

Contractors Confer With Officials Of Interurban Line

Work Will Begin as Soon as Contract is Let And This, if is Thought, Will be Done This Evening.

Interest in Interurban Coincident With that Manifested in The Building of The Two Depots in The City.

Mr. W. S. Lee, president of the Piedmont Traction Company, is beyond a doubt the busiest man in Charlotte today. He was at his office early and from all outward signs will be there late figuring with contractors who are bidding for the contracts to build the interurban electric line from here to King's Mountain. The contract is to be let today some time, probably late this evening.

Representatives of some of the largest contracting firms in the United States are here today and will be at the conference this afternoon. They have nothing to give, out as to what their figures for the work will be, and Mr. Lee is too busy a man to talk to an outsider. The one central fact stands out, however, that the contract is to be let before Tuesday and work will immediately begin upon the new road.

It is thought that the line will have been extended as far as Gastonia by the latter part of July, and to King's Mountain before fall. Heavy steel rails will be laid and in the bids submitted by the contracting firms all details are specified. A time limit will be fixed, so that the work must be completed at a given date. Other officials of the company are with Mr. Lee in the conference and each one is looking only to the early beginning of work on the new road.

King's Mountain is 34 miles from Charlotte and Gastonia is something like twenty miles as the crow flies. It is therefore a little over half the distance, and a fair estimate of the time the road would be completed to King's Mountain would be the first of October.

Along with the building of the line towards Gastonia, and the assured fact that the contract is to be let, is the interest that naturally centers in the property along Mint street upon which options are now held by representatives of the company. Those options, as told about in The News some time ago, are upon some of the best property on Mint street. J. E. Murphy & Company and F. C. Abbott & Company have engineered several of them. Some of the options that will unquestionably be taken up are on the Crawley place, Fourth and Mint; Z. T. Smith, 206 Mint; Squire S. H. Hilton's 210 Mint; P. S. McLaughlin place, Mint and Third; the Caylin lots adjoining; W. B. Kidd place, Second and Mint; the Treolar property, and several other that are not given out now.

The building of the passenger and the freight depot on Mint street will, it is thought, greatly enhance the value of property on South Tryon street, as it will also have the tendency of making this section of the city a more business one. South Tryon street will, to some extent, compete with Trade street in department store buildings, etc.

Dr. Johnson Here To-morrow Night

Popular President of Winthrop College Will Deliver Public Lecture To-morrow Night in Auditorium of Presbyterian College.

Dr. D. B. Johnston, president of Winthrop college, will deliver a lecture to-morrow night in the Presbyterian College auditorium at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "Southern Ideals and Why they should be maintained in education." "our Southern Women."

Organization Of The Bland Forces

At a meeting of the supporters of Dr. C. A. Bland for mayor, held at 15 West Fifth street, the Bland headquarters, a large crowd was present and manifested great enthusiasm.

The meeting was organized with Chase Brenizer, presiding as chairman, and B. R. Lee, acting as secretary. A notice was read that an advisory committee of six be elected to cooperate with the chairman in the contest of the campaign. Nominations were made and the following gentlemen were elected unanimously to form this committee: P. M. Brown, T. S. Franklin, W. H. Hall, E. R. Preston, T. J. Davis and Hugh W. Harris.

When the business had been concluded Dr. Bland was called upon to address the meeting. He said in substance that he felt the deepest appreciation of his nomination for mayor by nearly 700 citizens of Charlotte, and that he had accepted the standard given to him from a sense of duty to the petitioners, and that in taking this honor upon himself he did so without bitterness toward any one and he expected to conduct his campaign on a high plane and without personalities; that he knew no custom that any man should receive a second term as mayor without opposition but on the contrary there were a number of instances of such aspirants who had been opposed; that if elected he would go into office as the mayor of all the people and that he is running as the candidate for no clique, ring or faction.

Taken to Salisbury

Deputy Sheriff Crowder, of Salisbury, came here Sunday and took back with him Frank Bentley, a young white man who is wanted here for the alleged theft of clothing. The young man had been working in Charlotte for some time.

Negro Women Over Whom Shooting Took Place

Allie Davis and Hattie Walker, the negro women who were fighting Sunday afternoon when a negro was shot by another one, were tried by Recorder D. B. Smith this morning and were fined \$10 each. They will be used as witnesses in the case of the negro who fired a rifle ball through a negro named Chisholm, is captured.

Child Burned Fatally

Lancaster, March 6.—Little Della, about three years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith, of Trazah, York county, was fatally burned at the home of her parents, death ensuing Saturday afternoon.

The Hayes Trial

Whiteville, N. C., March 6.—Judge Gook was delayed, and reached Whiteville at noon. Court convened at 1 o'clock and the jury in the Hayes-Floyd trial are now being drawn.

INCENDIARIES BELIEVED TO HAVE ACTED

Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed the store and dwelling of Mr. George W. Bain, and three other dwellings adjoining on East Fifth street extended early Sunday morning. The flames originated in the store, No. 1430 East Sixth, and quickly spread to the four dwellings, completely destroying each one. None of the families was able to save any furniture, clothing or anything, and their plight is one that appeals to charity.

That the store of Mr. Bain was fired by some unknown person who had previously robbed it, is the belief of citizens and of officers who visited the scene of the conflagration Sunday and made a thorough examination. More than two hundred pounds of flour and a bushel or so of meal were in the store and no trace of this was found when the building had burned. Four and meal will not burn and it is a known fact that after a fire flour will be found in a heap.

Traces of flour were found all along the road leading from the store and the officers are of the belief that quantities of merchandise were stolen and placed in a wagon that was given away soon after the fire was started. Mr. Bain carried in stock a quantity of canned goods and only a few cans were found in the debris. Chief Christenbury made a personal investigation yesterday afternoon and is led to believe that the store was robbed and then fired. So far as Mr. Bain is aware he has no enemy who would deliberately set fire to the building. While he believes his store was robbed before the fire, he cannot conceive of why the people should set fire to his store, knowing that the flames would soon eat their way to residences nearby.

No insurance was carried by any family burned out. Those who lost their homes and belongings are Mr. Enoch West, 1432; Mrs. Mort Davis, 1429; Mr. Dan B. Bradley, 1421; and Mr. Bain, who lived at 1426 East Fifth, three doors from his store.

The fire department made a good run to the fire and did all that was possible, but the flames had gained such headway it was impossible to save the four dwellings. As a matter of precaution the Dilworth department also responded to the alarm. Hundreds of people were attracted to the scene by the blaze.

Scarcely had the firemen quit fighting the flames on East Fifth street when they had to respond to an alarm from North Church street and the railroad. The roof was burned from a small cottage.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning the home of Mr. R. A. Kinney on South Church street, caught fire, but the blaze was soon extinguished, the damage not amounting to more than \$15.

A vaudeville tent caught fire about 1 o'clock and the department hastened to Cedar and Third streets to extinguish the blaze.

And then an automobile belonging to Mr. James Northey, ignited while in the Dutch garage and the department came on another run. That was all for the day.

Sunday had been fittingly celebrated as the anniversary of one of the largest fires Charlotte ever had.

Woman's Missionary Union Here March 9

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association will meet at Pritchard Memorial Baptist church, of this city, on Thursday, March 9th. There will be two sessions, one at 10:30 a. m. and one at 2:30 p. m.

An interesting program has been arranged and a good attendance is expected.

The remains will be sent to Lenoir for burial, leaving here tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. The interment will be in the churchyard of the Methodist church at Lenoir tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Gregory Joan, brother of Peter Joan, the Gypsy who disputed Emil Mitchell's supreme dictatorship over all the Gypsies in the United States, and about which dispute the Wadesboro people heard a very great deal, is in a cell at police headquarters charged with stealing \$1 from a man named Herbert Joan, head of the only tribe that does not recognize Emil Mitchell as king, awaits on the outside and, it is understood, will employ counsel to assist his brother.

Stephen Joan, a man whose age may be one hundred years or fifty years, will await until some disposition has been made of the charge against his son. In the mean while some forty children and eight or ten women, along with several men, many horses and twelve wagons, have been shipped to Raleigh near which place camping ground will be had in the future.

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The Joan tribe camped outside of the city limits last week and several of them were arrested charged with theft. They deposited their bonds and have left. All said they were going and Peter and Gregory, his brother, and Stephen, the father, were going to leave today. The arrest interfered with his plans.

MY DAUGHTER WAS CURED

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Baltimore, Md.—"I send you here with the picture of my fifteen year old daughter Alice, who was restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. She was pale, with dark circles under her eyes, weak and irritable. Two different doctors treated her and called it Green Sickness, but she grew worse all the time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended, and after taking three bottles she has regained her health, thanks to your medicine. I can recommend it for all female troubles."—Mrs. L. A. CONKRA, 1103 Rutland Street, Baltimore, Md.



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Death of Mrs. Mary S. Montgomery

Passed Away at Charlotte Sanatorium at 10:26 This Morning—Was Native of Lenoir—Body Will be Sent to Lenoir To-morrow for Interment.

Mrs. Mary S. Montgomery died this morning at 10:26 o'clock at the Charlotte Sanatorium following an illness of one week. A few ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis and was taken to the sanatorium for treatment.

Mrs. Montgomery was 60 years of age and was born and reared in Lenoir, where she spent her entire life until two years ago, when she came to Charlotte to live with her son, Mr. J. T. Montgomery, Mr. Montgomery's family, had just left the Elmore hotel, taken apartments in the Buford hotel, until he could complete arrangements for removing to Chicago, when his mother, Mrs. Montgomery, was stricken.

Mr. Montgomery is her only surviving son, Mrs. Cornelia Simms, of Dilworth, is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Montgomery.

The deceased was a woman of exceptionally fine character and was held in the highest esteem by all who made her acquaintance while here. She was a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist church, having united with that denomination in early life.

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Pretender to Gypsy Throne is Arrested

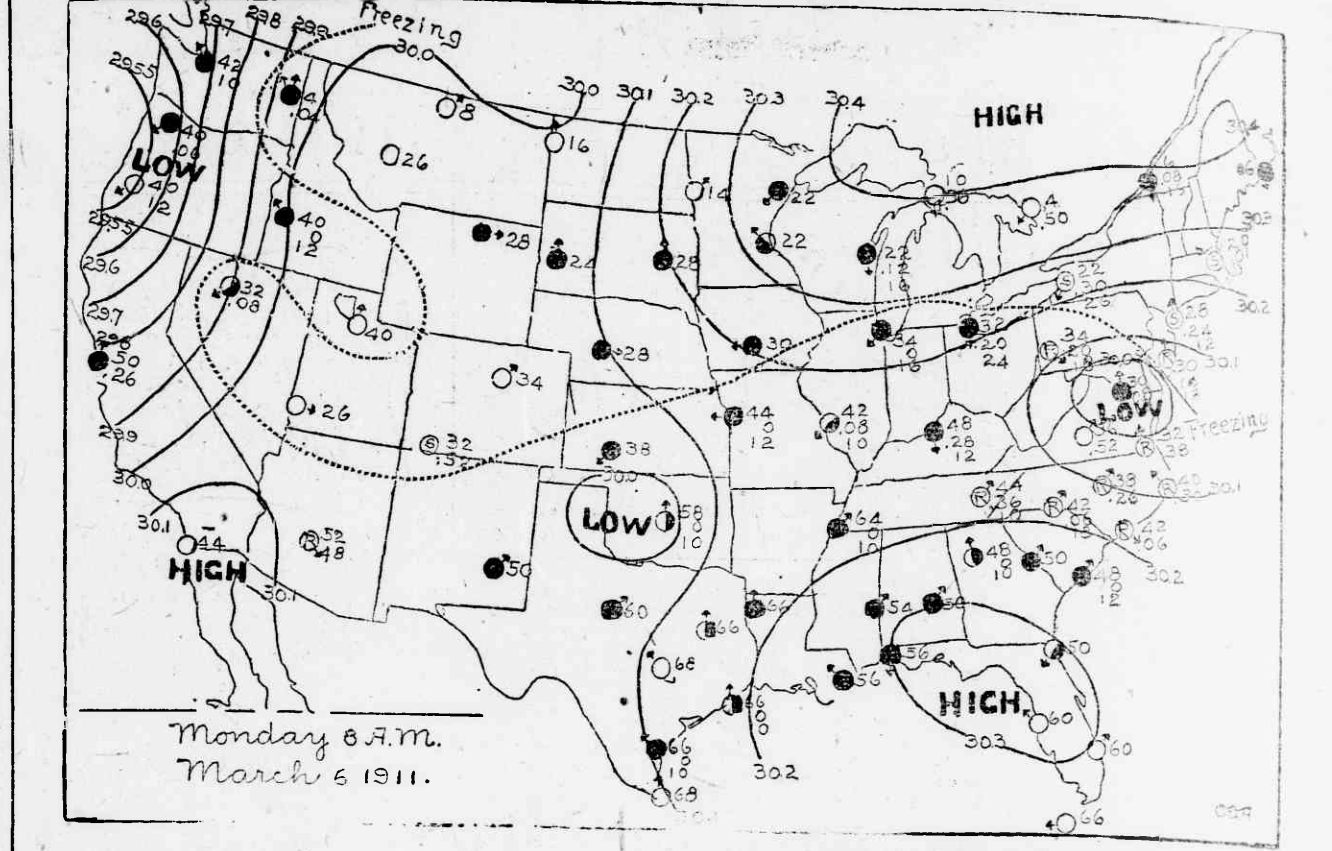
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U.S. Department of Agriculture WEATHER BUREAU WILLIS L. MOORE, Chief.



Forecast for Charlotte and Vicinity. Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday; not much change in the temperature.

THE WEATHER

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 6.—Forecast: North and South Carolina and Georgia, unsettled tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; moderate west winds.

State Forecast.

Unsettled tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; moderate westerly winds.

Weather Conditions.

A low pressure area has developed over Virginia, and the barometer is falling over the Middle Atlantic States. Under these influences rain has occurred in the above named section from North Carolina northward and also over the Lake region.

Another area of rainfall is located on the North Pacific coast, accompanying low pressure in that region. The pressure is relatively high over the Lake region and over the Southeastern states but is diminishing. With decreasing pressure it is warmer in all sections of the country east of the Rocky mountains. Slight local changes to cooler weather occur from thence westward to the Pacific coast.

By an inspection of the map above a widespread prevalence of cloudy weather will be noted. Conditions favor, for Charlotte and vicinity, unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

O. O. ATTO, Observer.

Society

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT AND NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

The literature department of the Woman's Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. F. R. McNinch at her home in Dilworth. It is North Carolina day with the literature department and a most interesting program will be carried out.

SENIORS OF ELIZABETH BANQUET SOPHOMORES.

A most delightful affair and one that was faultlessly appointed and carried out in every detail was the banquet by the senior class to the sophomore class last Saturday night. The affair was held in the dining hall of Elizabeth College. The color scheme was green and white, the colors of the sophomore class. The conviviality was also of the same color and combined a souvenir of St. Patrick.

Twenty two young ladies composed the list of banqueters, 14 of them being seniors and 8 sophomores. The presidents of the two classes sat at one end of the board and the two toastmistresses at the other end. The president of the sophomore class is Miss Katherine Vollers; the vice-president of the senior class, Miss Alma Oates, presided in the absence of the president of the senior class.

Miss Hazel Cherryman was toastmistress and filled the part admirably. The following five toasts were proposed:
I.—"To the Sophomore Class."—Miss Laura Reilly.
II.—"To All of Us."—Miss Bessie Peery.
III.—"To 'Betsy'."—Miss Elizabeth VanPool.
IV.—"To the Future."—Miss Myra Washburn.
V.—"To the Seniors."—Miss Katherine Vollers.

The following seniors were seated at the banqueting board: Misses Hazel Cherryman, toastmistress; Mary Taylor Sasser, Jennie Kraeg, Annie Moseley, Millie McLaughlin, Hazel McNichols, Margaret Dewoody, Laura Reilly, Bessie Peery, Elizabeth Van Pool, Hazel Albright and Nellie Saunders.

A DREADFUL SIGHT

to H. J. Barnum, of Freeville, N. Y., was the fever sore that had plagued his life for years in spite of many remedies he tried. At last he used Bucklen's Arnica Salve and scarcely a scar left. Heals Burns, Boils, Eczema, Cuts, Bruises, Swellings, Corns and Piles like magic. Only 25c at W. L. Hand & Co's.

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GOODBYE LOUISE; GOODBYE DORA

Louise Stevens and Dora Wilson, about whom columns have been written for the past week, are in Charlotte no more.

They left here last night about 10 o'clock, their trunks being taken to the depot by a baggage wagon.

As one train was to leave for the North and another for the South about the same time, they could have taken either. The News reporter thought it of too little consequence to attempt to ascertain in which direction they had gone.

The public is weary to forget the suicide of A. J. Wynn and the subsequent arrest of the two young women in connection with the death. The past life of the Stevens woman was laid bare in all its wretchedness, and uncomplimentary things were said of Dora Wilson.

They have left Charlotte and so far as any one knows they are deeply sorry for any connection they may have had with the suicide of the young traveling men. —Vale.

Doctors To Meet in City Hall Tomorrow

The Medical Society of Mecklenburg County will hold an important meeting in the city hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Interesting papers will be read by Drs. McAuley, Myers, McMaury, and Nalle.

Hawkins Forces Open Up Offices

The Hawkins forces in the approaching mayoralty campaign, will launch their forces into the scene of municipal agitation from the old express building at the corner of South Tryon and Fourth streets.

The campaign for Mr. Hawkins will be managed by Mr. P. C. Whitlock. The hall of the old express building has been put in fine shape by Mr. Whitlock and his assistants and it was thrown open for the campaign this afternoon. Elegant chairs and office fixtures have been installed and every preparation has been made to begin the campaign in good earnest.

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