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BUSINESS MEN LISTEN TO THIS

ROAD SHOULD BE BUILT TO THE COUNTY LINE.

A Good Road From Concord to the Lower Section of the County is Absolutely Necessary. — Several Miles of It Already Built.

There is a large section of the county along the lower part of this county, the Stanly, Mecklenburg and Union line. It is a productive section and will be more productive when the railroad now being constructed is completed. The produce and general business from that section and between here and there will amount to a vast sum. The business of this section will grow rapidly from now on than ever in its history and, therefore, the total sum will amount to more and more each year.

Concord can get the business from this section and profit by sharing in the vast sum its products will amount to. Concord cannot get this business unless it makes an effort to secure it. Therefore it behooves the business men of this city and county to take steps toward securing this business. The first and by far the most important action to be taken is the construction of a good road from here to the county line in that direction. A good road is absolutely necessary if the business is to be gained and the country developed. If the road is not constructed then all other efforts to secure business will be of little avail, for any market, to make a successful effort for business, must base its efforts on a good road.

The road can be constructed. The citizens in that section should have a good road leading to their market. It is likely the county commissioners would order the road built if the people along the route and the people here would show them that they wanted the road. Cabarrus can well afford to make the expenditure of whatever funds necessary to construct the highway. All the matter needs is for the interested parties to take advantage of the opportunities that are now presented.

A part of the road is already macadamized and the other part could be put in the same condition in a short time. As long as the matter is delayed it means a loss to every one connected with the route in anyway and to the wealth and progress of Concord and Cabarrus. The matter of building this road is of a nature to warrant the consideration of the people of that section and the business interests of Concord.

New London Merchant Weds Concord Girl at Greensboro.

A very pretty though quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Shenk, on Washington street, with Mr. Shenk officiating, yesterday shortly before noon, when Miss Lola H. Walters, of Concord became the bride of Walter Lefler, of New London. Mr. Lefler and his bride came to Greensboro yesterday morning from Concord and, securing a marriage license, repaired to the home of the Lutheran minister, where the nuptial event was celebrated. The bride, a charming and attractive young lady of Concord, presented a sweet picture of lovely young womanhood in a coat suit, with gloves and hat to match. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Lefler left for Washington and other points east and north, where they will spend their honeymoon of several days before going back to New London to make their home. Mr. Lefler is a rising young merchant of that place and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The marriage of Mr. Lefler and Miss Walters here yesterday is the second Concord Couple to come to Greensboro to wed within the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ramsaur to Leave Concord.

Mr. Claude C. Ramsaur has resigned as secretary of the Locke cotton mill and will locate elsewhere to engage in business. Mr. Ramsaur's resignation will take effect in a short time. He has not yet decided where he will locate, having several business propositions under consideration. Mr. Ramsaur has been a resident of Concord four years, and is a young man of recognized business ability. He and Mrs. Ramsaur have made many friends during their residence here and their departure will be regretted by a large number.

Mr. Benson Operated On and is Doing Well.

Mr. R. P. Benson was operated on for appendicitis at the Charlotte Sanatorium Wednesday morning. A telegram received at 12 o'clock from Dr. J. C. Montgomery at the Charlotte Sanatorium was as follows: "Operation completed successfully. Condition satisfactory." This will be good news to Mr. Benson's friends here, and his early recovery is looked for.

Big Clearance Sale at the Browns-Cannon Co.'s.

Starting January 18, and closing February 1, the Browns-Cannon Co. will have a Clearance Sale of all winter suits, overcoats, pants and shirts, during which sale they will sell all the above goods at from one-fourth to one-half off regular prices. In this paper today you will find a half page ad. which will tell you how much you can save by buying at this sale.

Parcel Post Business Booming.

Washington, Jan. 16.—That this week's total of business would double last week's figures of 1,000,000 packages handled by parcels post was the prediction of Postmaster General Hitchcock, who is exceedingly pleased over the patronage accorded the new system in the first seven days.

SCHOOL NEWS.

Numerous Matters Pertaining to the Rural Schools of Cabarrus.

The receipts from the box supper at Howell's school, which was held a few weeks ago, netted \$15.85. The teachers, Mr. D. V. Carter and Miss Fannie Bost, have purchased a water cooler, chair and table for the school with the proceeds.

Mr. John A. Suther, teacher at Barrier's school in No. 5 township, reports that he has raised the money for purchasing a water cooler. St. John's, Wineoff and Cruse schools have also purchased water coolers.

In purchasing the water coolers for the various schools the teachers are acting in keeping with the recommendation made by the board of health. The board recommended some time ago that water coolers and individual drinking cups be placed in as many schools as possible and that the school drinking cup and water bucket be abandoned.

The country recently purchased two barrels of floor oil to be used on the public school houses in the county. A number of the schools have applied the oil to the floors and it has proved an efficient dust preventive. The oil is furnished free to the schools and the ones desiring it can secure same by making application to the superintendent of public instruction. In order to secure it, however, it will be necessary to bring cans to carry it away in.

The Wallace school in No. 3 township, has raised \$10 for the purpose of starting a rural library. The money, it is reported, was raised by a box supper.

Bethel school leads all the schools of the county in largest enrollment and also in the largest percentage of attendance. The enrollment of the school in 122 and the average attendance is 108. The report of Rimer school shows an enrollment of 107 and an average attendance of 80. The census of both schools shows the Superintendent Boger has the affairs of the schools well in hand and the educational work in the county is working smoothly and effectively.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

Several Personal Items of Interest From That Part of the City.

Mr. Henry Hall, of Albemarle, spent Sunday in Concord with his sister, Mrs. J. T. Howell.

Mrs. T. J. Smith and children have returned from a week's visit to relatives at Misenheimer Springs.

Mr. J. F. Broom spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Holly with his mother, who is dangerously ill.

Mr. T. R. Simpson, of Bessemer City, spent Saturday in Concord with relatives. Mr. Simpson is now in Roanoke Rapids, where he has accepted a position of overseer of beaming in a large mill.

Mr. F. J. Warren, of Hope Mills, is spending some time at the home of Mr. J. F. Broom.

Mr. W. P. Melton and Miss Maggie Melton, of Norwood, are spending a few days with Mrs. Noah Hathcock.

Mr. W. L. Edwards, of Asheville, spent Sunday in the city with Mr. J. C. Cook.

Mr. Marshall Morris, of Kannapolis, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Wood is spending a few days in Charlotte with relatives.

Mr. Leroy Watson has returned from a visit to relatives at Monroe.

Mr. W. A. Wilkinson spent Sunday in Forest City with friends.

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HUNTING SEASON CLOSES.

Season Marked By Scarcity of Birds in Cabarrus. — Not an Accident Marred the Pastime.

The bird season closed yesterday, it being illegal to kill quail after that date. Hunters state that the number of birds killed this season will not equal the number that fell before the guns in previous seasons. This is due largely to the reasons that the time limit to kill quail in this county has been greatly lessened and that the birds were not so plentiful this season. One hunter declares that not as many hunters have been in the fields this season as in former years. He also states that there are also fewer high class birds dogs in Cabarrus now than at any time since he has been a resident here. Formerly there were a number of people here who devoted much time to breeding and training fine bird dogs but it seems that practice has been abandoned by the most of them.

The most remarkable fact about the season in Cabarrus is that not a single accident has marked the pastime this year, neither a quail shooter or a chaser of the rabbit falling victim to an accident. During the Christmas holidays and Thanksgiving the woods and fields were filled with hunters and usually when there are so many guns in action the accidents happen, but this year fortune smiled upon the hunters in this particular.

The scarcity of the birds, the hunters say, is due largely to the fact that dogs are allowed to run at large at all seasons of the year and that they kill the birds, rob their nests, disrupt the pairs after they are mated. One experienced hunter gives it as his opinion that five birds are killed in this way to one killed by a shot gun.

FIRE WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Blaze Started Soon After Midnight in the Picker Room at Brander Mill. — Machinery and Cotton Damaged.

Fire started in the picker room at the Brander mill Wednesday about 1:30 o'clock. The blaze gained rapid headway and but for the prompt and effective efforts of the operatives and the firemen serious results would have followed. Several bales of cotton were damaged and two or three possibly rendered unfit for use. Parts of the machinery were also badly damaged. The blaze was confined to the picker room and other departments of the plant were not damaged. The damage cannot be estimated until the loss is completely adjusted.

Superintendent Legrand stated that morning that the mill, other than the picker room, was in operation, and that operations would be renewed in that department in a few days, pending the arrival of the parts of the damaged machinery.

Death of Mr. E. A. Taylor.

Mr. E. A. Taylor died this morning at 6 o'clock at his home in No. 2 township, after an illness of several months' duration. Mr. Taylor was a native of Mecklenburg county for several years. He was 60 years of age and is survived by a wife and eight children, four daughters, Misses Lillie, Jennie, Mabel and Ida, and four sons, Messrs. Robert A., of the army, J. E., of Florida, and A. A. and Virgil, of this county. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning and the interment will be made at Rocky Ridge cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. W. Snyder.

Big End of Season Sale at Hoover's.

On Thursday, January 16, Hoover's new store will begin their End of Season Sale, during which they will sell all men's and boy's suits, overcoats, pants, hats and underwear at one-third off the marked prices. All the goods are new and of the latest styles, but they will not carry goods over from one season to another, and for this reason will make this big cut in price.

Two Western Rowan Items.

Mrs. Allison Carriker, of Carriker Springs, is seriously sick with pneumonia, and there is very little hope for her recovery.

Mr. Walter B. Silimon and Miss Lira Carriker, daughter of Mr. C. J. Carriker, both of Western Rowan, were married Wednesday at the Lutheran parsonage in Landis, Rev. B. S. Brown officiating.

Wanted Their Money.

Washington, Jan. 16.—A small item published Sunday in a New England newspaper has resulted in a deluge of letters, each asking for "his" or "her" \$34.72, pouring in upon Director of the Mint Roberts.

The item merely stated that there was \$34.72 for every man, woman and child now stored away in the Treasury Department vaults.

Use the Penny Column. It pays.

250 FAMILIES ARE STARVING

WITHOUT FOOD THREE DAYS ON ACCOUNT OF FLOOD.

If the Ohio River Rises Another Foot it Will Be the Greatest Flood Known on It.—Man Passed Evansville on Raft and Shouted for Help, But Was Not Rescued.

Evansville, Jan. 16.—Braving the flood currents of the Ohio river a relief boat arrived here from Calhoun, Ky., and reported two hundred and fifty families, taking groups of six to ten families to a house, were warned of flood, are starving. They have been without food for three days. A relief boat was sent to Calhoun. If the water rises another foot the greatest flood in the history of Evansville is expected. A man on a raft passed and shouted for help, but was unrescued.

Cincinnati, Jan. 16.—The rain has temporarily checked the fall of the flood here today. It was forecasted that it would recede rapidly within 24 hours. Ten thousand flood victims are being fed daily by the relief committee.

GARMENT WORKERS MAY RETURN TO WORK.

Hope to Make Agreement With 37,000 Shirt Waist Makers to Resume Work.

New York, Jan. 16.—It is hoped today that within twenty-four hours agreements will be made between representatives of the manufacturers and the shirt waist makers, whereby 37,000 of the 160,000 men, women and children now on a strike in the garment workers trades might return to work. The employers are prepared to grant some concessions asked by the reformers as to working conditions. There is little hope for an early settlement for the other 123,000 workers whose cause is still to be fought out.

Progressive Measures for Kansas.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 15.—With the Democrats in overwhelming control of the legislature which convened today, all signs point to the enactment of some radically progressive laws for Kansas this winter. Among the subjects expected to be brought up for consideration and action are the initiative, referendum and recall, inheritance taxation, jury trials in labor injunction cases, the eight-hour work day for women, State aid for irrigation, mothers' pensions, workman's compensation, and the Massachusetts ballot law. Judge William H. Thompson, of Garden City, the Democratic candidate who defeated Governor Stubbs in the primary, is slated for election to the United States Senate to succeed Charles Curtis.

Increased Pay for Rural Carriers.

Atlanta, Jan. 16.—The parcel post, now a heavy additional burden on the rural carriers of Georgia, is destined eventually to benefit them by bringing them better salaries according to the prophecies of postal officials here. The rural carriers are complaining bitterly now that the "possum post" has doubled their labors, but the work probably won't seem half so heavy with the prospect of finally getting appropriate pay.

The phrase "possum post" invented in disgust by the Georgia rural carriers, is already going the rounds of the whole nation.

Schwab Makes Important Deal.

New York, January 16.—Charles Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, returned today from Europe, where he completed a deal for ore property which it is said will prove a great benefit to his steel corporation. It included the purchase of iron ore land at Conquimbo Chili, claimed to be the richest in the world. He said the Panama canal made possible the development of the Chilean purchase. The increase in the output of the company will be sixty per cent.

Cooks and Waiters to Walk Out.

New York, Jan. 16.—After a stormy midnight meeting two thousand cooks and waiters, with Elizabeth Flynn, Industrial Workers of the World organizer, in charge of the strike, announced today a walkout in all branches of hotel help. It is claimed that ten thousand are ready to answer the call. They demand improved working conditions.

See Hoover's new ad. today. One-third off on all prices on clothing, hats and underwear.

THE PARCEL POST IS WORKING SMOOTHLY.

Merchants Do Not Yet Realize the Vast Possibilities of It.

The parcel post is working smoothly locally. However, the merchants have not yet started to taking full advantage of the many opportunities it offers them in so far as serving trade in this immediate section is concerned. Several, however, have used it and the results have been eminently satisfactory.

If the proper efforts are put forth the local merchants can utilize the parcel post as a "delivery boy." This can easily be done by starting a campaign to familiarize their customers with its methods and advantages. As an example of the way it worked in one particular case a citizen of Kannapolis phoned a local haberdashery for a pair of trousers. The goods were sent out immediately by parcel post, they proved satisfactory and the trade was consummated with small cost and bother to both parties.

Such sales will become frequent when the workings of the parcel post system are more fully understood by the people. And the best way to acquaint them is for the local merchant to present the matter to his customers in nearby territory.

It is contended that the parcel post will be a great boon to the business of the mail order houses. If the parcel post is of benefit to the mail order house there is not reason why it should not be of greater benefit to the local merchants throughout the country. If the mail order house puts forth the greatest effort to secure the business, if the local merchants will go after the business as diligently and persistently they will have no cause to fear the mail order house.

The advantage in competition with the local merchant in competing with the mail order house for the distance is many times greater for the latter. An additional cost is added to delivery for every zone a package passes through en route to its ultimate destination, giving the local merchant a far greater advantage.

The parcel post offers the local merchant a means of making a quick and inexpensive delivery and should be readily utilized by them.

BANK STOCKHOLDERS MEET.

Stockholders Cabarrus Savings Bank Met This Morning.—Officers Elected and Surplus Increased.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cabarrus Savings Bank was held in the offices of the bank this morning at 11 o'clock. The reports of the various officers were received, which showed that the bank has been enjoying the largest business during the year 1912 than in any year since it started business in January 1897. At the conclusion of the reports the stockholders decided to increase the surplus of the bank from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Officers were then elected, all officers being re-elected. The officers are as follows:

President—H. I. Woodhouse.
Vice-President—J. W. Cannon.
Cashier—C. W. Swink.
Assistant Cashier—W. H. Gibson.
Directors: J. W. Cannon, J. F. Goodman, M. L. Cannon, M. J. Corl, J. S. Eard, R. L. Smith, W. A. Kindele, J. A. Barnhardt, R. S. Young, W. W. Flowe, J. A. Cannon, L. J. Foil, J. M. Morrow, T. C. Ingram, C. W. Swink and H. I. Woodhouse.

Edy-Moose.

A marriage that has been looked forward to with great interest by the many friends of the young couple was solemnized at St. John's Lutheran parsonage Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when Miss Bessie Moose gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Z. J. Edy, Rev. C. R. Pless officiating. The marriage was a quiet affair and was witnessed only by members of the family and a few close friends. Mrs. Edy is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. W. H. Moose, of No. 7 township, and is a social favorite in this community where she has resided since childhood. Mr. Edy is a well known young merchant of Mt. Pleasant with bright prospects in life.

Both have many friends, of all whom wish them every species of happiness and prosperity in their new relations. They will make their future home in Mt. Pleasant.

Weather Clock Froze Up; Stopped at 37 Below Zero.

Moorhead, Min., Jan. 15.—The weather was so cold that the clock in the local weather bureau stopped, the official forecaster asserts, and he was unable to tell positively at just what time the mercury registered 37.2 degrees below zero. It fell to that point, however, the lowest of the winter, and within a half a degree of the record of several years.

OLD TIME DARRIES FEAST.

Mr. W. H. Gibson Host at a Dinner to Six of Concord's Well Known Negroes.

Abig dinner was served in Concord yesterday. Although there were no notables among the guests, nevertheless it was a big dinner and reflected a big and generous spirit on the part of the host. While the guests were not men of wide reputation and the ever ready "prominent citizens" will not fit in here, what they lived in prominence they made up in appreciation.

Mr. William H. Gibson, assistant cashier of the Cabarrus Savings Bank, was host at the dinner. The guests were six of the older negroes of the city, relics of ante-bellum days in the South. The dinner was served in the kitchen at the Gibson home on North Union street. The table was neatly arranged and to say that the repast was enjoyed would be expressing it mildly. Just before the hour appetizing refreshments were served and then the feast was served. A big turkey and all the accessories had been prepared and the guests were invited to partake to their own satisfaction. Only one little plan went wrong. Wiley Miller, the faithful janitor at the Morris building, "fell down" when it came to carving the turkey. The host asked Wiley a few days ago if he could carve. Wiley declared that he was a carver extraordinary. But when the big brown turkey was placed before him Wiley's carving art deserted him, leaving him helpless before his comrades around the festive board. A carver was soon secured and Wiley and the other diners feasted sumptuously.

Mr. Gibson's guests were: Joe Gibson, Bill Gibson, Taylor Wagoner, Wiley Miller, Laird Boger and Hess Turner.

NOVEL "JIM CROW CAR" CASE IN SUPREME COURT.

Mississippi Railroad Wants Relief From Award Given Miss Morris for "Distress of Mind."

Washington, Jan. 14.—Probably the most novel "Jim Crow car" case ever before the Supreme court of the United States reached it today when the Alabama and Vicksburg Railroad company filed an appeal from the verdict of the Mississippi court which awarded Miss Pearl Morris \$15,000 for distress of mind and body caused by being required to occupy a berth in a Pullman car in which three negro men occupied berths. The Supreme court of Mississippi reduced the damages to \$2,000.

No case of this nature has ever been considered by the Supreme court. The case is attracting particular attention because the Mississippi courts have interpreted the "Jim Crow" law of that state as applicable to interstate commerce as well as interstate travel. They justify the law on the ground that the "Jim Crow" law was enacted to preserve order by separating the two races and disturbance is likely to occur upon an interstate train passing through the state as upon a local train.

Another point upon which the case may serve as a precedent in case of affirmance is that state "Jim Crow" laws securing separate accommodations on passenger trains means that separate Pullman cars must be furnished as well as separate "passenger" cars.

In the case brought to the court today Miss Morris boarded the train and upon entering the Pullman she observed the presence of three negro men. She at once demanded separate accommodations, which were refused. She boarded the train at Vicksburg for New York.

That Meteor Again.

Mr. C. L. Barnhardt, of No. 9 township, yesterday brought to our office the meteor or aerolite which fell within 50 yards of his home on Monday night. It was of dark colored rock and weighed several pounds. We copy the following information concerning aerolites from the Standard Encyclopedia:

Aerolites include all stony or metallic masses actually falling to the earth from the sky. They have been classed as siderites, chiefly consisting of meteoric iron; siderolites conglomerates of stone and iron; aerolites almost entirely consisting of stone. The common title aerolite embraces, however, all kinds, including fireballs. The high temperature on the surface of the aerolites is produced by the compression and friction of the air in the cause of a body moving with sufficient velocity.

Home Rule Bill to Be Voted on Tonight.

London, Jan. 16.—The Home Rule bill, giving Ireland the right to run a provincial government comes to a vote in Parliament tonight.