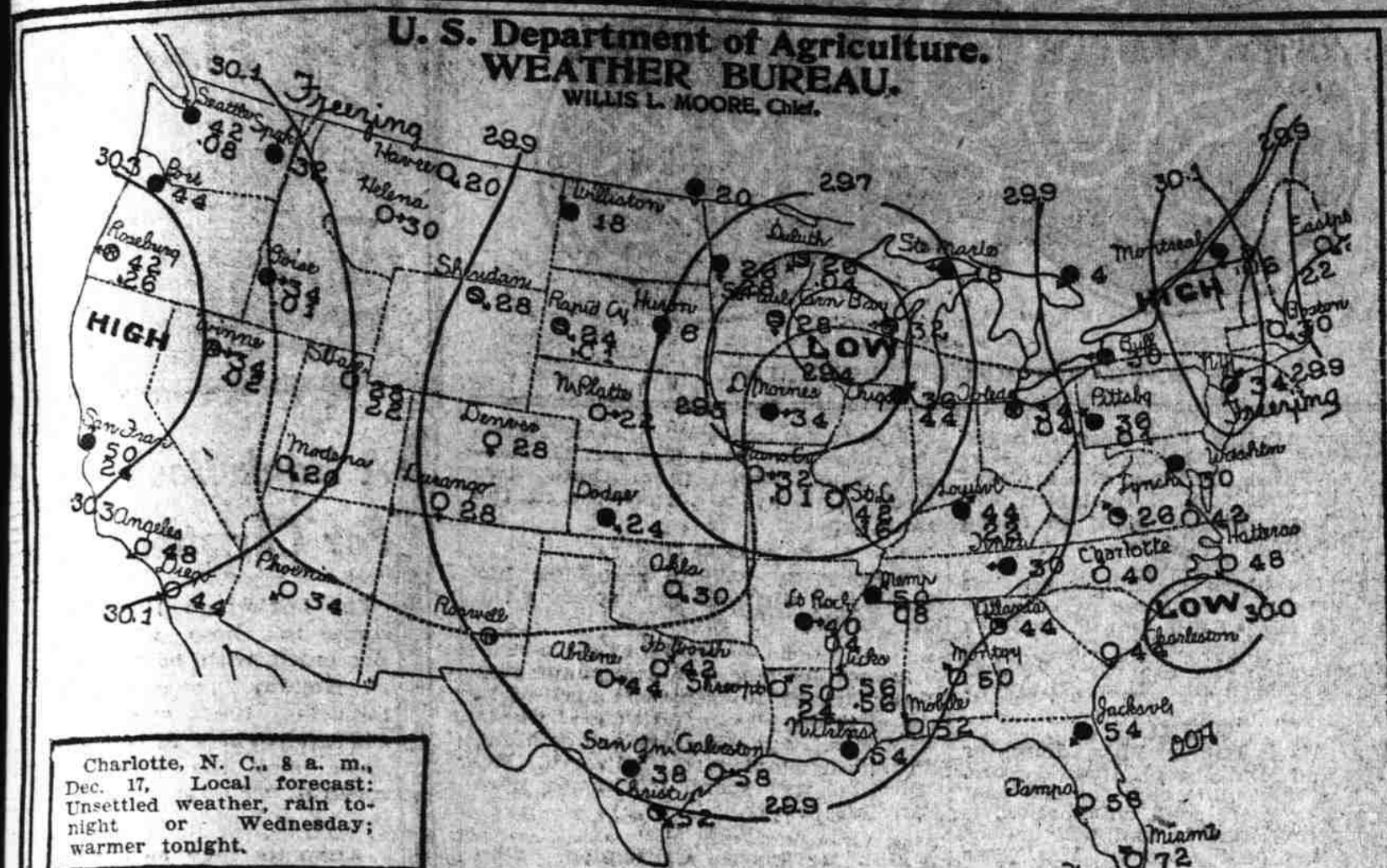


WEATHER CONDITIONS AT 8 A. M.



U. S. Department of Agriculture. WEATHER BUREAU. WILKINS L. MOORE, Chief. EXPLANATORY NOTES.

STATES COMMISSION PLANS SUCCINCTLY

Former Alderman Gives Outline Of Difference In Two Charters

The degree of interest manifested in the proposed commission form of government has directed the attention of business men over the city to the business feature of the question, and the following interesting facts furnished by a former member of the board of aldermen will afford rather direct insight into some of the phases of work of the commission form as contrasted with that under which the city is now living:

Wherein They Differ. The essential distinction between the modern commission government and the old aldermanic or commission form is that the new form is a concentration of authority and responsibility represented by a board of aldermen elected at large not to exceed two to four, who are required to give their entire time to the duties of the office, and whose salaries are such as to warrant their proper qualification in accepting such position, and may be known as the "direct commission form of city government."

The old way, is the election of a citizen, theoretically to represent a certain defined district of the city, who shall not be required to devote any of his time, neither is he paid, who with his associates meet once a month to discuss and run the city affairs, and is known as the "indirect, reference or consulting commission form of city government."

The "indirect commission form," such as now exists, conducts the business affairs of the city more by employees, rather than personal contact and acquaintance, requiring a few meetings to reach conclusions. The modern, "direct commission form," meet every day at a stated hour, after which their entire time is devoted to personal contact and acquaintance with every phase of the affairs of the city.

Could Save \$100,000. An illustration of the excessive cost of the present form of government is the sewer and water departments. The separation of these two depart-

ments costs the taxpayers an amount, that, if it could be stated with accuracy, would not be believed. As is well known a great deal of the work of these two departments are similar. The equipment and tools of one are identical with the other. In some respects the same kind of workmen and foremen of one represent the class of foremen and workmen in the other.

One of these departments may survive for the construction of a new main, extension, tear the street up, lay its pipes, repair the street, and shortly afterward the other department may survey the same street, dig up the same street, lay its pipes and repair the torn up street the second time.

A few days ago a Tenth avenue resident called in a plumber to unchoke a sewer pipe leading from his street to his home, which would involve the time of two laborers, not to exceed two or three hours. Not knowing the location of the sewer in the street, it required four days to find it and fix the street.

A few years ago it is stated that in one case the sewer department sustained an expense of \$700 in making one connection, by reason of not having a permanent record of the city sewers.

The city has just issued \$500,000 additional bonds for waterworks and sewers and taking the above illustrations as a basis, it is estimated that if the two departments were consolidated and run under executives who gave their entire time to it, a saving of more than \$100,000 could be made easily in the expenditure of these funds.

A few years ago, when there were about 60 men who were members of the board of aldermen and various commissions, one prominent city official made some private investigation, and found that at the city stable, the city wagons, street sprinklers and other property were left out in the open weather during the winters or seasons that the property was not in use, and the deterioration was as he estimated, twice as great as actual use would have been. He further investigated the matter, in an endeavor to find who was responsible, and out of the 60 odd men charged with the responsibility of running the city, only one was found who ever had been to the stable, and he was an alderman that was interested in the property. Investigation disclosed that only two men of the 60 had ever seen the septic tanks and crematory properties. This is merely mentioned to illus-

trate the excessive expenses of a form of government, such as now exists, where the executives, or authoritative heads are not required to devote their time to the city affairs, and run the city as a business corporation is conducted.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina: Local rains tonight or Wednesday; warmer in east and central portions tonight. Moderate south winds.

EXPLANATION OF TODAY'S MAP. A storm of considerable intensity is located today over the lake region, with center over Wisconsin. It is causing cloudiness and unsettled weather from the lakes to the south Atlantic coast, and local rains or snows over a large portion of the Mississippi Valley. This depression is being preceded by warmer weather over central and Southern sections. It is slightly warmer in the Northwest, but freezing temperatures prevail generally there.

An area of high pressure will be noted over the Pacific coast, and another slight area of high over the Northeast. The indications are for unsettled weather in this vicinity, with rains tonight or Wednesday; warmer tonight.

O. O. ATTO Local Forecaster.

BULLETIN

Summary of observations made at United States weather bureau stations Tuesday, December 17.

Table with columns: Stations and Weather at 8 a. m. (Eastern Time), Temperature (High, Low, Last night), and Precipitation (In last 24 hours).

Atlanta ... 44 62 44 .00
Augusta ... 44 64 38 .00
Boston ... 30 46 30 .00
Calgary ... 18 22 16 .00
Charlotte ... 46 58 44 .00
CHARLOTTE ... 40 62 40 .00
Chicago ... 44 60 36 44
Corpus Christi ... 52 74 52 .00
Denver ... 40 40 28 .00
Duluth ... 30 28 26 .04
Galveston ... 58 66 58 .00
Havre ... 20 34 20 .00
Huron ... 40 30 30 .06
Jacksonville ... 56 68 54 .00
Kansas City ... 32 44 32 .01
Louisville ... 50 52 44 .22
Memphis ... 52 58 50 2.08
Montgomery ... 52 66 50 .00
New Orleans ... 62 66 54 .00
New York ... 36 46 34 .00
Oklahoma ... 32 56 30 .00
Palestine ... 48 64 48 .02
Salt Lake City ... 28 34 28 .22
San Francisco ... 50 60 50 .00
Savannah ... 52 64 44 .00
Smeridan ... 24 38 24 .00
Shreveport ... 50 52 30 .24
St. Louis ... 42 50 42 .16
Swift Current ... 16 32 14 .00
Williston ... 18 30 18 .00
Wilmington ... 42 62 40 .00

NEW PIEDMONT THEATRE WILL BE THROWN OPEN NEXT WEEK

The Piedmont Theater on North Tryon street will throw open its doors next Monday with one of the finest vaudeville bills that has ever been brought to the city, according to the claim of the promoters of this new house of amusement. The Piedmont Theater is one of nine such institutions owned by one company throughout North Carolina and it is the aim of the management to engage only the highest class of vaudeville shows that can be secured. The first attraction will be given by the Jeffries circuit, known as the "Booth Trio," comprising bicycle acrobatic acts.

The new building is elegantly prepared for theatrical purposes. The seating capacity is slightly more than 1,000. The seats are of upholstered leather and all of the interior furnishings are exceedingly elegant. The front part of the building will be given over to C. S. Blum, jewelry, and Charlie Ritch, operating a cigar and soda stand on the first floor. J. E. Solomon, contractor, and F. L. Bonfey, architect, will maintain offices on the second floor. The entire third floor will be occupied by the Eagle Film Company.

QUAIL HUNTING ATTENDED BY FREQUENT DIFFICULTIES NOW

Those who have no sympathy for the open hunting season in this county are conveyed the consolation by experienced hunters that fewer birds are being killed per shot and per ground covered and per time consumed than in any such given period before. This is the sentiment expressed by those who have been laboriously trying their guns and dogs this season. Hunters from the city say that the situation has greatly changed in the county within recent years for some reason or another. The weather has had much to do with the poor success that has attended their efforts this season and others put the responsibility on one thing and then another. One of the most experienced birdmen of the city says that the ground is being cultivated so much more extensively than it formerly was that the birds are given a more limited territory within which to protect themselves and are confining their activities more closely to the dense thickets. Various reasons are assigned to the unsatisfactory hunting of the season, some about having reached the conclusion that there is a marked scarcity of quail in this community, and that this is the basis for the unsuccessful efforts so far.

PRESENT FOR BRIDE

Enlisted Men of the Army May Collect Fund for Wedding Present for Miss Helen Gould.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 17.—A gift from the enlisted men of the United States army bought by a fund contributed at posts of regulars in the insular possessions and in the United States, will be a token Miss Helen M. Gould will receive on her marriage to Finley J. Shepard, if the appeal framed last night by the soldiers at Fort Logan reach the post in time.

Most of the enlisted men at Fort Logan are veterans of both the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection and their appreciation of Miss Gould's kindness in 1898-99 is such that they are desirous of showing it.

FRANK CHANCE IN NO HURRY TO MEET FARRELL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—Frank Chance, former manager of the Chicago Nationals, told friends here yesterday that private business had prevented his going to Chicago to meet Frank Farrell, owner of the New York Americans, who is said to want Chance as manager.

"I can't go until after the first of the year," said Chance, and added that he "might not go at all."

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"Where do you buy them Mary?"

"At GRAHAM'S, the 'Correct Dress Store' where I'll bet Alfred has seen and admired them. Anna says they cost from \$1.00 to \$1.50."

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2:35 p. m. daily for Martinsville, Roanoke, the North and East. Pullman steel electric lighted sleeper Winston-Salem to Harrisburg, Philadelphia, New York. Dining cars north of Roanoke.

4:25 p. m. daily, except Sunday, for Martinsville and local stations. W. C. SAUNDERS, P. T. Mgr., W. S. BLUM, Gen. Pass. Agent, Roanoke, Va.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY ANNOUNCES GREATLY REDUCED RATES FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

For Christmas and New Year Holidays the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets at greatly reduced rates. Dates of sale, December 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 31st, also on January 1, 1913, with final return limit January 6th, 1913.

For further and detail information apply to any Southern Railway ticket agent or write R. H. DEBUTTS, D. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS VIA SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway will sell Holiday tickets between all stations on its line at greatly reduced rates on December 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31 and January 1st good to return until January 6th inclusive 1913. This will be a great opportunity to visit your friends during the Xmas time at greatly reduced rates. For further information call on your nearest agent or write the undersigned.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

"Premier Carrier of the South." N. B.—The following schedule figures published only as information and are not guaranteed.

No. 3-310 a. m.—Daily, Birmingham Special for Atlanta and Birmingham. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars, observation cars and day coaches New York and Washington to Birmingham.

No. 3-320 a. m.—Daily, local for Danville, Richmond and all intermediate points.

No. 3-330 a. m.—Daily, the Southern's Savannah, Alken, Augusta and Jacksonville. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars for Alken, Augusta and Jacksonville. Day coaches to Jacksonville. Dining car service.

No. 3-340 a. m.—Daily, local for Washington, D. C.

No. 3-350 a. m.—Daily, local train for Columbia and intermediate points.

No. 3-360 a. m.—Local for Atlanta.

No. 3-370 a. m.—Daily, local for Statesville and Greensboro, connecting at Mooresville for Winston-Salem.

No. 3-380 a. m.—Daily, New York, Atlanta and New Orleans, Limited. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars and observation cars New York to New Orleans, Atlanta and Macon. Dining car service. Solid Pullman train.

No. 3-390 a. m.—Daily, United States fast mail for Washington and points North. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars New Orleans and Birmingham to New York. Day coaches to Washington. Dining car service.

No. 3-400 a. m.—Daily, local for Atlanta and intermediate points.

No. 3-410 p. m.—Daily, for Winston-Salem and local points. Connecting at Barber with No. 31 for Asheville and intermediate points and at Winston-Salem for Wilkesboro, Mount Airy and Greensboro.

No. 3-420 p. m.—Daily, local for Greensboro and intermediate points.

No. 3-430 p. m.—Daily, local for Columbia and intermediate points.

No. 3-440 p. m.—Daily, except Sunday, local for Mooresville, Statesville and Taylorsville.

No. 3-450 p. m.—Daily, New York, Atlanta and New Orleans, Limited.

Washing and New Orleans Limited for Washington and points North.

Drawing room sleeping cars, observation cars to New York. Dining car service. Solid Pullman train.

No. 3-460 p. m.—Daily, United States fast mail for Atlanta, Birmingham and New Orleans. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars New York to New Orleans and Birmingham. Day coaches Washington to New Orleans. Dining car service.

No. 3-470 p. m.—Daily, the Southern's Southern Limited, for Washington, New York and points North. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars for New York. Day coaches to Washington. Dining car service.

No. 3-480 p. m.—Daily, for Atlanta and points South. Handles Pullman sleeping cars Raleigh to Atlanta. Day coaches Washington to Atlanta.

No. 3-490 p. m.—Daily, Birmingham Special, for Washington and New York. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars observation cars to New York. Day coaches to Washington. Dining car service.

No. 3-500 p. m.—Daily, Birmingham Special, for Washington and New York. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars Birmingham to Richmond. Dining car service. All New York trains of Southern Railway will arrive and depart from the magnificent Manhattan terminal of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Seventh and Eighth avenues. Thirty-first to Thirty-third streets will be composed of modern electric-lighted steel construction Pullman cars.

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

TRAINS LEAVE CHARLOTTE—EFF. PROCTIVE APRIL 9, 1913.

No. 40-500 a. m., through train for Wilmington with pastor car attached. Connects at Hamlet with No. 31 for Portsmouth and Norfolk. No. 31 for Raleigh, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. Dining car service and vestibule coaches to Washington. Pullman sleeping cars to Jersey City.

No. 40-510 a. m., for Monroe, connecting to all points South.

No. 40-520 a. m., local for Lincolnton, Shelby and Rutherfordton, connecting with C. C. & O. at Bostle.

No. 40-530 a. m., for Lincolnton, Shelby, Rutherfordton and Washington, D. C.

No. 40-540 p. m., for Wilmington and all local stations.

No. 40-550 p. m., handles local sleeper for Portsmouth, Norfolk; connecting at Monroe with No. 41 for Atlanta and Southwest with through sleeper to Birmingham; at Monroe with No. 32, fast train with sleeper to Portsmouth and Norfolk and Jersey City. Connects at Hamlet with No. 31 with through vestibule coaches for Washington. Dining car Richmond to New York. Pullman sleepers to New York.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT CHARLOTTE: No. 138-10:25 a. m., from the east. No. 46-10:05 a. m., from the west. No. 45-12:10 p. m., from Wilmington and Norfolk and Jersey City. Connects at Hamlet with No. 31 with through vestibule coaches for Washington. Dining car Richmond to New York. Pullman sleepers to New York.

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Trains Leave Charlotte—Effective Sunday, November 10, 1912.

Lv. Independence At. Mint Street Station. No. 1-7:00 a. m. No. 2-7:35 a. m. No. 3-8:15 a. m. No. 4-9:00 a. m. No. 5-9:45 a. m. No. 6-10:30 a. m. No. 7-11:15 a. m. No. 8-12:00 p. m. No. 9-12:45 p. m. No. 10-1:30 p. m. No. 11-2:15 p. m. No. 12-3:00 p. m. No. 13-3:45 p. m. No. 14-4:30 p. m. No. 15-5:15 p. m. No. 16-6:00 p. m. No. 17-6:45 p. m. No. 18-7:30 p. m. No. 19-8:15 p. m. No. 20-9:00 p. m. No. 21-9:45 p. m. No. 22-10:30 p. m. No. 23-11:15 p. m. No. 24-12:00 p. m. Tickets on sale at Independence Terminal and Mint Street Station. E. THOMASON, C. V. PALMER.

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