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MORE RAILROAD TALK

It Is Going the Rounds That the Connecting Link in the Charleston-Savannah Line Will Be Built From McBee to Monroe in a Few Months.

The report has been spread many times that work was to be commenced in the Seaboard link from McBee to Monroe that very little credence can be placed in them, but the Charlotte Observer seems to have ascertained definitely that not only the work will be started shortly, but that the line will be completed in a few months. We give the article in full below:

A few years ago Mr. W. L. Bonsel began shoveling sand, laying ties and stringing rails in the section about Hamlet. He was a man of little talk, but of great accomplishment. Pretty soon the State opened its eyes to the fact that railroads were being built throughout the sandhill regions of the State, and the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company became aware of the same fact. It was not long until we heard that the Seaboard had annexed Bonsel. This railroad builder was at the time rapidly heading in the direction of Charlotte. One of his railroads is still coming and will be here by way of Monroe in the course of a few months. The Seaboard put Bonsel to work in the accomplishment of its great scheme for a new and direct freight and passenger line between New York and Savannah. Bonsel had the line built from Hamlet to Charleston in short order and then he set to work on the main and important link in the extension from that city to Savannah. A few days a party of bankers and financiers were the guests of the Seaboard on a tour of inspection of Bonsel's work on the Savannah branch. They were carried on a flat-car, so as to have the best opportunity to observe what the Charleston News and Courier "the Bonsel thoroughness." All appeared to have been impressed with the fine character of road-building that has been accomplished and the extraordinary possibilities of the country thus opened to the markets. Of the road, itself, the News and Courier says that "for directness and lack of grade and curve, this extension, in consideration of its length—85 miles—is without a parallel in the entire country. An air-line being impossible owing to the concave curvature of the coast, a straight line has been approximated. One stretch of dead straight track is forty miles long; another twenty odd miles, curves are few and the grade, at its worst .3 per cent which is negligible. Because of these advantages, the efficiency of a freight locomotive will be increased 127 1-2 per cent. Trains with loaded cars more than a mile in length will be operated without difficulty, thereby cutting cost to a minimum."

Mr. Davis Warfield, chairman of the board of directors of the Seaboard, and whom our Charleston contemporary well describes as "a notable friend of the south," was a member of the inspection party, and is quoted as claiming that with the seasoning of the low grade route between Hamlet and Savannah, "this be the main line for through passenger and freight service between New York and Florida." Undoubtedly the Seaboard has made an important stroke in Southern railroad development through the conception of this line to Savannah. For the present, perhaps this project will round out the Seaboard's trunk line plans and after that we may be encouraged to hope that it will direct its attentions to the development of its branch lines upon one of which Charlotte is located. That it will get around to this in time has always been a generally accepted conclusion. What would stand in the way of sending Bonsel from Savannah to Rutherfordton and put him at work carrying out the original plans of the Seaboard builders of the Wilmington-Charlotte and Rutherfordton Railroad, now incorporated into the Seaboard, of pushing on from Rutherfordton to an outlet on the west? The people in this part of the Seaboard's territory would like to borrow Bonsel for that particular job.

JACK LONDON DEAD

Noted Author Found Dead by Servant Early Wednesday After He Had Suffered a Day's Illness.

Jack London, the author, died at his Glen Ellen ranch near Santa Rosa California at 7:45 Wednesday night, a victim of uremic poisoning. London was taken ill last night and was found unresponsive early today by a servant who went to his room to wake him. His condition at first alarmed his sister, Mrs. Eliza Shephard, who summoned physicians from this city, it was at first believed that the author was a victim of ptomaine poisoning but later it developed that he was suffering from a severe form of uremia. Dr. J. Wilson Shields of San Francisco, a close friend of the writer, was summoned during the day and declared that the patient's condition was serious.

From the time London was found this morning he did not regain consciousness. About mid-day he seemed to rally but later suffered a relapse and sank rapidly until the end came.

Besides his sister, Mrs. Shephard, London is survived by a daughter, who is a student at the University of California, his mother who lives in Oakland, Cal., and his wife, Charmion London. Mrs. London was with her husband when death came. London would have been 41 years old on January 12.

Mr. and Mrs. London recently returned from a sojourn of several months in the Hawaiian Islands and have been living on their Glen Ellen ranch, one of the most elaborately equipped in northern California.

\$120,000 Bet on War End Oct. 1, Amsterdam Dispatch.

Whether the war would end before October, 1916, was the subject of a \$120,000 bet recently liquidated at Amsterdam. The members of the respective groups concerned were principally stock exchange and commercial men and the bet was entered into last year.

Both parties had insured their chances of losing on policies for which 10 per cent premium was paid, and the risk of such policies was distributed over various companies.

The winners of the bet had \$108,000 to distribute and the losers had to pay \$12,000. The main loss fell upon the insurance combination.

\$11,400 Taken by Bank Robbers in Oklahoma.

Three men who late Wednesday robbed the First National Bank at Boswell, Okla., of \$11,400, outdistanced a posse and were making their way to the Kiamechi Mountains, which for years have afforded hiding places for outlaws. The men, only one of whom was masked, forced the three bank officials and several other persons into a vault and fled on horses with all the money they could gather.

HIGH-PRICE COTTON STOLEN

Mr. Frank Hasty's Crop Rolled For One Bale, But Thief Captured With Proceeds in His Pocket.

Twenty-cent cotton was more than Neal McKinnon, colored, who lives between Marshville and Polkton, could stand, so he yielded to temptation Wednesday night by rolling off one of Mr. Frank Hasty's high-price cotton bales. He brought it to Monroe, and sold it to Mr. George Hart. Mr. Hasty, who lives near Marshville, discovered his loss early Wednesday morning. He called Chief of Police Ernest Barrett who captured the negro near Peachland. McKinnon was lodged in jail here, and he is awaiting preliminary hearing.

The cotton was sold to Mr. Hart by the negro under the name of "W. M." McKinnon, and the bale was identified by Mr. Hasty. It weighed 440 pounds, and brought twenty and a quarter cents. The total amounted to \$89.06, and all of the money was found on the negro when he was caught by Mr. Barrett with the exception of about a dollar.

An Enjoyable Program.

Students of the Morris Street school will render a very enjoyable program in the court house next Wednesday, Nov. 29th, beginning at 8 o'clock p. m. Admission 10 cents. Proceeds will be used to supply very urgent needs of the school. Our white friends are invited.—W. C. Killingsworth, Principal.

That bunch of brood mares which we received last Friday is the best that we have ever received. They are strictly O. K. Better see them while they last.—Fowler & Lee.

Correspondence of The Journal. Monroe, Route 9, Nov. 22.—Mrs. R. S. Spittle spent last Friday night in Peachland. Mrs. Vernon Presson and children are spending some time with Mrs. Presson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Tucker. Mr. and Mrs. James Williams have recently moved to the new house on Mr. J. E. Flow's place, what for a long time has been known as the Gaddy place. Mr. Carl King spent Sunday with his parents here. Not long till Christmas. Old Santa might as well be fixing up his wagon, for two women have already made arrangements with him to bring them some toys. One of them told him to bring her an automobile and the writer has forgotten what the other wanted but I think it was a horse and buggy. You can ride now by helping pay for the gasoline. Those two ladies are Mrs. W. A. Whitaker and Miss Pearl Iby. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spittle spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Helms. Mrs. Bright Whitaker spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alexander. Rev. R. M. Haigler and Mr. Hanan Deese spent a while Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Presson. Our meeting closed last Thursday. There was no additions to the church but the preaching was among the

ADAMSON LAW INVALID

The Judge, in Declaring It Unconstitutional, Says Decision Was Rendered Not on Mature Consideration, But to Get it to the Supreme Court Quickly.

The Adamson eight-hour law was held unconstitutional at Kansas City Mo., Wednesday by Judge William C. Hook in the United States District Court. The court made it plain that the decision was not based on mature consideration of the merits of the case but on expediency desired by agitators at interest because of the necessity of a final decision by the Supreme Court of the United States before January next, when the law goes into effect.

The legal moves in the process of sending the case direct to the highest court of the land were somewhat involved from the lay point of view, but the lawyers concerned rushed the matter through with a speed seldom witnessed in courts of law. Just what action Attorney General Gregory would take remained a closely-guarded secret until yesterday when Frank Hagerman, retained as special counsel to represent the Federal Government in the suit, suddenly set the ball rolling by asking Judge Hook to instruct the receiver for the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad, complainant in an injunction suit, to join with the defendant in proceedings which would consign the case on its merits to the Supreme Court. Today these events transpired in court by agreement:

1—Counsel for the receivers asked that their bill for an injunction be granted and the Adamson law be declared null and void.

2—Mr. Hagerman for the Government asked the court to dismiss the bill and to declare the law constitutional.

3—Court overruled Mr. Hagerman and declared the law invalid.

4—Preparation for a transcript of the evidence for presentation to the Supreme Court was begun and it was expected that the mails would deposit copies in Washington by Saturday.

5—Counsel for the receivers were instructed to notify counsel for all railroads of the moves made here and to invite them to join in the case before the Supreme Court.

The present case in view of Mr. Hagerman, provides all of the factors necessary for a test case but it was said by James Dunlap, of the legal staff of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe, that among lawyers, there is some difference of opinion on this point. He said that in some quarters it was thought that perhaps one or two additional test cases should be brought to afford a wider range of inquiry and analysis.

The Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad is in the hands of a receiver and the receiver could do only as directed by Judge Hook, who has the final say in the direction of the road's affairs. Mr. Dunlap said that certain additional fine phases of the law might develop in a case where the complaint was independent.

The case of the Santa Fe is scheduled to come up before Judge Pollock in the United States District Court in Kansas City, Kan., tomorrow. There was much interest as to what effect, if any, Judge Hook's decision would have on this case. Mr. Dunlap said that until the arrival tomorrow of his associates he could not predict what action would be taken. Mr. Hagerman said that he saw no reason why every question involving the Santa Fe and all other railroads could not be settled by today's test.

One result of the proceedings in Judge Hook's court was the elimination of brotherhood chairmen of Kansas as defendants to the action. United States District Attorney Wilson remained the only defendant.

RUBE AND HIS JITNEY

Mr. Worley Wants to Buy Some Stock, While Prospect Is Up in Arms, But Mr. Lemmond Will Appear Their Ire With a New Invention.

Mr. E. D. Worley said this morning that he didn't know Mr. R. W. Lemmond was a railroad promoter, as he had been thinking all along that he was Clerk of Court. However, Mr. Worley feels like that he would subscribe for a little stock in the enterprise if Mr. Lemmond would build the road by planting time. And Messrs. P. W. Plyler and S. A. Lathan are "hot" up because Mr. Lemmond failed to state that his proposed line would go by Prospect, the "hub" of Buford. Col. Byres is also anxious that railroad work be commenced, not that he could work, but to use his own words "so he could sit on the bank and watch them." But Mr. Lemmond, although he has slighted Prospect and the Government station at Rock Rest, has something on foot that will more than recompense these sections for their loss. He is working on a solution that will destroy the force of gravity, thereby enabling a man to soak ten or twelve bales of cotton in it, heft them on his back and carry them to town. Any weight could be carried in this way, as when the force of gravity is destroyed, it would not fall to the earth but would amble easily along. If a man wanted to get anywhere in a hurry, all he would have to do would be to saturate himself in the solution, flap his hands in the air, like a bird does its wings, and hit it for town. No other section in the country would be permitted to use this solution save Prospect and the other sections that were slighted by the jitney line. Mr. Lemmonds is burning the midnight oil on this remarkable preparation, and he hopes to have it ready by Christmas.

Laney-Nelson Wedding.

Written for The Journal. On last Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 21st at four o'clock, the home of Mr. J. C. Nelson was the scene of a beautiful marriage, when his daughter, Miss Martha Alline Nelson, became the bride of Mr. E. Ward Laney of Monroe. The home had been decorated throughout with ferns, dotted plants and cut flowers. The arriving guests were received and ushered into the gift room by Mrs. H. C. Houston of Waxhaw, and Miss Iva Huey. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Louise Dye of Kershaw, the bride entered the parlor on the arm of her sister, Miss Adelaide Nelson, and was met at the altar, over which was suspended a canopy of roses and ivy, by the groom and his brother, Mr. Clayton Laney of Monroe, who was best man. The beautiful and impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Ratchford, pastor of the bride, assisted by Rev. W. W. Boyce. After which a large number guests and relatives extended congratulations.

The guests then repaired to the dining room, which was beautifully decorated pink and white being the color scheme. Punch was served. The punch bowl was presided over by Miss Leslie Plyler of Monroe and Miss Adelaide Thompson of Riverside.

The happy couple left immediately by automobile amid a shower of rice and old shoes, for Monroe, where they boarded the train for a short

O. P. TIMIST.

The Entire Country Regrets Exceedingly the Death of Mr. Meigs, and the Papers of This Section Are Liberal in Their Praise of His Work.

Possibly no death has occurred in recent times that has caused such a universal loss than was the passing of the Wingate philosopher, Mr. H. P. Meigs, on last Saturday. Expression of sympathy have been entering into The Journal office daily, and nearly every one who has mentioned the subject has stated that Optimist's letters will be missed.

"Our heart was made sore indeed," says The Marshville Home, "when we heard of the death of our friend and neighbor, Mr. H. P. Meigs of Wingate, better known in the columns of The Monroe Journal as O. P. Timist. We feel that the country as well as Wingate has lost one of her best citizens in the death of this grand old man, and while we feel that it is a great loss to us, that it is a gain to heaven."

Continuing this same paper said: "Mr. Meigs was a widely known and highly respected citizen of the county. He was wide-awake and progressive and had a fine trait of looking on the brighter side of life at all times. In his correspondence to The Journal he very appropriately termed himself 'Optimist,' and it may well be said that he held an optimistic viewpoint on all things pertaining to this life and the life beyond. His brilliant mind and encouraging words have been a source of help to many, and recently, although languishing on the bed of affliction, there has come from his pen words of cheer and comfort to those discouraged and in despair.

"The loss of this man will leave the county poorer; his friends and relatives have sustained a loss irreparable. Yet, while he has gone, the example set by him still lingers and will ever be fresh in the minds of those who knew him. May it be that many will accept the life of Mr. Meigs as a good criterion and endeavor in every way to walk in his footsteps."

After giving the particulars of Mr. Meigs' death, The Pageland Journal said: "He was the writer who wrote the splendid articles from Wingate to The Monroe Journal. In his younger days he was a public school teacher, and his life was one of service to his fellowman and to his Maker."

Bandits Steal \$40,900 Cash in Chattanooga.

Currency totaling \$40,900 was estimated to have been stolen from a Southern Express Company transfer wagon in the Western & Atlantic railroad yards in Chattanooga, Tenn., Wednesday night by two white men who held up the lone driver, Fred Cornelson, who said the bandits forced him to unlock a box containing approximately \$100,000 in currency.

The robbery took place in the heart of the business district less than a block from the local offices. The money was in packages made up for shipment from various Chattanooga banks to several southern cities.

President T. W. Leary of the Southern Express Company said tonight that the amount stolen was "a little more than \$40,000." Clerks in the local office said the missing packages of paper currency were appraised at \$40,900 in the receipts.

Cornelson was quoted by city detectives tonight as saying that the bandits were white men, "well dressed and of good appearance." Cornelson made the first report of the robbery when he staggered into the express office at 8:30 o'clock.

He said that about 7:30 o'clock two men climbed aboard his automobile in the railroad yards and stopped him at the point of revolvers. They demanded a key to the wagon, which Cornelson said he gave them. Then they worked the combination on a box in which the money was being shipped, got what they could carry, struck him on the head and disappeared. Cornelson had a rifle in the automobile at the time of the robbery, but told the city detectives that he made no attempt to use it.

Prospect News.

Correspondence of The Journal. Monroe R. F. D. 4, Nov. 23.—Mrs. M. A. Osborne and children are spending the week with relatives at Unionville.

Messrs. M. D. Starnes, W. P. Plyler and B. L. Starnes are attending conference at Gastonia this week.

The Epworth League will give a box supper here Thursday night, Nov. 30. The proceeds to go for the benefit of the church. The public is cordially invited.

Quite a number of people from this community are attending the fair at Lancaster this week.

Miss Bonnie Haigler of Unionville spent last Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. M. A. Osborne.

Why, Frisky, of course I know why the Republicans allowed the Democrats to retain the rope. In the first place they couldn't help it. They tried to poison the Democratic party with their dope, but the people of the south and west were too wise to be gassed on their Bull Moose pills.

Messrs. P. W. Plyler and S. A. Lathan have been so hot at Judge Rube Lemmond that they haven't had to wear any coats during the recent cold snap. They say they have always voted for him and used their influence for him in every way possible. Now he is going to run his car line to such places as Waxhaw, Mineral Springs and Stouts and leave out Mt. Prospect, the "hub" of Buford. They say they are about to lose faith in the Lemmond family and if "Bunk" wants to be elected Recorder any more he had better not follow the course of his brother "Rube".

The farmers of this section are almost through sowing their small grain. The largest crop of wheat that has been sown in years is being sown this year.

Rev. M. A. Osborne has closed a very successful year's work and gone to the conference with a clean report. We are still hoping that he will come back.

I was almost shocked today when I read of the death of Mr. H. P. Meigs of Wingate. I have been reading his weekly letters in The Journal for several years. They have been a great inspiration to me and I'm sure every reader of The Journal can say the same. Let us try and emulate the character of this noble man.—Spriggs.

HUGHES COMES ACROSS

Republican Nominee at Last Satisfied of His Defeat and Sends the President the Customary Message.

Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for President in the recent election, Wednesday night sent to President Wilson a telegram congratulating him upon his re-election. In his telegram Mr. Hughes said:

"Because of the closeness of the vote I have awaited the official count in California and now that it has been virtually completed, permit me to extend to you my congratulations upon your re-election. I desire also to express my best wishes for a successful Administration."

President Wilson was at a theatre with Mrs. Wilson when the telegram from Mr. Hughes reached the White House and did not know of it until he returned. There was no comment.

Some of the hundreds of messages of congratulations received during the past ten days and withheld from publication until Mr. Hughes should be heard from probably will be given out tomorrow.

William R. Wileex, chairman of the Republican National Committee, Wednesday night issued the following statement in reference to Mr. Hughes' telegram to President Wilson:

"Having conferred by telephone during the day and late this afternoon with the Republican State Committee and the Republican National Committee in California, I am informed that the official canvass of the vote has been so nearly completed that no change will result from the few precincts not counted in the returns thus far compiled.

"This means that the majority for the Wilson electors in California ranges from about 1,200 to 3,800 votes and that this is the final result of the canvass for which we have been waiting. So far as any recount is concerned the National Committee is not advised that there are sufficient grounds to call for such an application."

Villa Beaten in 7-Hour Battle

Francisco Villa withdrew his surviving forces in defeat from Chihuahue City at 6:15 o'clock Thursday night after a battle of seven hours, during which he made fruitless attempts to carry General Trevino's protecting works by assault, according to reports from Juarez.

This report was received from Chihuahua by Carranza officials in Juarez tonight, who added that Government troops were actively pursuing the retreating bandits. The telegraph operator at Chihuahua City said that the firing could still be heard clearly but was becoming more distant.

A small party of bandits engaged in a skirmish with a Carranza outpost near Chihuahua last evening, according to Juarez authorities there were undecided at that time as to whether it was only a roving band or an advance point of Villa's columns.

Farmer Is Not the Guilty One.

Washington Dispatch Nov. 22. The National Grange in session here yesterday named a committee to prepare a brief freeing the farmer of blame for the high cost of living. Two-dollar wheat, speakers declared, will not enrich any farmer as long as the cost of labor and machinery continued to rise. Distribution methods in a large measure will be held responsible by the committee for the high cost of food to the consumer.

Marked difference of opinion developed in the Grange over a resolution introduced condemning the Adamson law and urging its repeal. Action on the resolution was deferred until late in the week.

GREAT REJOICING BY RHEUMATIC SUFFERERS

If So Crippled You Can't Use Arms or Legs Rheuma Will Help You or Nothing to Pay.

If you want relief in two days, swift, certain, gratifying relief, take one half teaspoonful of Rheuma once a day.

If you want to dissolve every particle of uric acid poison in your body and drive it out through the natural channels so that you will be forever free from rheumatism, get a 50-cent bottle of Rheuma from the English Drug Co. or any druggist today.

Rheumatism is a powerful disease, strongly entrenched in joints and muscles. In order to conquer it a powerful enemy must be sent against it. Rheuma is the enemy of rheumatism—an enemy that conquers it every time.

Judge John Barhorst of Ft. Loraine, Ohio, knows it. He was walking with crutches; today he is well. It should do as much for you; it seldom fails.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

COTTON

Best long staple 20.00
Best short staple 19.75
Seed 95

PRODUCE

Good hams 20 to 23
Shoulders and middlings . . . 15 to 18
Eggs 25 to 30
Irish potatoes 1.50 to 1.75
Young chickens 30 to 40
Oats 70
Turkeys 16
Corn 1.25
Wheat 1.85 to 2.00
White peas 2.00 to 2.25
Sweet potatoes 50 to 75
Onions 1.25 to 1.50
Pork 4 to 5
Beef cattle 4 to 11