

CORPORATION COMMISSION CLOSES CASE -- RAILROAD SETS UP ITS CONTENTION

Case of The State Over Discriminatory Freight Rates Closed--Recess Taken for Final Hearing in Washington.

Railroad Officials Testified at Hearing To-day--Contention of The N. & W. Set Forth--The Case Will Come Up Later.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 28.—J. W. Cox, comptroller of the Norfolk and Western Railway, testified at length this morning as to the financial status of the company, facts being practically all taken from the annual published report of the company.

to be finally concluded in Washington.

Governor Glenn Reticent. Governor Glenn says he still has no statement to make as to his probable candidacy against Senator Overman for the United States senate, his whole thought and effort being now on success of state prohibition. He said he would, however, gladly pledge himself not to seek the United States senatorship in opposition to Mr. Overman if he and his friends would come to him and pledge to support the present prohibition campaign and assure 40,000 majority for state prohibition.

Other News Briefs. Governor Glenn orders a special term of Wilkes county court to convene May 18 for one week, Judge Ferguson presiding.

Henry Bryant, convict on the Wake county roads, was granted a pardon March 16, an notice sent to the county authorities for his release, the application having been under consideration for some time. Now the Wake officials report that Bryant escaped from the camp March 2, (before the pardon was granted). So the governor revokes the pardon and directs the officials to use all diligence for his recapture so that he may serve out all his sentence.

Bryant the Speaker.

By Associated Press. New York, March 28.—The announcement that Hon. William J. Bryant has accepted the invitation to deliver a speech at the Jefferson Day banquet of the National Democratic Club here April 13th is made public today.

Fell Down Stairs; Fractured Skull.

Special to The News. Greenville, S. C., March 28.—John D. Wood, traveling salesman from Sedalia, Mo., fell down the steps today at the Salla Hotel and fractured his skull. He has never regained consciousness and is said to be in a dying condition this afternoon. He is 60 years old and is accompanied by his wife.

Heflin Gets Many Threats

By Associated Press. Washington, March 28.—Representative Heflin gave out for publication copies of several anonymous letters received by him since his unsuccessful effort to incorporate the "Jim Crow" car amendment to the local street railway bill. Among these was the following: "Prepare to meet your God; go guarded night and day from now on until your death. Fear and tremble, there is not a step between you and death, vile wretch. Every person who fears God and loves justice is against you because you desire to add oppression to already unjust oppression. Go guarded and well armed, patience has ceased to be a virtue. The south is the property of the colored race."

Another letter read: "Assuredly as you attempt to interfere with the harmonious relations now existing between the races in this the District of Columbia, as certainly will your life pay for the privilege. This is applicable to all southern members likely to create for glory and a halo. It is easy to 'remove' an 'objectionable' of your stamp in this capital as a grand duke in St. Petersburg. You will be warned no more. Remember Caesar made light of the swords soon to be reeking with his blood, and an eye has been on you all the session in anticipation of such an outbreak."

The third letter read: "Let you and your friend some fine afternoon in the crowded street car arise and give a bevy of colored ladies your seats not wanting to proclaim who you are, and if there should be any colored gent in the car he will follow your magnanimous example."

Negro Shot by Rep. Heflin is Improving

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Louis Lundy, the negro who was shot by Representative Heflin, of Alabama, last night after an altercation on a street car, is greatly improved today, and will recover, according to hospital authorities. The bullet, which entered his head above the left ear, has not been found yet, and an X-Ray examination will be made to locate it. As Lundy was unable to appear in police court the case was not called this morning, but it is believed that it will be heard Monday. Mr. Heflin's bail bond of \$5,000 was continued. Thomas McCreary, of New York, who received one of the shots fired by the congressman in his leg, was only slightly injured.

—Hunter & Vaughn, the building contractors, will build Yarbrough & Bellinger's new ice plant. Work will begin at an early date.



"CAN'T YOU READ THE ANSWER IN MY EYES?"

Home Of General Wells Blown To Atoms By A Stick Of Dynamite

BIG INTERSTATE MEETING OF Y. M. C. A. IN PROGRESS

Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., March 28.—The 5th annual Interstate Young Men's Christian Association convention was called to order in the Columbia Y. M. C. A. auditorium yesterday afternoon by Mr. T. S. Bryan, president of the convention and also president of the Columbia association. Mr. Bryan delivered a brief address of welcome to the 150 or more delegates present at the opening of the convention and he was followed by Governor Ansel, who also welcomed the Christian workers to the city and state, and expressed his personal interest in their work. A committee of Messrs. K. W. Price, of Wilmington; L. Gardner, of Wake Forest and A. C. Bridgman, of Columbia, was appointed to nominate officers and when the committee shortly made its report the report was adopted and the following officers were elected: Mr. Glasgow, President. President, Robert Glasgow, Jr., of Charlotte; first vice-president, J. W. Simpson, of Spartanburg; second vice-president, Dr. Jos. Ackerman, of Wilmington; third vice-president, W. H. Mixon, of Charleston; fourth vice-president, Prof. M. W. Twichell, of the University of South Carolina; recording secretary, J. Foy Justice, of Wake Forest; assistant recording secretary, E. L. Scruggs, of Hartsville; press secretary, J. I. Koon, of Newberry.

Report on Work Done.

The report of the executive committee of the interstate organization was made by Mr. A. G. Brenizer, of Charlotte, chairman. This covered the work being done by the various associations throughout North and South Carolina, and it was referred to a special committee for recommendations.

A Big Banquet.

At 6:15 o'clock yesterday evening the opening banquet of the convention was given at Craven Hall, and about 200 sat down to the elegantly prepared repast. Mr. J. W. Simpson, of Spartanburg, acted as toastmaster and addresses were made by Governor Ansel, Mr. Robert Glasgow, Jr., of Charlotte, and Mr. T. S. McPheeters, of St. Louis. A number of the prominent business men of Columbia were present.

Other Meetings. Last night at the First Presbyterian Church, another meeting was held, which was opened with song and prayer, and two addresses were delivered. Bishop Conductor W. A. Guerry, of Charleston, spoke on "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection," and Mr. T. S. McPheeters on "Why I Believe in the Y. M. C. A."

Bold Effort of Assassins to Murder Former Adjutant General—Bomb Placed Near His Bed—How He Escaped.

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He Had Taken Prominent Part in Prosecution of Officers of Western Federation of Miners at Boise.

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Aycock Barred From Church

Special to The News. Westville, N. C., March 28.—Somewhat of a sensation was created here today, when it was announced that ex-Governor Aycock, who was advertised by posters and newspapers to speak tomorrow night in the Presbyterian church on prohibition, was refused by the members of the congregation the use of the church, on the grounds that they did not care to have any politics brought into the church.

Steamer Dunkeld Floated.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., March 28.—The British steamship Dunkeld, from Cuba to New York, which was stranded Wednesday at Ocracoke, N. C., was floated today.

WAS WOMAN VICTIM OF FOUL MURDER? By Associated Press. Arlington, Mass., March 28.—The body of an unknown woman with her throat cut and showing indications of murder, was found in a pit in St. Paul's cemetery.

Big Lumber Plant At Gastonia Burned

News reached the city this morning of the destruction by fire last night of the Page Lumber Company in Gastonia. The entire plant and equipment was burned to the ground. The fire is believed to have originated in the boiler room. Owing to the high insurance rates of lumber plants, the company carried no policies, and the loss will amount to about \$100,000. Mr. John F. Love is president of the company, and Mr. J. E. Page is general manager.

Official Mail Pouches Opened

By Associated Press. Caracas, Venezuela via Willemstad, Curacao, March 28.—American Minister Russell, in a note, advised the Venezuelan foreign minister, Dr. Paul, that three pouches of official mail, that were brought into Laguaira on March 15, by the steamer Zulia for the American cruiser Tacoma, had been opened in the Laguaira post office.

Burial of Mr. Edwin H. White

By Associated Press. The interment of Mr. Edwin Holt White, of Graham, who took his own life last night by shooting himself in the heart will be held here this afternoon. The train bearing the remains will arrive at 5:30 o'clock and the body will be taken at once to Elmwood cemetery, where Rev. Dr. Rosebro will conduct the brief concluding service at the graveside. Mr. White was buried beside his father and mother and a young sister.

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HUSBAND FINDS HIS WIFE UNCONSCIOUS -- ROBBERS GOT COSTLY EAR RINGS

COUNTY TAX MATTER TO COME UP APRIL 21ST.

The Hearing of the Case of the Southern Railroad Against the County in Regard to the Collection of Taxes Above the Constitutional Equation Will be Advanced on Supreme Court Calendar. The suit of the Southern Railway against the county commissioners of Mecklenburg, in which the commissioners have been restrained from collecting taxes at a rate above the 66.23 cents on the one hundred dollars' worth of property, which is the constitutional equation, will be heard by the supreme court on April 21, as this is the date of the hearing of the cases from this district, and this case will probably be advanced on the calendar as it is very important that it be decided before June the first, when the new levy is made. The question before the court will be whether the Alexander act of 1905, reducing the poll tax from \$3.50 to \$2 is constitutional or not. If this law is held to be valid, then the county will lose one-third of its revenue, as the tax levy of the county now, counting the two special taxes for the bond interest and the roads makes the rate \$1.1623 or 40 cents above the required equation with the poll tax, which is now \$2. The outcome of this suit means much to the county, and its outcome \$7800,000. N. N. county and the result will be eagerly watched.

Chamblee Brothers Declared "Not Guilty"

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 28.—After being out all night, the jury in the Chamblee case in the Wake superior court, returned a verdict of not guilty. This is the case in which the three Chamblee brothers, Tom, Seymour and Lawrence, were accused of forcibly entering the home of Lonnie High, firing at him twice and wounding his wife, by discharging a .38 gun while she was in bed. The young men are well known here.

Six Prisoners Escape.

By Associated Press. Fairmont, W. Va., March 28.—In a jail delivery here today six prisoners escaped. According to jail officials outside assistance was furnished the prisoners.

Remains Reach Here this Afternoon at 5:30 and Be Taken at Once to Elmwood -- Took His Own Life.

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Officers Fired on From Ambush--Still Taken

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., March 28.—Revenue officers here today report that during a raid yesterday near Price, just this side of Virginia, they were fired upon three times from ambush, but the bullets missed their intended mark.

UNION METHODIST MEETING.

Rev. Frank Siler Will Conduct Them Beginning Monday. The union Methodist protracted meeting will commence at Tryon Street Church tomorrow, beginning with Monday. The services will be in charge of Rev. Frank Siler. The first service will be at 7:45 p. m. Monday and each day thereafter at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. All the Methodist pastors with their congregations will unite in these services. Mr. Siler has developed into an evangelist of remarkable power. He recently held a successful revival at Brevard Street Church, this city, and last fall conducted a meeting at High Point which was said to be the best in the history of that church. Members of all churches and the public generally are most cordially invited.

New Orleans Police Force And Detective Corps Busy Working on Last of a Series of Sensational Outrages.

When Otto Biglesack returned home last night, he found his bride of a few weeks stretched unconscious on the floor, a pair of \$500 earrings, belonging to her, and the house ransacked.

Young Man Finds His Bride of Only Few Weeks Unconscious With Diamonds Valued at \$500 Missing--A Full Story.

When she regained consciousness Mrs. Biglesack said she had returned home and heard some one in the house. Upon starting out she was attacked. A handkerchief, saturated with a red liquid was stuffed in her mouth, when she was found by her husband.

CHANGE IN POSTAL ROUTES ORDERED

The Charlotte and Augusta and Charlotte and Savannah Routes Take the Place of the Old Greensboro, Savannah and Jacksonville. Effective tomorrow morning the railway post-office route, known since January, 1903, as Greensboro, Savannah and Jacksonville will be wiped off the map, and in its place several new routes known as Charlotte and Augusta, and the Charlotte and Savannah. Both routes run over the same road to Columbia, and just what the causes of the changes are is not known.

Some two weeks ago the post office department took the clerks off Nos. 33 and 34 and 29 and 30 from Charlotte to Greensboro, and now comes a general shake up in which a general division is made by which three men will run from Charlotte to Savannah, with a helper each to Columbia, and three men will run to Augusta; that is of those left on the Southern Railway. Five of the oldest and most reliable men are transferred to the Hamlet and Jacksonville line of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and will still live in Jacksonville, as the News learns. Of late much of the Florida mail has been routed that way out of Washington, and the transfer of these splendid mail workers there means more of that South Georgia, Florida and Cuban mail will go that way.

Charlotte will gain a few citizens thereby, as the six first named clerks will make Charlotte headquarters. Some of them were bringing in their belongings today.

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