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## THE ROAD INSTITUTE

Delegates From a Number of Counties Assembled Here This Morning.

CAPT. ALEXANDER PRESIDES.

Mayor McCall and Mr. D. P. Hutchison Welcome the Delegates—State Commissioner of Agriculture Responds—First Business Session.

The Road Builders' Institute began its work today at 12:30. There was a good attendance, representing the very best and foremost men of this and other counties. The institute has come together for business and the speakers who made talks made this fact very evident.

Capt. S. B. Alexander took the chair and made a few introductory remarks, welcoming the institute to Charlotte. He said that the first object of the institute had tried to secure was proper legislation and suitable laws for the different sections of the State. "We began in 1879, but failed, and it was 1885 when we succeeded in procuring the law under which we now work." It was his opinion that we should have three institutes, one for the level section of the State, one for the Piedmont section and one for the mountain section, and finally a general institute representing all three sections.

After these remarks the institute was called to order by Chairman Alexander. Mr. C. L. Coon was requested to act as secretary.

Mayor McCall then made a short address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Charlotte. In well chosen words he expressed Charlotte's hearty welcome to the institute. "I had no idea how this thing is taking," said he, referring to the good roads agitation. "On the part of the citizens of Charlotte, I say that you are welcomed to this city. Mayor McCall then called attention to the lack of opposition to good roads which was once conspicuous. "When road building was first discussed there was much kicking and opposition, but this has all disappeared. Now county and city are working in harmony on the question of road building."

Mayor McCall remembered the time when you could hardly get down Tryon street and it was almost impossible to bring half a load to this city.

"I want," said he, "to see the time when the State farm convicts will be put upon the public highways of the State and made to improve its roads (applause)."

The speaker mentioned in deserving terms Capt. S. B. Alexander and the work he has done. "There is no citizen in Mecklenburg county of whom I am prouder than I am of Capt. Alexander," said Mayor McCall.

Mayor McCall didn't know he was to deliver the address of welcome until a few minutes before the time, but his speech would scarce have betrayed the fact. In his closing remarks he said that he attributed the rapid growth of this city to its good roads more than to any other cause.

Mr. D. P. Hutchison next being called upon, as manager of the Charlotte township roads, made a short speech. He mentioned the fact that Charlotte township contains about 50 miles of road.

"I am not so surprised," said the speaker, "as the gentleman preceding me was, to see so many here, but I am rather disappointed that so few are here."

After this talk, the institute was opened for business and Mr. S. L. Patterson, State Commissioner of Agriculture, made a brief address. He said, "I know something of the Charlotte people and of the Mecklenburg people. No one has enjoyed their hospitality who has not stored up pleasant memories. Mecklenburg county has set the State an example that is hardly less important than the declaration of 1776," (speaking of her roads). "I thank you sir, and the other gentlemen, for the kindly welcome you have extended."

The delegates were then requested to hand their names and addresses to the secretary and the count shows about twenty-nine present at the first session.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed by the chairman to arrange and manage the program. The chairman then proceeded to name the following: Prof. Holmes, chairman; Chas. McDonald, of Cabarrus and D. H. King, of Forsyth.

Prof. Holmes then arose and suggested to each one present that they as delegates, should feel at liberty to examine the roads, streets and sidewalks, of the county and city, with a critical eye, looking for the good portions as well as any mistakes that might be in the system here. Prof. Holmes, further suggested that the afternoon session convene earlier than at first published because the institute had met for business, first of all. He thought best that the subject of the afternoon should be

a discussion of the Mecklenburg system and its workings.

Chairman Alexander then called attention to the effect of good roads on manufactures and markets, showing how good roads cheapened farm products and hence the cost of living of the mechanic population. Good roads have made it possible for the farmer with his wagon to compete with the railroad. It was then moved and seconded that the institute adjourn until 3 o'clock.

PROGRAM FOR THE AFTERNOON. The afternoon and night program was given by Prof. Holmes to the News and is as follows:

1. Mecklenburg County Road Systems. Discussed by Mr. C. A. Spratt, Captain S. B. Alexander and others.

2. The Township Road System in Mecklenburg County as District from the County System. Discussed by Mr. D. P. Hutchison, Mr. M. C. Mayer and others.

3. The Cost, the Results and Benefits of this work. Discussed by Mr. D. A. Tompkins, H. D. Stowe, from the standpoint of a farmer; Mr. J. H. Weddington, from the standpoint of a merchant.

At the conclusion of the above addresses, this afternoon, the institute will go out on the Pineville road, leading by the Atherton mill, for the purpose of examining that highway.

TONIGHT'S INTERESTING FEATURE.

At 8:30 tonight in the county court house there will be an address by Mr. M. O. Eldridge, assistant director of the office of Road Inquiry in Washington, D. C. His subject will be, Methods and Benefits of Modern Road Building.

Besides the lecture there will be stereopticon views, used in illustrating the talk. The public is especially invited and Charlotte should give this cause and the speaker a good audience.

LIST OF THE DELEGATES ATTENDING.

At the first session this morning the following representatives were present: M. O. Eldridge, Washington, D. C.; I. M. Hyatt, Waynesville, N. C.; J. B. Spratt, Shopton, N. C.; H. D. Stowe, Lodo, N. C.; A. H. Stokes, Durham, N. C.; Chas. McDonald, A. B. Young and R. C. Benfield, Concord, N. C.; J. M. Bandy, Greensboro, N. C.; P. T. Brodie, Clemson College, S. C.; J. H. L. Rice, Salisbury, N. C.; Jno. O. Alexander, Tampa, Mecklenburg county; W. J. Ashcraft, Wadesboro, N. C.; J. B. Powers, Fair View, N. C.; J. C. Cowan, Emma, N. C.; R. B. Caldwell, Charlotte; John Berry, Wilmington; J. S. Myers, Charlotte; H. F. Schenck, Lawndale, N. C.; D. O'Donoghue, M. D. Charlotte; Dr. Jos. Graham, Charlotte; T. M. Cheek, Mebane, N. C.; S. L. Patterson, Caldwell, N. C.; P. M. Brown, Charlotte; J. H. Sadler, Sandifer, N. C.; W. F. Kuykendal, Davenport, N. C.; J. A. Kelly, Wilmington, N. C.; J. J. Marshall, D. H. King, J. Moyer, Winston-Salem, N. C.; J. A. Conner, Statesville, N. C.; J. H. Woodward, Democrat, N. C.; J. H. Botlinal, Basnaselsville, N. C.; J. A. Nichols, Asheville, N. C.; J. S. Patterson, Statesville, N. C.; Jno. A. Roebeling, Asheville, N. C.

### \$37 FROM OFFENDERS.

Notwithstanding the fact that today is Tuesday, there were five cases before Mayor McCall this morning and fines amounting to \$37 were imposed.

Mose Jones, colored, was fined \$2.50 for raising a disturbance.

T. A. Stewart, colored, paid \$1.50 for getting drunk.

Chas. Davidson and Tom Kerns, both colored, were fined \$2.50 each, for reckless driving on the streets.

Strauter French, contributed \$3 to the city's funds for profanity.

Ed. Davis, who made off with a bicycle last night, was fined \$25 for his unsuccessful attempt, as stated elsewhere in the News.

RAILROAD CROSSING REPAIRS.

The Seaboard has quite a force of hands employed on the East Trade street crossing, doing some building and laying a board covering for the crossing. There are five tracks crossing the street at this point and it has always proved a source of trouble to the railroad and to citizens as well.

The present repairs will likely render the crossing as good as could be desired, provided the Southern also bridges her tracks at the same point.

ENSIGN WALKER AT HOME.

Ensign James Walker, of the United States navy, returned home this morning. He arrived at the League Island navy yards several days ago, coming from San Juan on the Panther. He is in the best of health and will be gladly welcomed by his many Charlotte friends.

During the late trouble with Spain Ensign Walker was aboard the Nashville and was, on several occasions in pretty close quarters.

TO INSPECT BOER SUPPLIES.

By Telegraph to The News.

LONDON, July 11.—Two British war ships have arrived at Delagoa Bay for the purpose of inspecting Boer supplies in the event of hostilities.

Mr. S. J. Durham, of Bessemer, came over this morning on business.

## IS HE A MURDERER?

Sam Archer, the Post-office Crook, Said to Have Killed a Richmond Officer.

WHITE PAL GIVES HIM AWAY

Will Harris, the Bicycle Thief, Says He Was Standing Near When Archer Killed Policeman Austin in Richmond—A Chain of Evidence Against Him.

Each day the negro crook, Sam Archer, remains in the Mecklenburg county jail, additional evidence is procured to satisfy the officers that the negro has been mixed up in all kinds of crime.

If the statement of his white pal, Will Harris, is to be believed, Archer has added murder to his list of wrongdoings, and, that too, the murder of an officer.

Yesterday afternoon Chief Orr and one other gentleman, were questioning the man, Harris, concerning Archer's crimes. Harris, at first, refused to answer any of the questions, but finally, admitted that he had known Archer for some time and that he came to Charlotte with him. He also admitted to Chief Orr that Archer was the man that shot Policeman Robert D. Austin in Richmond, the morning of April the 11th, 1898. Harris says that he was standing near when the officer attempted to arrest Archer, and witnessed the encounter in which the brave Richmond officer lost his life. He also states that at this time, Archer, had a negro pal, who was also present when the trouble occurred. He admitted to Chief Orr that this negro is now in jail in Chattanooga, Tenn., charged with burglarizing a Pullman car.

Since Harris has made these statements Chief Orr is inclined to believe that Archer is the man. In the description sent out by the police department of Richmond, it is stated that the murderer of Policeman Austin was of a light yellow color, five feet 10 inches high, and about 19 to 20 years old. This, as far as it goes, is a good description of Archer.

It will be remembered that the negro who murdered the Richmond officer dropped his coat and vest as he ran. Both articles of clothing had the Long Tale Clothing Company's mark on them. This firm's place of business was broken into a short time before the tragedy in Richmond took place. By several reputable colored witnesses, it can be proven that Archer was in Charlotte about this time. He stopped at a colored woman's house and the police are in possession of the name, but do not care to divulge it at present. Louis Perry the colored liveryman, also states that he is positive that Archer was in Charlotte last spring.

Putting these facts together and taking into consideration the admission of Harris, the white pal of Archer's that he was present when the shooting in Richmond took place, Chief Orr is more than ever convinced that in trapping a postoffice thief he has landed a murderer.

The Richmond authorities were notified last night of the arrest of Archer and Chief Orr looks for an officer to arrive in Charlotte either to-night or to-morrow morning.

There is a standing reward of \$400 for the murderer of the Richmond officer, \$200 from the State of Virginia, and \$200 from the Richmond police department.

BROKE THE RECORD.

Charlotte Party Arrives at Cherbourg on Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

By Telegraph to The News.

NEW YORK, July 11.—The steamship Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, of the German Lloyd line, which left here July 4th, arrived at Cherbourg yesterday afternoon, having established a new record. She made a speed that averaged 22.62 knots per hour.

[Prof. George P. McCoy, director of music in the Presbyterian College for Women, Miss Helen Foil and Miss Olive Dunlap sailed on this vessel. They will probably land at Bremen today, and will go direct from there to Berlin.]

STILL SUFFERS VERY MUCH.

The news from Mrs. A. G. Brenizer is not so encouraging. Before leaving this morning for Blowing Rock, Mr. Chase Brenizer received a letter from his father stating that Mrs. Brenizer still suffered very much and could sleep but little on account of the intense pain. The attending physicians think their patient will get but little relief from this pain until the bone begins to knit.

Mr. H. A. Rhyne, of Mt. Holly, is at the Centre!

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Meets in Monroe Wednesday—Missionary Institute and Programme.

The annual session of the Charlotte Methodist District Conference, convenes in Monroe on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, July 12, in the Central M. E. church. Rev. S. B. Turrentine, the presiding elder of the district, presides over the sessions of the conference.

The members of this conference are the pastors, recording stewards, and four delegates elected from each pastoral charge.

All of the Methodist pastors of Charlotte will attend except Rev. A. L. Butt, who is kept at home by the extreme illness of his wife.

At the general conference of the Southern Methodist church held in Baltimore, it was made a law that in each district there shall be each year a missionary institute. The presiding elder of this district has decided to unite this institute with the district conference, hence Wednesday will be devoted to this part of the program.

There will be quite an extended program for this institute, but the chief event of the day is the missionary sermon by Rev. P. L. Cobb, of Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Mr. Cobb is an assistant missionary secretary, and a man of fine as well as practical thought.

28 INJURED IN A FIRE.

Many Thrilling Escapes From a Burning New York Tenement.

By Telegraph to The News.

NEW YORK, July 11.—A big five-story tenement on Monroe street was burned this morning. Twenty-eight persons were injured or overcome by smoke in the fire, including one entire family of eight, of whom five may die.

The tenants were awakened at 4 o'clock this morning. The halls were filled with smoke. Police and firemen hurried to the rescue.

There were many thrilling escapes. Harris B. Sisk and family were on the sixth floor. With his wife and six children he was found on the floor unconscious. Three of the family were badly burned and overcome by smoke. The baby alone was unhurt and was found in its cradle.

A hundred and seventy-five people inhabit the tenement.

A BICYCLE THIEF.

There seems to be a mania in Charlotte at present for stealing wheels. Mr. E. J. Young went down to the Southern passenger depot last night, having his wheel with him. He left the wheel, after reaching the depot, not expecting to have it stolen before he returned.

Ed. Davis, a negro boy, concluded that this was his opportunity and started away, rolling the wheel. When Young found his wheel missing the alarm was given and Officers Shields and Crowell were soon in pursuit. The negro and the wheel soon got tangled up and the young thief fell to the ground and was taken in charge by the officers and transferred to the toms.

WAS HIGHLY PLEASED.

Mr. C. W. Tillett, who has been in Morehead City attending the first annual meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association, returned home Saturday night. He reports the meeting of the association a decidedly pleasant and successful one.

The surroundings of Morehead City and the sound, Mr. Tillett regards as furnishing one of the most ideal pleasure resorts to be found.

Miss Patterson, Mr. Tillett's niece, did not come back with him, but remained for a further visit. She returns within a day or two to Charlotte.

TO GO TO THE PHILIPPINES.

Col. H. T. Thompson, of South Carolina, a cousin of Hon. Heriot Clarkson, of this city, has been assigned to a captaincy in the new volunteer army and will leave for the Philippines in a short while. Col. Thompson was formerly lieutenant colonel of the Second South Carolina regiment and is well known in Charlotte, where he often visits.

COMMISSIONER PATTERSON HERE

Hon. S. L. Patterson, State Commissioner of Agriculture, is here attending the Road Institute. Mr. Patterson represented his county (Caldwell) in the legislature of '95 and '99, and is one of the most popular State officials. He has a number of warm friends in Charlotte. He had not visited the city in several years and was surprised at its rapid growth.

TO BE RUN BY RAMSEUR.

Capt. W. H. Ramsey, the well known excursionist, will run the excursion from Charlotte to Charleston and the Isle of Palms on the 29th of this month. He has a number of seats already "spoken for."

Mr. Chase Brenizer left this morning for Blowing Rock. He will be absent several weeks.

## HE HAS RESIGNED.

Secretary Alger Has Already Placed His Resignation in the President's Hands.

THE FACT HAS LEAKED OUT.

Will Probably Cause the Immediate Retirement of Alger From the Cabinet—His Resignation Was to Have Taken Effect Late in the Fall.

By Telegraph to The News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—It is now stated positively that President McKinley has, during the last fortnight intimated to Secretary Alger that they had reached the parting of the ways. The secretary did not resign at once. The President then asked the secretary for his resignation in a more formal way.

Alger, after several days' consideration, sent in his resignation to take effect some months hence.

It is intended that this should not be made public till late next fall, but now that it has leaked out, it will undoubtedly cause the date of Alger's resignation to be changed.

The formal announcement of his retirement from the cabinet may be looked for at any moment.

PILLAR OF FLAME.

Explosion in a Man Hole Causes Great Excitement in New York

By Telegraph to The News.

NEW YORK, July 11.—A man hole in an electric conduit containing many high tension wires at the corner of Church and Fulton streets was blown off by a big explosion this morning. The report was terrific.

A pillar of flame shot into the air higher than the steeple of St. Paul's church.

A Sixth avenue car that was passing was lifted from the rails. Fifteen passengers were in the car, but none was injured.

The latest reports make thirteen injured three may die.

RICHMOND'S NEW DEPOT.

Architect Frank P. Milburn has just completed the drawings for the Southern Railway's fine new depot in Richmond, Va. The structure will cost \$60,000 and will be one of the finest railroad buildings in the South.

TO GO TO ASHEVILLE.

The Pythians of Charlotte will probably run an excursion from this place to Asheville some time in August. Suez Temple, D. O. K. K., will go to Asheville to initiate a number of Knights who wish to join that hot and sandy order, and they will be accompanied by a large number of Pythians and their friends who want to see Asheville and vicinity.

QUEEN WILHELMINA'S THANKS.

THE HAGUE, July 11.—It is learned that Queen Wilhelmina personally thanked Ambassador White, the head of the American delegation for the American tribute to Hugo Grotius and expressed especial admiration for Mr. White's speech on the occasion of placing the tribute to Gorotus on his tomb at Delft.

DEATH OF AN AGED LADY.

Mrs. Nancy M. Stancill, aged 86, died at her home in Dilworth last night, after an illness of several weeks. Deceased had been living in Dilworth some time, having moved from the Hopewell section. The funeral will take place from Hopewell church to-morrow morning, where the interment will also be.

DR. BREVARD HERE.

The many friends of Dr. E. M. Brevard, formerly a resident of this city, were glad to welcome him to Charlotte this morning. Dr. Brevard is now living in Tallahassee, Fla. He left Florida yesterday and arrived in Charlotte this morning and will remain some time with relatives.

COUNT DE CASTELLANE TO BE PROSECUTED.

PARIS, July 11.—It is stated that the report of the Prefect of Police revealing the Royalist plot to overthrow the government as published yesterday, has been authenticated. Count de Castellane and others may be prosecuted.

MR. PRESSLY COMING.

Rev. J. H. Pressly, of Statesville, will arrive tomorrow and begin a meeting at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Tabernacle on East Avenue.

Capt. T. T. Smith, who is now merchandising in Rock Hill, S. C., has been here this week on a visit to his family.

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