AROUND THE HEARTH.

FOR THE PINE KNOT. CANOE SONGS.

CALM. Dip, dip! as from side to side My brown blade swings, Like a brown bird's wings O'er the breathless tide.

Dip, dip! Black care is behind And the morn before. I reck not what shore For night's rest I find.

Dip, dip! How the slender boat My strong heart beats In her own repeats, As we gaily float!

Dip, dip! While the foam wreath while That my swift strokes spurn Flies far astern And is lost to sight.

STORM. Beat, beat! Strike hard good blade! For the sea is up and the wind in front. Leap on little boat! Be not dismayed. Good comrades we in the storm's fierce brunt,

Beat, beat! The savage sky

- Scowls and mutters from East to West. Afar in the dark with a long strange cry The loon laughs out from a storm wave's crest
- Beat, beat! Through rain and spray That mingle and beat on brow and cheek Be swift, my boat, upon thy way. Heart falter not! arm grow not weak.

Beat, beat! Not far I hear The crash of waves on shingly beach. Courage, sweet heart! the shore is near. One stroke! one more! the land we reach!

THE WESTERN UNION WANTS THE WHOLE EARTH.

dressed to a gentleman who has been of great assistance in furthering the and burdensome tariffs, and that their enterprise of the weather observing service in this vicinity speaks for itself. A vigorous protest against this meanspirited action on the part of the free of charge. Western Union Telegraph Company should be made.

get any. Every one connected with it, from top to bottom, does his work without compensation.

These weather warnings are public information, prepared at the expense of the people and sent out for the benefit of the people. The Western Union and other telegraph companies receive large revenues from the government for forwarding the information from number of fruit trees set out. Terms the signal stations, and then again, for distributing it to the large towns and morning papers all over the country, and they ought to be satisfied with what they are already receiving. I emphasize the fact that this information when it reaches Raleigh is public property, and that the Western Union Company have already, when it reaches here, been paid every tariff which they have any right to collect upon these weather warnings, and that the railroad companies and every other person and corporation in the land have a perfect right to all the profits which may be derived from them.

Therefore, as head of the State Weather Service, I earnestly protest against this 'effort of the Western Union Company to collect an additional tariff on information which is public property and has already paid them every due they can justly demand.

The telegraph company is as much interested in this matter as the railroads, and they ought to treat this subject in the same generous manner in which the railroads desire to treat it. It would appear to me that this act on the part of the Western Union Company, if enforced, would do much to bring them into disfavor and in-The following communication ad- crease their unpopularity with a prospect of stimulating legislation to control them and their already excessive interests would induce them to let the weather warnings go free. All the smaller private line telegraph companies in this State are transmitting the weather messages to their patrons

> I send you this statement because you have so magnanimously assisted in this enterprise, and because I believe it is due you, and also for the purpose of asking your assistance in resisting in a proper but earnest manner, this interference on the part of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

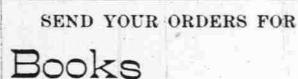
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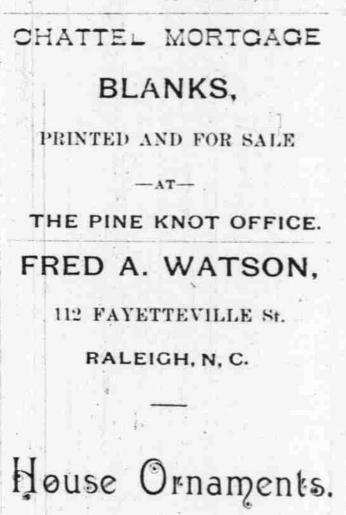
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Now the Western Union Telegraph Company, whose declared purpose is to make the National Government, the State, or some one, pay them for transmitting these messages, has forbidden some of the railroads, including yours, from sending this information to their agents, and there is danger that the railroads may have to stop it, however much they may regret to do so, in order to avoid trouble with the Western Union Company.

Under the contracts between this company and the railroads, each railroad company is assigned one or more wires for its exclusive use, and they are only restricted to what the managers, officers and agents send as "railroad business." They are forbidden, of course, from doing a general telegraph business for compensation. But the railroad managers have maintained, up to this time, that this information railroads in their business, and they 5. Smike. 6. Captain Cuttle. it out along their lines wherever it 9. Fagin. 10. Pecksniff. would benefit them.

The State Weather Service is a purely voluntary organization, as you know. It has no appropriation, no revenues and no source from which to Respectfully yours,

CHAS. W. DABNEY, JR., Director N. C. Weather Service.

> For THE PINE KNOT. KNOTS

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