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Mount Airy & Eastern Railway To Be Made A Standard Gauge Road

40,000 CROSS TIES WILL BE PURCHASED FOR JOB

New Company Erecting Band Mill at the Junction

In this issue of The News appears an advertisement of the Meadowfield Lumber Company offering to purchase 40,000 standard gauge cross ties. This purchase is made necessary to carry out the development of the holdings of this company which they recently acquired. Some months ago they purchased the entire property of the Roslyn Lumber Company together with the Mount Airy & Eastern Railway. For years the Roslyn Company has owned a tract of the finest timber in the south at the head of the Mount Airy & Eastern and which is estimated to contain sixty million feet of as good grade of hardwood timber as is now standing on the stump of any section of the United States. In this lot is included ten million feet of yellow poplar which is said to be very scarce and brings a high price on the markets. At one time the old company attempted to put this timber on the market but owing to financial troubles they were never able to carry out their plans.

From time to time for the past five or six years lumber people of the north have had their eye on this boundary which is located in Patrick county, twenty miles from Mount Airy. Last winter a syndicate composed mostly of Pennsylvania capitalists organized the Meadowfield Lumber Company, incorporated it under the laws of Virginia with a paid in capital stock of \$75,000, purchased the holdings of the old company and began to formulate plans to develop their newly acquired resources. At first they considered building a new road to Stuart, Va., as that point was only three miles from the eastern edge of their lands, but owing to freight rates being more favorable from Mount Airy to markets where they would make shipments they have definitely determined to make Mount Airy their junction with the outside world.

For the past week Mr. L. T. Brandon, of Pottsville, Pa., has been in the city conferring with Mr. Donald Campbell, general manager of the company, and who has charge of the operations here. Mr. Brandon is secretary and main financier of the new company. He is also treasurer of the Locomotive & Lumber Co., operating at Weldon and Garrysburg, N. C., and Providence Forge, Va. Tuesday these gentlemen gave out an interview to a representative of The News, and with some reluctance revealed some of the plans and operations of their company contemplating carrying out.

Already a crew of hands is building a switching yard at the Junction, making all trackage standard gauge, and as soon as cross ties can be purchased they will proceed to rebuild the road from Mount Airy to Kibler making it wide or standard gauge. Mr. Brandon explained that there are several places on the right of way where the road bed will have to be changed in order to get a satisfactory grade and he is confident that the people along the route will lend them every cooperation and assistance in their efforts. It is the purpose of the company to use the road principally to haul their logs to the mill at the Junction, but they will also put on a freight service for the convenience of the people who live along the line. The wide gauge will make it possible to carry shipments of carload lots to points along the line without transferring from the A. & E. Y. at Mount Airy. Mr. Campbell says he has instructions from his chiefs that in his work of rebuilding the railroad to do as along lines of permanency so it

could be used for heavier traffic should occasion ever arise, for there is a possibility of its connecting with some line across the mountain at some future date.

The company is receiving railroad equipment and saw-mill machinery by almost every freight. They now have on their yards 22 standard gauge flat cars for hauling logs, as well as a lot of the saw mill outfit. They will use the present mill site and already have the boilers in place. W. W. French of Michigan, constructing engineer, will have charge of the saw-mill at the Junction and is now on the job and has a crew of hands assisting him in erecting the mill. Mr. French is an experienced man in his work, having erected mills in Brazil, Philippine Islands, Panama and other points. The present building will be remodeled and the basin filled with water in which to float the logs. The mill being installed is made by the Allis-Chalmers Co., and has a normal capacity of 40,000 feet per day.

The company already has on its yard a new type of locomotive for this section, although it is well known in sections where lumber is handled on a big scale. It is known as a Shay engine and is the best type for mountain work and will handle a load on grades as steep as 12 per cent. It is driven by three steam cylinders on one side, all connected with both front and rear wheels of the engine and tender by a flexible shaft making it possible for the engine to negotiate the sharpest curves. A much larger engine of the same type has been purchased and will soon arrive. Wm. Cook, of Lambert, Pa., is chief locomotive engineer, and was seen Tuesday busily engaged in the work of getting his mongrel in condition to try out.

When it was suggested that it looked as if the company would be able to start milling operations by spring both Mr. Brandon and Mr. Campbell expressed themselves as confident that every part of the work would be in full operation by the first of the year. This work will afford employment to a large number of people and as the development progresses the demand for labor will increase. At normal running rate they expect to employ from 250 to 300 men. Just how much money the company will expend in preparing to begin operations the officials have not carefully estimated but suggested that the amount would exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Campbell has his brother, Mr. John Campbell, of Clarksburg, W. Va. as his assistant in the work here. They have rented the newly erected residence on South Main street near the Friends parsonage and will move their families here in a few days. Mr. Archie Hatten, of Staunton, Pa., is head bookkeeper and has charge of the office at the Junction.

Candler Seeks Divorce

Atlanta, Ga., June 20.—A petition for divorce filed by Asa G. Candler, Sr., Atlanta capitalist, yesterday and announced today, is returnable at the September term of the Fulton Superior court. Mr. Candler seeks legal separation from Mrs. Mary Little Ragan Candler whom he wedded exactly one year ago today and from whom he has been estranged since February 9, 1924.

NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of N. M. Simmons, dec. late of Surry County, N. C. this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate settlement. 7-25c
This June 17, 1924.
Robt. Simmons, Exr. of
N. M. Simmons, dec.
H. O. Woltz, Attorney.

BONUS BLANKS NOW ON HAND

Ex-Service Men Can Secure Them From Attorneys McCargo and Kohloss

Since the passage of the bonus law the war department has set up the machinery to handle the work. W. G. Sydnor, chairman of the Surry county Chapter of the Red Cross, announces the receipt of all necessary blanks to secure the bonus as provided by the act of Congress.

Attorneys T. B. McCargo, Jr., and G. L. Kohloss have been appointed to distribute these blanks and to furnish necessary information. The blanks may be obtained by calling at their office over the old Bank of Mount Airy building.

All applications for adjusted compensation ("bonus") first go to the War or Navy Departments to be checked against the service records and then to the Veterans Bureau for decision as to bonus insurance.

As no benefits of the Adjusted Compensation Act are obtainable until March 1st, 1925, there should be no rush to get the applications in at this time. This will avoid overcrowding, as there are approximately 1000 men in Surry County who are entitled to the "bonus".

All men and women who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard from April 5th, 1917, to November 12th, 1918, or for more than sixty days during that period, are entitled to benefits under the act; provided they do not fall within one of the excluded classes, such as, Officers above the rank of Captain, those who served in Hawaii, Philippines guards, Students Army Training Corps, Reserve Officers Training Corps where they were not detailed to troops, and other classes specifically named in the act.

Will Teach Bible in Statesville Schools

Statesville, June 21.—Bible will be taught in the Statesville high school next year, according to Superintendent R. M. Gray, who yesterday made announcement of completion of his faculty and course of study for the city schools. The course in Bible is to be elective and somewhat general rather than intensive, embracing two years' work. The first year is to be devoted to Old Testament study, giving a historical background, and the second year to the Gospels, Acts and a part of the Epistles. The American Revised Bible will be used. In the elementary grades, it is the plan to use Bible stories as supplementary work in place of certain other reading matter. The instruction, of course will be non-sectarian. W. M. Boyce, of Due West, S. C. who was a member of the high school faculty here last year, will be in charge of the Bible department during the coming year.

Superintendent Gray feels that the introduction of Bible study in the public schools will solve, in a large measure, the growing lack of knowledge of the Scriptures existing among the coming generation, whose educational advantages are limited by the course received in the public schools. In the education scheme of the child, Mr. Gray is of the opinion that the book of all books—which the late President Wilson and other great educators kept by their bedside when all other literature was discarded—should not be neglected.

50,000 Chicks Are Shipped From Dunn

Dunn, June 21.—Fifty thousand baby chicks have been shipped by parcel post through the Dunn post office during the past 20 weeks. The chicks were hatched at the Howard chicken ranch, near Dunn, and were shipped to practically every state in the south. Many of them were sent to far away Texas. The giant incubator, with a capacity for housing 10,258 eggs at one time, was put into operation the latter part of January. The first hatch was removed and shipped on February 12, and since that time approximately 2,500 baby chicks have been "turned out" each week. The season closed this week.

ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC IN SINGLE DAY

Army Aviator Flies From New York to San Francisco in 21 Hours, 48½ Minutes.

San Francisco, June 23.—Lieutenant Russell L. Maughan, army flier, successfully completed his daylight-to-dusk flight from New York to San Francisco when he landed at Grissy field at 9:48 p. m. He arrived in San Francisco at 9:44 p. m.

As soon as the plane landed newspaper men broke through police lines holding back a huge crowd lining the field and greeted the flier. A few seconds later the mammoth throng of spectators, cheering and shouting, while automobile sirens shrieked in a bedlam of noise, surged over the field and surrounded the plane.

Maughan dropped down on the field at the northeast corner, and taxied to the center of the field where he became the center of a surging, shouting, wildly excited mass of spectators.

The way was cleared, however, for news photographers to take pictures of the plane and the daring flier.

Maughan's landing at 9:45 p. m., made his time for the 2,850 miles air line dash from New York including five re-fueling stops en route, 21 hours, 48 1-2 minutes, slightly under his original estimate of the time the flight would consume.

Apparently overcome with emotion and jubilant at the victory he had achieved, Lieutenant Maughan seemed unable to speak when his plane came to a stop. His face bore a serious and drawn expression.

He was lifted bodily from the cockpit by his cheering comrades of the shoulders through the swirling crowd to a rear door of the army headquarters.

Feat Gives Him a Place Among World's Greatest

Mitchell Field, N. Y., June 23.—Lieut. Russell L. Maughan's transcontinental flight gives him a place in the foremost ranks of the world's aviators.

The news that Lieutenant Maughan had crossed the continent without mishap within a span of a single day was received with jubilation by the aviator's fellow officers at the flying field. They immediately gave him a place beside Lieuts. John MacReady and Oakley Kelly, who on May 2 and 3, 1923, established a world's non-stop distance flying record flying from New York to San Diego, 2,520 miles, in 26 hours, 50 minutes 38 2-5 seconds.

Maughan's flight today was his third attempt to cross the continent between dusk and dawn.

Hang Negro In Death of Girl's Companion

Florence, Ariz., June 20.—William B. Ward, negro, was hanged at dawn today in State Prison here for the murder of Ted Grosh, Arizona University student.

On Dec. 26, Grosh was riding in an automobile with Miss Maxine McNelly. Ward stopped the car, stepped on the running board and shot Grosh, killing him instantly. He then forced Miss McNelly to accompany him to an abandoned mining tunnel, where he attacked her and shot her twice, leaving her for dead. She recovered and was a witness against Ward.

After conviction, Ward tried to gain freedom by attempting to kidnap and hold in his cell two women missionaries calling on him. One sustained severe injuries. Fellow convicts then rushed to the rescue and were prevented from killing Ward only by R. B. Simms, Superintendent. Ward was severely beaten by the convicts.

Blame for his criminal career was laid by Ward to the white race, which he said, burned in his memory a hatred for Caucasians when he witnessed the burning at the stake of six negroes in Paris, Tex., some years ago.

Peaches Moving

Aberdeen, June 22.—The largest and finest crop of peaches ever produced in the sandhills is now beginning to move to northern and eastern markets. Predictions are that approximately 2,500 iced refrigerator cars of 450 crates each will be shipped before the season is concluded next August, and that several hundred additional cars will either be canned or distributed throughout this state in auto trucks direct to consumers. It is estimated that there will be shipped from this section a fraction more than two peaches for each inhabitant of the United States.

A SECOND PRIMARY TO BE HELD JULY 5th

LETTER FROM JAPAN

I will now write more or less personally to let our Mount Airy friends know that we are enjoying good health and carrying on our accustomed work. Mrs. Frank and I are alone in this large house with eight large rooms and eight fireplaces, not counting the kitchen and servant's quarters. And we are not lacking in yard and garden space. So you see we have ample room to wobble around in; but we are too busy to get lonely or to develop hysteria. However, we are not always alone. Among our guests this year have been an American bishop, a number of missionaries, a number of Japanese preachers, and other native Christians. In April we served forty-five meals to guests, and in May eighteen meals. Among our guests have been Dr. and Mrs. R. E. McAlpine. Southern Presbyterian missionaries. Dr. McAlpine came to Japan thirty-nine years ago. And Mrs. McAlpine was born in Japan, in the same city where our daughter Margaret was born. Her father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. James H. Ballagh, came to Japan in 1861. Dr. Ballagh was a northern man and his bride lived in Virginia, and the Civil war was on; but love was stronger than sectionalism, and the Mason and Dixon Line did not deter Cupid. Dr. Ballagh had the signal honor of baptizing the first Protestant convert in the Empire of Japan which was some years after his arrival in Japan. He retired from service in 1919, and died in Richmond, Virginia, the following year. It was my privilege to have work on the same street and in the same block as Dr. Ballagh in the city of Yokohama from 1899 to 1905.

Dr. and Mrs. McAlpine have had nine children, all living except their son Clisby who died in North Carolina just as he was reaching manhood. Their son James is now a student in Davidson College in North Carolina, preparing for the ministry. The youngest daughter is just graduating in Agnes Scott College. The other six girls are married. Two are wives of Southern Presbyterian missionaries in Japan. The other two married brothers, sons of Dr. John W. Moore, a native North Carolinian and missionary in Japan. One of the brothers is a preacher in Virginia and the other is Professor Moore, Superintendent of the Winston-Salem system of graded schools. I once saw a cut in a magazine with Dr. Ballagh, Mrs. McAlpine, Mrs. McAlpine's daughter, and the daughter's child, representing four generations in Japan.

Our son Grady went to Kobe last fall to study music under a Spanish pianist, Professor Villaverde. However, he wanted to pursue his other studies; so after the Christmas holidays he entered the high school department of the Canadian Academy, Kobe, continuing his music under the same instructor. While he is doing well in books, he takes considerable interest in athletic sports. Having made the baseball team, he had an interesting trip to Tokyo, the national capital. His arm which was broken in Mount Airy four years ago healed so perfectly that it has never given him any trouble since it healed, thanks to the skill and patience of the physicians at Martin hospital. It is interesting that Grady's scoutmaster and Sunday school teacher, Mr. Clarence Griffin, was an active Christian worker in Yokohama when I went there nearly a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Griffin was crushed in the great earthquake in Yokohama last year, and was thought to be dead. But his body was taken out and carried to the park by ricksha men who loved him for what he had done for them in causing booths or shelters to be erected on the streets for their protection when waiting for customers. After some hours he revived, and is living to bless humanity with his life and activity.

Uwajima, Ehime Ken, Japan, June 2, 1924.
J. W. Frank

L. C. Jenkins Goes to Raleigh To Serve Sentence

Lexington, June 21.—L. C. Jenkins, former chief of police of Thomasville, Friday went to Raleigh to begin serving his sentence of 25 to 30 years in the state penitentiary. He was convicted recently in Superior court here of second degree murder for the slaying of Mrs. Elizabeth D. Jones, of Appalachee, Va., with whom he had been living.

Voters Must Settle Content Between Shipman and Grist

Raleigh, June 19.—Expressing himself hopeful that before another quadrennium rolls around a system of nominating candidates less cumbersome than the primary will have been adopted, Charles Ross, Lillington, today exercised his privilege of withdrawing from a second contest with Dennis Brummitt, Oxford, for the attorney generalship nomination.

Mr. Ross does not deprecate the tendency of one candidate, Frank Grist in particular, to push the second primary to "its legitimate and logical conclusion." He does say, however, that in view of the unquestioned ability and character of Brummitt, neither "the interests of the party or the state" require him to tackle the second race.

Mr. Ross does not deprecate the second primary necessary for only one race, that of commissioner of labor and printing. In this race Frank Grist, disregarding the advice of party leaders, has insisted upon a second chance against M. L. Shipman, incumbent, who led him by more than 12,000 votes in the first race.

Party leaders have made a desperate effort to prevent a second primary between Grist and Shipman. The run off will occur Saturday July 5.

Mr. Grist is entirely within his party rights and is encouraged by many prominent Democrats, particularly those who wish Mr. Shipman beaten.

The board of elections has not figured up the cost of the late primary, but the second would add an expenditure of about \$25,000 to that already made according to an estimate yesterday. And the cost of this race is but one of the troubles.

Incidentally the Grist-Shipman fight will give the opposition to the state primary a tremendous heft and that is being used for all that it is worth.

Smell the Bottle First

In the medical school the old professor was lecturing his class on the importance of accuracy. "But it isn't always well to try to prescribe too literally your own habits or rules of order for others," he said. "Such an attempt once almost made me a murderer."

"I was in a frontier farming community and ran a small drug store along with my medical work. An associate kept a stock of dry goods on the side of the room opposite my drugs. One day I had been out for a long, cold drive and came in well used up. A woman was waiting for me to fill a prescription.

"I always kept my bottles in regular order and well labeled; as a third precaution I learned the smell of all the common drugs and aimed to smell the stuff before filling a prescription. This time I was cold and dazed, and I had filled and delivered the order without taking the usual precautions. It was not until I was about to place the supply bottle on the shelf that I put it to my nose. I was overcome with fright. The bottle had no odor—it contained the corrosive sublimate! I had given her enough to kill a score of men!

"Here give me that package!" I managed to shout. "The wrapping isn't good enough!"

"I almost fainted with relief as she brought it back from the door. I hurried until I found the proper ingredient; then I weighed out her prescription correctly and sent her away.

"I found that while I was gone our busy new clerk had arranged my stock in orderly fashion. He thought that, if two bottles were about the same size, they should be placed together, and he had interchanged two that looked alike, though one contained poison, and the other something harmless.

"A man should know what he is doing when he hands out any kind of remedy, whether for the body or for the soul, he must know the other man's habit of mind and what he will do with the remedies he sets before him. The blundering medical man may kill either body or soul—or both."