

# MANY MEN AT WORK ON LINE TO SOUTH FORK

General Manager Thomas on and Member of The Staff of The Charlotte News go Over Line Rapidly Nearing Completion.

Passenger Service to The South Fork on Sunday Morning is Now Practically Assured—New Park is Suggested on River.

There is practically no doubt now that the line of the Piedmont Traction Company will be opened for passenger traffic to South Fork on Sunday, day after tomorrow.

Yesterday General Manager Thomas, of the Piedmont Traction Company, and a staff man of the Charlotte News, made a trip over the new line from Mt. Holly to McAdenville and found a small army of men at work surfacing the track preparatory to opening the line to the South Fork on Sunday morning.

A most excellent quality of hard gravel has been secured and the last of it was distributed along the lines of the track yesterday morning and it was the statement of General Davenport to Mr. Thomas that the two gangs would meet at noon today and that the remainder of today and tomorrow will be devoted to "smoothing up" the tracks in readiness for the service on Sunday morning.

There is only a comparatively short stretch of this track that has been soft and the remainder has been ready for fast travel for some days except for the telephone wire which was being strung yesterday. The greater part of the track was yesterday in a condition to allow the engine carrying the general manager and the newspaper man to make 40 miles an hour without difficulty.

Stringing Wire. A gang of men yesterday afternoon completed stringing the No. 8 copper wire for the telephone system by which trains will be dispatched. This wire is strung from a flat car drawn by a steam locomotive, the wire being played out from spools as the car is drawn ahead. About every two pole lengths a halt is made while the pole men attach the wires to the insulators on the cross arms, and it is with rapidity that this work is accomplished.

This telephone wire has been strung now to the South Fork bridge where the Piedmont Traction Company crosses the river just above the old McAden country home at McAdenville and will be strung into Lowell during the coming week and into Gastonia within a few days more. A booth will be established at the river at once for the convenience of the operating department of the company.

The service which will be established on Sunday morning will be to this side of the river only, where a lay over of something like an hour will be made. At this point the natural scenery rivals that of the Land of the Sky in Western North Carolina. From the Charlotte side the new railroad approaches the river, (South Fork) in a beautiful sweeping curve, and crosses on a bridge five feet less than 100 above the waters below. On both sides of the river the natural scenery is superb and will lend itself readily to a parking plan and what in that section of the country yesterday The News representative heard much which indicates that there are movements on foot to develop this natural beauty and put it in condition for its greatest service to the people.

The management will during the coming week string the "overhead" track and the trolley wire will be strung into Gastonia several days before the first car goes over.

It is the plan of the general manager to operate a car or two to the river Saturday in order to test out the operation of the line and will on Sunday maintain a gang of track walkers between Mt. Holly and the South Fork to guard against all possible accidents and misfortunes.

Every energy is being strained to bring the new railroad into operation at the very first possible moment and the general manager will not leave this section until the line is in successful operation between the two points.

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## Movements of Grain And Flour for March

The commercial movements of grain and flour during March, 1912, are shown in a report just made public by the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor.

Interior Grain Department:—During the month of March, 1912, 53,060,415 bushels of grain were received at 15 primary interior markets. This figure shows a slight decline when compared with the receipts at the same markets in March, 1911, at which time there had been a decided shrinkage as compared with the corresponding month in 1910, the receipts of grain having been 54,351,274 bushels in 1911 and 63,847,000 bushels in 1910. The grain receipts in March of the present year were also considerably smaller than in either January or February. During the three months of the current year, taken collectively, however, the aggregate receipts show a material increase, namely, 193,135,933 bushels in 1912, as compared with 174,150,990 bushels in the corresponding three months of 1911. The decline in receipts was most marked in the case of barley, the March receipts of which have decreased steadily from 8,644,825 bushels in March, 1910, to 5,263,268 bushels in March, 1911, and to 2,947,596 bushels in March, 1912. The receipts of wheat in March, 1912, 12,499,241 bushels, show a slight improvement over the corresponding figures for 1911, which were 11,747,299 bushels. The receipts of oats and rye likewise show a slight improvement the former having been 15,252,047 bushels in March, 1912, and 12,663,082 bushels in March, 1911; while the receipts of rye were 707,180 bushels in March, 1912, and 654,277 bushels in March, 1911. Corn, of which 21,654,675 bushels were received in March, 1912, shows a slight decline when the receipts are compared with those of 1911, namely, 24,081,343 bushels. If, however, the receipts of corn for the three months of the current year are compared with those of the corresponding months of 1911 a decided increase is shown, namely, 93,605,813 bushels in 1912, as against 75,693,809 bushels received during the same period in 1911.

The receipts of flour at 12 leading interior markets in March, 1912, were almost the same as those in March, 1911, namely, 1,383,996 barrels and 1,399,295 barrels, respectively. In March, 1910, the receipts of flour were 2,139,522 barrels. The receipts of flour during the three months of the current year show a slight increase, however, when compared with the receipts during the corresponding period of 1911.

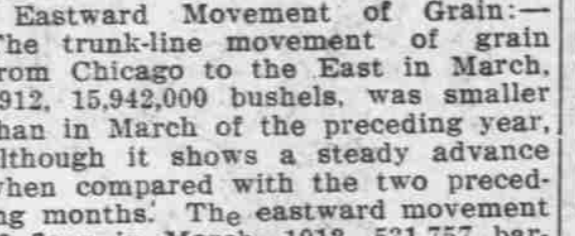
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## The Liles-Nix Contest Votes

Below is the relative standing of charitable and benevolent institutions, and the number of votes cast assisting the Liles-Nix Company in the distribution of their \$1,000.00 donation for charity:

Alexander Rescue Home for Children, Charlotte	39137
Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte	26927
Y. W. C. A., Charlotte	23998
Charity Ward, Mercy-General Hospital, Charlotte	10233
Colored Reform School Charlotte	2136
Southern Industrial Institute, Charlotte	2020
Charity Ward, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte	1979
Crittenden Home, Charlotte	1875
Episcopal Orphanage of Yorkville, Yorkville, S. C.	1491
Jackson Training School, Concord	1056
Methodist Orphanage of Winston, Winston	807
St. Peter's Hospital, Charity ward Charlotte	745
Old Ladies Home, Charlotte	745
Thomasville Orphanage, Thomasville	725
Salvation Army, Charlotte	484
Barium Springs Orphanage, Barium Springs	470
Associated Charities, Charlotte	396
Good Samaritan Hospital, Charlotte	255
St. Michael's T. & I. Hospital, Charlotte	160
Charlotte Humane Association, Charlotte	64
St. Peter's Church, Charlotte	5

Next statement will be posted May 16th.

## WOMAN'S HANDICAP.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you; Weep and your nose gets red; But with some men, you have got to weep Or hand them a bump on the head."

## Negro Murderer Makes Escape

Special to The News. Albemarle, May 3.—John Harris, colored, in jail here awaiting trial at the July term of court for the murder of Charles Christian, made his escape late Wednesday afternoon.

It appears that Mrs. Alex. Green, wife of jailer Alex. Green, went in to feed the prisoners, it is the custom to save all the prisoners go into one small cell when the meal is spread for them, and the lock to this cell is turned from the outside. The only other prisoner in jail went into the cell and the lock was turned. Mrs. Green thinking that Harris was also in the cell. Instead of being in the cell Harris was hiding under a "bunk" and when the outside door was opened he made his rush for liberty, knocking Mrs. Green down and making his escape.

Sheriff Forest, and Jailer Green were at the court house nearby, they together with Chief of Police Love and other immediately gave chase, but the escaped prisoner had reached the woods near by and no trace was found.

Tonight Sheriff Forest with a number of deputies is making every effort to capture Harris, and it is believed he will be captured shortly. The charge of murder against him is strong and he is considered as a dangerous negro.

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## Fire Insurance Catechism

What is a fire?  
A condition brought about by the devil in which the element of heat predominates.

What are the causes of fires?  
Chiefly carelessness and damfoolishness.

What is a fire insurance company?  
Some legislators say it is a band of robbers.

Are the legislators correct?  
Sometimes.

What are the functions of a fire insurance company?  
To reimburse you for being careless.

Who starts a fire insurance company?  
A promoter?

What is a promoter?  
A gentleman who sells stock to bankers and other suckers.

Does the promoter assist in organizing the company?  
No; he simply gives it a name and then gets under.

Do fire insurance companies have any assets?  
Some do; others merely claim to.

What is an agent?  
A fearful and wonderful thing.

Who may become an agent?  
Anyone outside of jail.

Do fire insurance companies make money?  
Not so that you could notice it.

If they do not make money, why are they continually being promoted?  
For the same reason that Mr. Barnum went into the circus business.

Are there any laws against fire insurance companies?  
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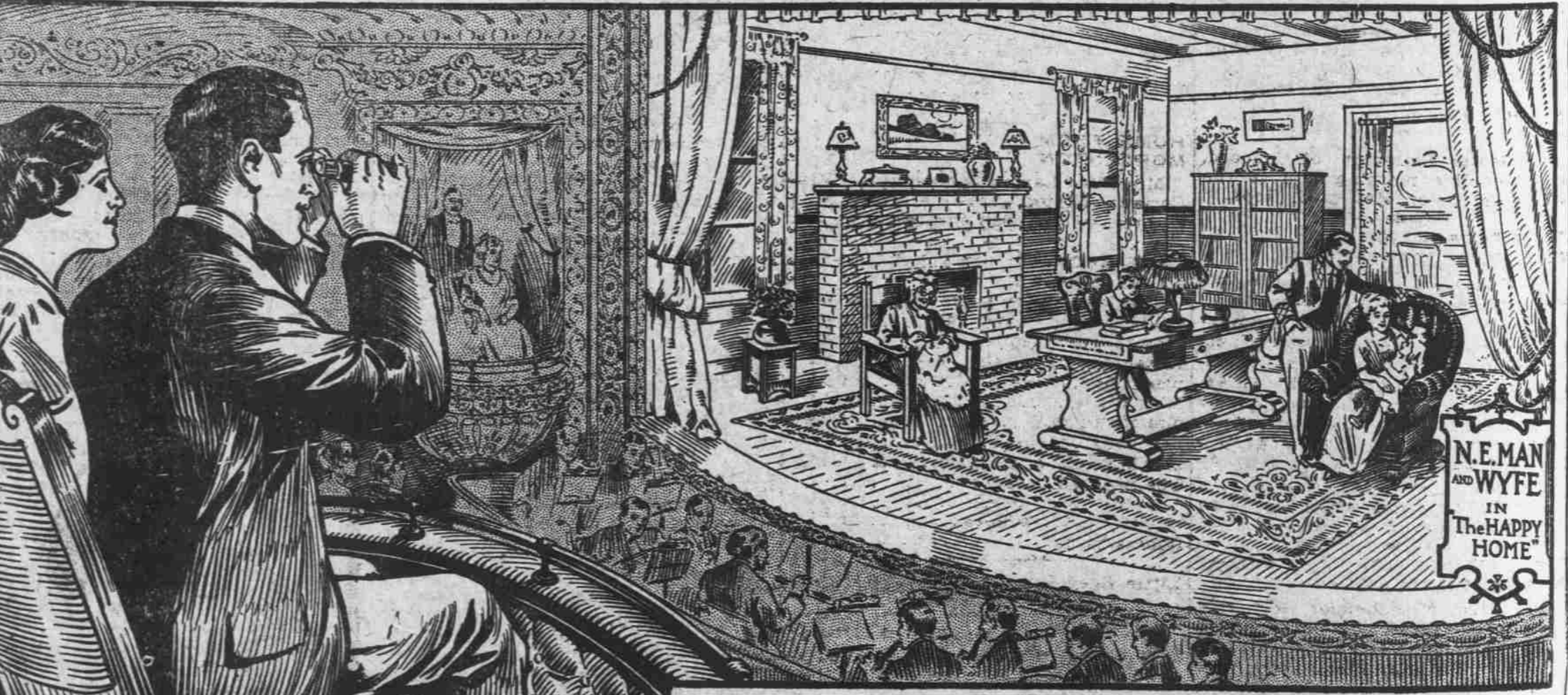
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