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### The Southbound Railway.

As a result of the mass meeting in Winston last Wednesday the correspondence at that place state that the proposed Southbound railroad from that place to some point on the Carolina Central railway, will certainly be built. The scheme is a very ambitious one, judging from the following, taken from the reports sent out:

"In a nut-shell, there is back of the scheme a wonderful plan looking forward to the construction of the Panama Canal. The plan embraces the connection of the Norfolk & Western, the great coal-hauling road, with both the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line systems, and the entrance into Charleston, S. C., a city south of Cape Hatteras. By connecting with the two great systems mentioned, it means the delivery to them of their entire supply of coal for their Southern points over the Southbound Railway, and it means the construction of a great coal-bounding station at Pacific points through the Panama Canal can coal south of the dreaded Cape Hatteras."

Col. F. H. Fries, president of the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co., and a very wealthy and enterprising man, says that he is assured by those behind him that they are ready to build the road, and he knows that they are able to do so. The conditions seem to be that the communities along the line must furnish rights of way and \$500,000, whether the latter is to be a donation or a subscription to stock is not stated, presumably the former.

The three routes proposed are as follows: One from Winston-Salem, via High Point, down the Uwharrie river and along the left bank of the Pee Dee river, to Rockingham and Hamlet, then connecting with the Atlantic Coast Line at Gibson for Charleston. Another route, via Lexington and Wadesboro, connecting with the Atlantic Coast Line at the latter point for Charleston. A third route, via Lexington, Mount Pleasant, Monroe, Jefferson, S. C., McEwen, S. C., connecting with the Atlantic Coast Line near Sumter for Charleston. Still there is another route bidding for the road by Salisbury, Concord and Monroe. At the meeting last Wednesday a great many speeches were made by representatives from the several sections, including those of Messrs. Armfield and Stack from Monroe. It is to be hoped that the project will not fail. Other places are doing their best, and it is to our interest to be stirring hereabouts whenever the time comes to stir.

From a most graphic and entertaining article in Everybody's Magazine, entitled Hell at Port Arthur, by an eye witness, we take the following:

"Before General Baron Nogi sailed for Manchuria his first son, Shoten, climbed the frightful Nanshan Hill, only to get a bullet in the brain as he sabbared a Russian lieutenant across the parapet. The corpse arrived in Tokyo the day the General left, and Nogi said to his wife: 'Day funeral services until I have been brought back to lie with Shoten.' Hoken went with the father as a lieutenant in the first division. On December 18th was called for (certain death party) was called for to make the last assault against the hill known as '203-meter.' Hoken led it. The hill fell. Hoken went to join Shoten."

Compare this with the heroism of the man, who, in the great fire at Brocton yesterday, when pinned down and staring awful death in the face, told the rescuers to let him alone and help those behind, at the same time reaching over and helping the girls behind, and you will realize that "peace hath her victories no less renowned than those of war."

The complete disaster to the Russian arms has seemed to bring peace little nearer than before. General Linewitch has succeeded General Kurapatkin, and the retreat continues. The Czar declares that another big army shall be sent out, but those who study the situation say that Russia is now really helpless and that it would be a year before she could hope to strike an effective blow.

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## SCORES KILLED BY EXPLOSION

### Shock Wrecks the Building and Inmates are Pinned Down and Roasted—Great Horror.

By the explosion of a boiler in a big shoe factory at Brocton, Mass., yesterday, about seventy-five people were killed or burned to death by the subsequent fire.

The explosion was immediately followed by a flash of flame, which consumed the factory, a long, four-story structure, as if it were a house of cards, and incinerated an unknown number of men and women, who were unable to extricate themselves from a mass of tangled wreckage formed by the terrible upheaval in the boiler room. More than half a hundred of the employees in the building were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they reached safe ground. Some had jumped from the roof, some from windows, and others had been injured in the mad rush to escape from the doomed factory, which from all parts emitted the intense, awful heat of an inferno, driving back the band of heroic rescuers who in a few brief moments had performed gallant service.

Scarcely had the rear portion of the structure collapsed when a tongue of flame started up from the boiler pit and reaching out as it ascended, and setting fire to the wreckage. Soon the entire factory was in flames. Instant death was the fate of many who went down with the floors that collapsed. A large number of men and women who were working near the supports were alive after the floors and walls fell. From these unfortunate the dying agonies of terror went up, and they rent the air with their cries. By this time nearly all the employees who had been in the factory when the explosion occurred were dead. The task became momentarily more difficult and perilous, for the heat from the fire was almost unbearable. By the use of long pieces of timber the rescuers were able to raise parts of the wreckage and thereby release some of the imprisoned men and women, and by rushing into the smoke pull them from the ruins.

Then it was that acts of sacrifice and heroism were seen. One man whose legs were caught under an iron beam, cried to the rescuers that they could not extricate him, and to help the girls behind him. Stretching his arms, he lifted several girls, one by one, and passed them to the rescuers. Then the fire reached him and he died. A woman who was entangled in a shoe machine cried out that she was dying, and commanded the rescuers to attend to others who might live. She begged to be shot. Soon flames enveloped her. Among the first to arrive on the scene was Rev. James O'Rourke, curate at St. Margaret's Roman Catholic church, near by. At the risk of his life, he removed seven persons from the ruins before the fire had reached them and was returning for the eighth time when he fainted from the effects of the smoke and the shock.

Father O'Rourke said last night: "In order to reach the imprisoned sufferers we had to crawl through the debris, and with the aid of a large timber we raised the wreckage which held fast several men and women. In this manner, and by brute strength, we pulled out seven employees."

"By this time the flames were almost upon us and we were about to flee for safety, when one poor fellow begged that a last effort be made to save him. Three of us grasped the man by the shoulders and arms and tugged and pulled until suddenly he cried: 'My God, my leg is pulled off!'"

"It was terrible and especially so because a moment later, with our clothing scorched, we were ordered away by the chief of the fire department and were reluctantly compelled to leave the poor man to his fate. 'Just before leaving I saw just fifteen of the imprisoned operatives, some already suffering untold agonies from the flames which were actually cooking their flesh, and others watching with terror-stricken eyes the fate of their companions, knowing that a moment or two would bring to them similar suffering, and then death.'"

With tear-stained and haggard faces women and children besieged the church during the day, pleading with the priests for information about husband, father, sister or brother who failed to return home. Little comfort could be given to these people.

At the Campbell police station a similar scene was enacted. Early in the day, Mayor Keith, foreseeing the confusion which would ensue, posted notices in conspicuous places, requesting all employees who had escaped to go at once to the police station and give their names. These names were posted, and around this list of names hovered a throng of women—many hysterical with grief, because the list did not include a relative.

Back and forth from the ruins to

the station, and from the station house to the ruins, these grief-stricken women filed in a never-ending procession, looking at the fragments of flesh and bone as they were placed in pine boxes and hurried away to the morgue. Only in extremely rare cases was there the slightest chance of identification.

### Resolutions of Respect.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Central Methodist church, Monroe, sorrows much over the loss of one of their most faithful and consecrated members. Just as the February days were closing, ending our conference year, the spirit of Mrs. Nora Allen Lee left us and entered the portals of the heavenly city. Her last sickness was of several weeks duration, her sufferings were intense, but the health and blessedness now hers, are hers forever.

We, her sorrowing sisters, have no fear, no misgivings as to her exaltation and salvation. She possessed many admirable traits of character, coupled with those of grace, essential to the highest type of christian womanhood. To give her up cheerfully is not yet possible for we need her; need her counsel, advice and prayers as a member of our society; and need her loving kindness as a friend and helper. Her church will miss her, but God doeth all things well. She was truly his and loved, honored and served him; and though we can not see the wisdom of this sad dispensation, we can wait and work until the "Day Star" from on high reveals it all. Therefore be it resolved,

1st. That, we imitate her virtues and double our diligence to advance the cause she loved and for which she worked to the last.

2nd. That, our sincere sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband and dear little children. God only can comfort them. May his grace be sufficient in this time of distress!

3rd. That, a copy of the above be recorded in our minutes, in our town papers and a copy sent to the sorrowing family.

Mrs. C. F. Lowe,  
Mrs. S. W. Padham,  
Mrs. J. J. Crow,  
Committee.

### Champion Liniment for Rheumatism

Chas. Drake, a mail carrier in Chapinville, Conn., says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the champion of all liniments. The past year I was troubled with a great deal with rheumatism in my shoulder. After trying several cures the storekeeper here recommended this remedy and it completely cured me." There is no use of anyone suffering from that painful ailment when this liniment can be obtained for a small sum. One application gives prompt relief and its continued use for a short time will produce a permanent cure. For sale by C. N. Simpson, Jr., and S. J. Welsh.

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Barrel of the nicest kraut in town. Doster Grocery Co.

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FOR EXCHANGE—One setting of eggs from pen of Pit Games, the cock of which has seven dead to his credit, one of these battles won in Chicago, for two settings of common eggs. T. L. Crowell.

IMPOUNDED—I have taken up a Jersey colored heifer. Owner can get same by identifying. W. T. Hays, Stout, N. C.

DARKED Plymouth Rocks (Ringlet D. Strain), good layers, 15 large yellow eggs, \$1.00. Address Davis Poultry Yards, Box 19, Mocksville, N. C.

HIDES WANTED—Bring your mink hides to me and get highest prices. W. E. Richardson, at Crow Bros.

MONEY to lend, goods to sell. L. N. Presson.

MY five year old thoroughbred jack will be found at my farm 2½ miles north of Wingate. C. Stewart.

GOOD horse for sale at a bargain. Collins & Biggers.

GOOD mule cheap for cash. G. M. Beasley.

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FOR RENT—Two upstairs rooms for young men, convenient to business. Apply at Journal Office.

FOR SALE—One large mule cheap for cash. Frank Armfield.

FOR RENT—Good 2-horse farm 5 miles south of Monroe. J. I. Long.

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FOR RENT—Six-room house, with barn and 25 acres of land, north of coal chute, owned by Mrs. Vann. Apply to J. M. Fairley.

FOR RENT—A good two horse farm, with 3-room dwelling and outhouse, just outside city limits. Apply to Mrs. D. A. Covington.

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FOR SALE—65 H.P. boiler and 30 H. P. engine; good condition; easy terms. J. D. Henby, R. F. D. No. 15, Matthews, N. C.

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COTTON SEED WANTED—25 car loads. Highest price paid. J. M. Fairley.

SEE Henderson & Snyder for fire insurance on anything you want.

## Court Proceedings.

The following cases have been disposed of by the court up till noon to-day:  
D. G. Heldreth, carrying concealed weapon; nol pros, with leave.  
Richard Starnes, selling liquor; nol pros, with leave.  
Eliza Starnes, selling liquor; nol pros, with leave.  
Ernest Starnes, selling liquor; nol pros, with leave.  
Jack Collins, carrying concealed weapon; nol pros, with leave.  
Jack Collins, retailing; nol pros, with leave.  
Jim and Mary Benton, fornication and adultery; cost paid-off.  
Fulton Knotts, retailing; nol pros, with leave.  
Avery Rippery, retailing; nol pros, with leave.  
Lilly Parker, selling liquor; nol pros, with leave.  
W. D. Ashford, carrying concealed weapon; nol pros.  
Roxie Forest, assault with deadly weapon; not guilty.  
John Stewart, larceny; nol pros, with leave.

Rush Smith, assault with deadly weapon; \$5 and costs.  
Deck Gill, failure to list taxes; \$1 and costs.  
George D. Yoder, selling liquor; guilty.

Harvey Nelson, selling liquor; nol pros.

Pink Carpenter, failure to list taxes; 1 penny and costs.

John Blakeney, failure to list taxes; \$1 and costs.

Geo. Carelock, failure to list taxes; \$1 and costs.

Virgil Blount, failure to list taxes; \$1 and costs.

W. T. Broom, failure to list taxes; \$1 and costs.

Joe Mayhew, larceny; 12 months on county roads.

Thos. McDowell, carrying concealed weapon; not guilty.

Will Shinn, selling liquor; guilty.

Tom Wall, gambling; guilty.

Roxie Forrest, assault with deadly weapon; not guilty.

Polk Miller and the old South genuine negro quartette, 25, 35 and 50 cents, tonight.

In an explosion Saturday night in the Rush Run and Red Ash mines near Charleston, West Virginia, ten men were killed. On Sunday morning rescuers went into the mine to rescue the bodies, when another explosion occurred and fourteen more men were killed.

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## Burford News.

Hope, March 20th.—The purse which Mr. J. W. Belk lost, containing \$11.20, was found by Mr. William Benton and promptly returned.

The public schools taught by Misses Eva Richardson, Birdie Sloan, Ada Cuthbertson, Julia Funderburk and Susan Laney have been well patronized, the average enrollment being larger than usual.

The early vegetables are now peeping up and young chickens are to be seen everywhere. I have had some on the yard for six weeks. Mr. W. T. Laney has the most prolific hen in the neighborhood. She sets on one hundred eggs and usually hatches 75 per cent of them. Her name is incubator.