song, "Will you love me when I'm old" by Miss Bennett. (5) Recitation, "The Whistle" by Miss Ada Guthrie. (6) Reading "Annabel Lee" by Miss Brown. (7) Song, "Won't you be my valentine" by Miss Nettie Dailey. (8) Recitation "Smack in School" by Miss Byrde Dailey.

After the rendering of this splendid program a short while was spent in social enjoyment, after which refreshments in the form of cream and cake were served. At a late hour, amid joyous laughter and general good cheer the happy Leaguers and their friends departed for their homes.

Respectively,
Latimer Hornaday
Reporter.

Many of the Senators are awfully afraid the people will soon elect their senators, instead of permitting the corporations to name them through state legislatures, as at present. If the constitution is amended so as to permit this reform in electing senators, it is certain the trusts will have a hard time sticking their attorneys into Senatorial seats.

Alamance Insured a Fair For 1911.

For some weeks W. A. Hall, President of the Alamance Fair Association, assisted by the Association's Secretary, Dr. R. A. Freeman, has been working out a plan to insure the promotion and holding of a creditable and representative Fair for this section of North Carolina. The joint efforts of these gentlemen has resulted in a lease of the grounds for a term of years to an Association of gentlemen thoroughly familiar with the Fair business. The lessees are not only experienced fair men, but they have the means to promote the enterprise upon lines of significance and worth while-ness.

A committee consisting of Messrs McBride Holt, Dr. R. A. Freeman and Capt. S. H. Webb was appointed by a meeting of the stock holders to assist the officers in working out the plans for and perfecting the lease.

The conditions have been complied with and a force of hands, under Capt. S. H. Webb's management, is now repairing the fence around the grounds.

The matter for the premium list is already being gotten together and the list will be out certainly by June 1st, possibly by May 1st. Arrangements to pay all unpaid premiums due by the Alamance Fair Association for 1910 between this and August 1.

The Lessees have secured the services of Mr. Junius H. Harden, the old Secretary and organizer of the North Carolina Circuit of Fairs and he is already actively at work for the meeting for 1911.

BIG POWER WIRE BREAKS

What Was in It Was Shown by the Work it Did in Fast Time.

Greensboro Record.

People know enough about electricity to be afraid of it, and it is well such is the case.

The other day one of the three big wires carrying current into the sub-station of the Southern Power Company located near the city pumping station, broke without any apparent cause or reason, and when it did break it made things lively for a few moments. It popped off close to the place where it entered the building; it came down the side of the house, "fusing," as they call it, the concrete walls just as if they were made of mud. When the end hit the ground it flew around like a hose let loose by the fireman when a hundred pounds pressure was on the line; it jumped all around and things looked squally for a time but the switch at the sub-station was thrown, a message was sent to the station at High Point to cut off the current, then the wire was repaired.

Such was the force of the current that the automatic switches at Great Falls were thrown out and it was well. No one was hurt, because every man around the plant kept out of the way. Enough current was oozing out of the end of that wire to have killed a whole regiment.

Mr. Durham is Promoted.

Mr. Carson Durham who for the past several years has been first trick operator of the Western Union at this place has accepted the position of agent made vacant by the resignation of Mr. G. O. Summers. Mr. Jake Boland will be promoted to Mr. Durhams position and Mr. Florence take second trick. No one has been assigned third trick yet.

At The Graded School.

Edward Brigham, Basso, Profondo, and Dramatic Reader, Song and Dramatic Recitals, will be at the Graded School Auditorium, Tuesday night, March 7th, at eight o'clock.

Prepare to laugh! That wonderful mimic, Henry Blount, dealer in fun and manufacturer of laughter, will appear at the Graded School Auditorium Thursday night, March 2nd, at eight o'clock.

The uncertainty of the weather indicates that the ground hog saw his shadow in spots.

Our candid opinion is that the ground hog belongs to the Overcoat Trust.

KANSAS POSTMISTRESS HELD UP AND ROBBED

Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Gus Joseph postmistress at Fuller, a coal camp near here, was held up by two highwaymen last night and robbed of \$10,000, which she had just received by express from Kansas City. The money was to have been used to pay off employees of the Sheridan Coal Company today.

The money was in one package. Two other packages containing \$10,000 each were not found by the robbers.

The money was sent from Kansas City last night on the Kansas City Southern Railroad. There was \$30,523 in the three packages. The train arrived at 6.30 o'clock and was met by Mrs. Joseph and Albert Briggs, cashier of the company. The money was consigned to an express company of which Mrs. Joseph is agent.

Mrs. Joseph took a package containing \$10,523 and left the depot first. As she stepped out a masked man with a revolver confronted her and demanded the money. Another robber soberly stood nearby. Mrs. Joseph handed over the money. Briggs who, was close behind, saw what was going on and threw his two packages into a corner. The robbers ran to a buggy and escaped.

HAULING MAIL POOR BUSINESS

Washington D. C., Feb. 23.—

The history of the Government and the Railway Mail business, that is, the hauling of the mail all-over the country by the railroads is one of series of reductions in pay. Notwithstanding the fact that the service everywhere has been largely increased, the pay has been steadily decreased. Congress has repeatedly cut the pay and in addition to this, the Post Office Department itself, whether legally or not, has also made further reductions. Notwithstanding these facts, postal clerks are transported free between the ends of their runs and their homes on the lines of the railroads.

Notwithstanding this fact, the railroads are responsible for any accident or any injury done them in transporting, the same as though they were paying first-class fare. The loss through transporting clerks free amounts to over \$1,000,000 per year to the railroads.

This is but one of many samples of cheap treatment on the part of the post-office and the Government toward the railroads.

Mule Is in His Heyday.

Omaha Bee.

Do not waste any sympathy on the poor mule. He is neither a has-been nor a candidate for that class. He, like the horse, is not suffering any setback as a result of the advent of the automobile. The long-eared animal seems only to have come into the heyday of his popularity, if we may judge from the price he brings on the market. Evidently his prosperity will not depend for artificial support on the advertising he might derive from Champ Clark's heralded promise to drive a span of Missouri mules up Pennsylvania avenue. It rests upon something more substantial.

The mule is more in demand today than it has been at any time since the Boer war, when the demand surpassed all records. But in pride he has far outstripped the Boer War days. Mules are from 30 to 40 per cent. higher today than they have been in ten years, and, according to the Kansas City Star, a mule of fourteen and one-half hands that could be bought on the Kansas City market during the South African war for from \$70 to \$105 today brings from \$185 to \$210. Evidently, the automobile, popular as it has become for hauling purposes, and the motor, popular as it is for propelling farm machinery heretofore driven or pulled by mules, have failed to undermine the mule's stability. They may not have increased it, but something has.

CONGRESS EMPLOYEES ASSAULT A MEMBER

Washington, Feb. 26.—Representative Hamer, of Idaho, while on his way to the Capitol Saturday night from the House Office Building to cast his vote on the question of fortifying the Panama Canal, was assaulted by three young men who quarrelled with him because of an accidental collision on the steps of the office building.

The young men were feeling merry as the result of a good dinner at a hotel across the street in New Jersey avenue. No one was seriously injured and Mr. Hamer appeared in good shape on the floor of the House about twenty minutes later.

Although no report of the occurrence has yet been made to the police and every effort is being made to suppress it, it is known that Mr. Hamer's assailants were employees of members of Congress. Several blows were struck, but Mr. Hamer declined to retaliate. He looked on the matter more in the light of a joke and would not discuss it.

FAMINE CONDITIONS IN CHINA GROWING WORSE

New York, Feb. 23.—Advices from China to the American Red Cross today are to the effect that conditions in the famine districts are growing worse as days go by. That 2,500,000 Chinese will die for want of bread if assistance is not rendered immediately is the prediction in a statement made by the organization. The number comprises nearly the entire population of the northern part of the province of Kiangsu and Anhui.

Beyond Their Expectations.

The Burlington Grocery Co. is succeeding beyond their expectations. The merchants through this territory realize that it is to their advantage to patronize and build up a home company. And as this company buys in solid car lots there is no reason why they cannot sell as cheap or cheaper than the wholesale merchants in other towns. They get the same freight rates and being situated upon the right of way of the Southern Railway Co., they are better situated than their competitors. Their specialties is grain, flour, meal, feed-stuffs, produce and fruits. It is something new for Burlington to have a firm who has the nerve and money to buy a solid car load of bananas, cabbage, seed Irish potatoes, corn, oats, flour, meal, lemons, and oranges. For our part we did not expect to see this for some years to come, but these enterprising people stepped in at the right moment to fill a long felt need. They are not competitors of The F. L. Williamson Co., and The McLamb Co., Wholesale Grocers, but carry a line that these people do not carry and in this way all lines are represented. What we need now is a Wholesale Dry Goods and Notion House. A house of this kind would be a success from the start. We are centrally located, and our merchants from the surrounding country prefer to trade here. We have good Mcadam roads leading into the city from all directions, and this is bound to count in the long run. Let's have other wholesale establishments and make Burlington as large a wholesale center as it is now a retail center. Burlington is a good town to do business in as attested to by our enterprising merchants both wholesale and retail.

Mitchell—Royster.

Miss Sadie Mitchell of this city and Mr. Farrer Royster of Greensboro were united in marriage at Durham last Saturday. Mr. Royster has accepted a position in Atlanta, Ga., where Mrs. Royster will join him shortly. We wish them much joy and happiness.

To think that somewhere flowers are blooming and birds are singing!

Delightful Musical and Reception.

An occasion at which everyone present enjoyed themselves and felt the warm hand shake of welcome was that of last Friday night, when the Woman's Guild of St. Athanasius Parish gave a "Musical" at Wilba Hall the beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Williamson of West Davis Street which was beautifully decorated with evergreens.

The sliding doors were thrown wide open and in the large spacious hall illuminated by the beautiful electric lights which shone like crystal was majestically seated the guest who were treated to one of the most harmonious and sublime "Musicals" of the season.

The Piano Solos by Miss MacDowell, Trios, by Mrs. Scott, Misses MacDowell and Bennett, the Reading by Miss Posy, the Coronet Solo by Mr. Campbell, the Quartet by Messrs Carrack, Morgan, Flick, and Shoffner, the Vocal Solo by Mrs. Eugene Patterson and Quartet by Misses Bertha Cates, Ella Robertson, and Messrs Flick and Morgan were charming and caused great applause.

After the "Musical" a reception to the new Rector and his wife Rev. and Mrs. Gible was given. Delicious refreshments consisting of cream cake mints was served. The guest who represented all the denominations of the town after mingling together and making many new acquaintances realized that they must bid their host and hostess goodnight.

A voluntary offering of \$75.75 was given for the benefit of the new Episcopal Church erected by Mr. Lawrence Holt which is nearing its completion.

FATAL SHOOTING ABOARD STEAMER AT BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Feb. 26.—Following a quarrel early today on board the steamer Jacob Luckenbach, which was in dock at Fairfield, near this city, Anton Fuchs, an Austrian seaman, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Edward Keane, quartermaster of the vessel, whose home is in Atlanta, Ga.

The wounded man and another sailor were on shore leave last night and when they returned to the vessel this morning they began to sing and shout. Keane was awakened, and, procuring a revolver, forced the men to retire.

While discussing the matter with another officer Keane said, Fuchs came on deck and approached the two officers in a threatening manner. Keane claims that in fear for his life he drew the pistol from his pocket and fired at Fuchs. Five shots took effect.

Funchs is in a hospital and Keane is in jail. The Luckenbach sailed for Galveston later in the day.

Honor Roll Longs Chapel School.

First Grade—Cleatus Hester, Wilburn Rogers, Howard Fattor, Edgar Taylor, Lonnie Taylor, John Pritchett, Fleming King, Lawrence King, Hassel Chandler, Jeppings Chandler, Violet Chandler.

Third Grade—Maggie Taylor, Willie Hester

Fourth Grade—Eunice Rogers, Blanch Hester

Sixth Grade—Myra Anderson, Myrtle Hester,

When all is said and done, Gov. Woodrow Wilson cast the vote of the New Jersey legislature for Senator Martine.

The Chicago restaurant that was robbed of one day's receipts—\$3,000 must have entertained a small poker party during the day.

The average woman gets more pleasure from talking about her new gown than she does from wearing it.

Had Governor Wilson forgotten all about Charles Murphy when he said, "What we need is audacity."

Here's hoping nobody will forget to get ready for the spring white-washing.

PLAYING WILD WEST SHOW BOY IS KILLED

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—An 18-year-old boy, Kelly, aged 15 years, was shot and instantly killed today by James Engle, aged 10, while playing cowboy and Indian with a number of other boys on a lot near their homes in West Philadelphia.

The boys have been accustomed to meet on a lot near their homes and reproduce wild west shows. On previous occasions they have been contented with rope lassos and cap pistols, but last night two of the older boys purchased a small rifle and brought it to the lot today. Young Engle, armed with this weapon, was being pursued by John Kelly with a lasso when, according to witnesses, Engle without looking, turned and shot. Kelly fell with a bullet through his heart.

WARRENTON MAN TAKES HIS LIFE

Uses a Pistol and Blows Brains Out by Dead Wife's Beside.

Warrenton, N. C., Feb. 24.—Driven into temporary insanity by the sudden death of his young wife, Mr. Milo Pendleton, a prominent business man of Warrenton, this morning about 2 o'clock blew out his brains with a revolver, and died almost instantly by the bedside of his wife.

The young wife of Mr. Pendleton had been ill for several days. He was watching by her bedside this morning in company with a physician when she died suddenly of heart failure. He requested the physician to go to a telephone and call in friends. While the physician was at the telephone the grief crazed man picked up a revolver from a dresser and blew out his brains. Death was almost instantaneous. He sank down by the side of his dead wife.

The deceased was engaged in the drug business. He was a member of one of the most prominent families of the section in which he lived, being a brother of Dr. Robert Pendleton of Henderson, and also of Mrs. Peter Arrington, of New York. He had been married several years, his wife being a daughter of Senator Hawkins.

The terrible tragedy shocked the whole community. Mr. Pendleton had been in excellent health and spirits, was successful in business and his friends were overcome with surprised grief at the rash act. The dual death leaves an orphaned child of about 15 months of age.

Snow-Lamp Items.

A number of our young people attended an oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Durham last Saturday night. All report a pleasant time.

Miss Eula Dixon made a business trip to Greensboro first of the week.

Misses Homewood and Folger two of the teachers of Sylvan Graded School visited last Saturday night and Sunday at Prof. J. A. Hornaday's on Liberty St.

W. P. Stout is attending court in Greensboro this week.

Charlie Dixon son of Cicero Dixon of this place died at his home in Greensboro last week after a lingering illness. His father and sister Mary attended the funeral at Greensboro Saturday.

Congress expects to finish its business affirm President Taft's reciprocity agreement with Canada, and adjourn on March 4. Just to think the country can have nearly a whole year's rest, and thus get down to business and prosperity again. Congress performs one of its greatest services to the country when it adjourns.

It sometimes looks as if those eminent standpatters, Senators Bailey and Heyburn, were just deliberately placing themselves in the way of the plain people's road roller to see what will happen.