

# Important Action by the Chamber of Commerce

### Formal Movement Enthusiastically Launched for Establishing Collar and Cuff Factory—The Masonic Temple—Other Matters

The Chamber of Commerce met last night and endorsed most heartily the movement for the formation of a \$20,000 stock company to operate a collar and cuff factory in Raleigh, and appointed a committee to secure the remaining \$8,000 stock needed to bring it up to the \$20,000 standard necessary to organize the company.

The committee will go to work at once and raise the remaining stock needed and as soon as possible the company will be organized. It is intended that a large part of the work of making collars shall be done by women at their homes. They will be specially instructed in the art of making the collars and will be paid by the piece. Their average earnings will be from \$1.50 to \$5.50 per week.

The stock canvassing committee will begin their work at once and get together the needed \$8,000 subscription at once.

The movement by the Grand Lodge of Masons to erect a temple somewhere in the State came in for considerable and very important discussion and President Ward was requested by resolution to name at once a committee to take up the matter of raising stock enough to assure its location in Raleigh. Much enthusiasm was manifested in the matter and plans discussed give promise of certain success.

The situation with reference to the question of cemetery road improvement now pending in Congress was discussed and the necessity of immediate steps on the part of Raleigh emphasized.

The following resolution relative to the Southern Railway Company and their work in the interest of good roads was adopted:

"Resolved, that the Chamber of Commerce hereby records its appreciation of the work done by the Southern Railway in behalf of the good roads movement, and voices the thanks of this Chamber and of the citizens of Raleigh, to the railroads of the State for granting the special rates asked for, and for courtesies extended to visitors attending the sessions of the Good Roads Congress.

To the officers of the National Good Roads Association, and others who accepted invitations to make addresses before the convention.

"To the press of the city and State for invaluable aid, to the city and county authorities, and to the various committees who carefully arranged the program and carried it to a successful conclusion."

There was also a resolution directing attention to the fact that one hundred years ago the legislature of North Carolina set apart the square now occupied by the Governor's Mansion for the location of a male academy and that the academy has been running in Raleigh every year since 1802.

The resolution called for the appointment of a committee consisting of Mr. J. A. Fields, Mr. R. H. Battle and Prof. Hugh Morson, present principal of the academy to report to the next meeting of the Chamber some appropriate notice to be taken of the centennial.

# Wilmingtonians Viewing Some Fine Works of Art

### Human Skeleton Exhumed in Excavating for Fishery, Supposed to Have Been a Revolutionary Soldier

Wilmington, N. C., March 21.—Special. The exhibit of the reproductions from the South Art Gallery of Boston, now on display at the High School building, is meeting with the most popular favor and patronage. The collection of photographs in the exhibit represents the most famous works of art of the masters. The exhibit will close Saturday night. The average daily attendance has been 1,100 and the people of Wilmington are manifesting a deep interest. The collection is one of the finest ever displayed south of Washington.

# The Schley Controversy Receives a Final Quietus

Washington, March 21.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs, by a vote of 7 to 4, today adopted a resolution concurring in the conclusion of President Roosevelt as to terminating the agitation of the Schley controversy, indefinitely postponing all bills and resolutions on the subject. The report of the sub-committee as adopted gives all the various resolutions which have been introduced, and says:

interesting things to the minds of the students of history.

The movement on foot for the consolidation of the three commercial bodies in Wilmington—the Chamber of Commerce, Produce Exchange and Merchants' Association—is meeting with much favor and it is not at all unlikely that the consolidation will take place at an early date.

The truckers feel easy now that the cold wave is passing away. Of course some damage was done to all tender vegetation, but the farmers had ample warning to prepare for the cold, and hence protected their more tender crops. Fortunately the cold has done very slight damage, although this section had three nights with the thermometer below freezing.

The remains of Dean Lee, a Wilmington Celestial who died several years ago, were exhumed yesterday and shipped to New York at the request of his brother, Sam Lee, a wealthy Chinese landowner of this city. From New York the body will be shipped across the ocean to China, where it will be buried in the dead man's native soil. All the expenses are borne by his brother, Sam Lee.

The following invitation has been received by many friends in the city: "Mrs. Eugene Murray Short invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter, Bessie Stone, to Mr. Samuel Jennings Springer, on Wednesday evening, April 9, 1902, at 9 o'clock, Presbyterian Church, Washington, N. C. At home after, May 1, Wilmington, N. C."

# RESORT TO ARBITRATION Failure to Adopt Report of Committee on Grain Rates

Cincinnati, March 21.—A meeting today of the executives of railroads that are members of the Southeastern Mississippi Valley Association failed to approve the report made by the sub-committee appointed several weeks ago at New Orleans to investigate as to grain rates from the west to the southeastern territory through Ohio gateways and Memphis.

of three cents per hundred pounds for Cincinnati and Louisville in such shipments from the west to the southwest-ern territory was the point of disagreement. It was finally decided to settle the matter through arbitration. This settlement will of course not come about for some considerable time.

The vote on the resolution was as follows: Affirmative—Republicans: Foss, Dayton, Loudenslager, Butler, Watson, Cousins and Roberts. Negative—Republican: Mudd; Democrats: Riley, W. W. Kitchin and Wheeler.

Mr. Bull was paired with Mr. Cummings and Mr. Taylor with Mr. Vandiver.

# Tired of Their Jobs

Richmond, Va., March 21.—The Legislature today passed a bill which will result in many of the members being retired to private life. It imposes a tax of a dollar on every female dog and 50 cents on every male dog in the State. The same bill has been before the Leg-

islature for twenty years but none heretofore has had the courage to pass a measure so unpopular. Each time the member who introduced it has failed of re-election.

# Minutes Wanted

Washington, March 21.—A resolution was introduced by Mr. Gaines of Tennessee calling on the Secretary of War to transmit to the House copies of the minutes of several conferences between officers of the United States army detailed by Gen. E. S. Otis and representatives of the Filipino people looking to the adoption of some plan for bringing about a condition of peace in the Philippine islands.

# TWELVE DIRECTORS

## New Plan to Be Proposed to Southern Railway Stockholders

Baltimore, March 21.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Railway has been called to take place at Richmond, Va., April 23, to increase the number of directors to be elected at the next annual meeting to twelve and to classify the directors into three classes of four directors each, the term of each class to run one, two and three years respectively. The board will also be empowered to take such action as it may deem expedient from time to time to effect a consolidation of the Asheville & Spartanburg Railroad Company, the South Carolina & Georgia Railroad Company and the Carolina Midland Railway Company.

# DEATH ANGEL AT DUNN

## Mrs. L. J. Best Finds Relief from Sickness and Suffering

Dunn, N. C., March 21.—Special.—The angel of death has again visited us and tonight a deep sorrow has settled over and still over our little city. Mrs. L. J. Best died this evening after a long spell of sickness. She was the wife of Mr. L. J. Best who came here from Goldsboro in the early days of our town and for years was a prominent attorney in this county and today is president of the Bank of Dunn. Mrs. Best was a niece of Dr. Sexton of Raleigh.

# FIFE'S MOTHER SHOUTS

## Scene in Court on a Verdict of Acquittal

Savannah, Mo., March 21.—Stewart Fife, charged with the murder of Frank W. Richardson at the home of the victim, Christmas eve, 1900, was acquitted today. It is said that only one ballot was taken and that the jurors stood unanimous. Fife's mother sprang forward and embraced her son, shouting joyously. The widow of the murdered man also gave vent to her emotion. Fife was so overcome that he could not speak. This was the second trial in the Richardson murder. Mrs. Richardson, the widow, having been acquitted only a few weeks ago. No other indictments are pending.

# BOERS WELL SUPPORTED

## They Have Plenty of Arms and Ammunition

London, March 21.—A dispatch to the Times from Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony, says that the Boers in the western Transvaal are well supplied with guns and ammunition and have unlimited support and a large amount of stock, that their numbers give them confidence, while the block house system has not yet been extended enough to alarm them. What is possible has been done, continues the correspondent, but owing to the insufficiency of troops the British columns have been too small to cope adequately with the Boer forces, which are all composed of fighting men without any intention of surrendering.

# NEW ORLEANS RACES

New Orleans, March 21.—Results: First, 1-16 miles—Gautama 3 to 1, won; Lovell Labor to 5, second; Rose of May 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:33. Second, selling, 1/2 mile—Step Around 3 to 1, won; Julia Lislem 6 to 1, second; Royal Deceiver 5 to 1, third. Time, 57.4. Third, selling, 1/2 mile—Dr. Stephens 10 to 1, won; Swordsman 6 to 1, second; Major Mansur 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:30. Fourth, handicap, 1 mile—Lofter 4 to 1, won; Eva Rice 4 to 1, second; John McCarthy 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:44. Fifth, 3/4 mile—Pyrrho 2 to 1, won; Marc Bell 6 to 1, second; Moderator 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:17. Sixth, 1 mile 70 yards—Jessie Barbee 3 to 2, won; Imp Artita over second; Free Admission 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:49.7.

# Miners Have Nothing to Say

Shamokin, Pa., March 21.—After the anthracite miners convention adjourned this evening President Mitchell said he had nothing to give out for publication except that the wage scale committee had not yet finished their report and that he had not yet received any messages from any operators granting concessions. He said the report of the committee, which would be completed before final adjournment tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, would likely not be made public.

# Pat's Long Nap

Trenton, March 21.—Pat Cavanaugh, the champion six-day waker at the recent match at Madison Square Garden, New York, has been asleep at his home here since last Monday evening and every effort to arouse him has proved futile. A powerful electric current was turned on different parts of his body. There was a marked twitching of the muscles and the sleeper turned slightly in bed. It is feared that he will sleep to death.

# BAD PRISONERS FROM BRUNSWICK

Sheriff T. R. Walker and Deputy J. F. Summerset of Brunswick county arrived yesterday with two dangerous convicts for the State prison. They were R. D. Williamson (white) and Frank Edge (colored), each sentenced for seven years for the reason that they cursed and abused the judge as he was passing the jail.

Sheriff Walker says the white man is a professional cow thief and has stolen cattle in nearly every county in the State. The two made attempts twice to break jail and were finally all along the route as they were brought to Raleigh.

# LEAGUE RECEPTION

## Attendants at Edenton Last Night Pleased and Refreshed

A delightful reception was given at the Edenton Street Sunday School room last night under the auspices of the Epworth League. A large number of young people were in attendance and a pleasing musical program was rendered. Among the selections were two piano solos by Mrs. J. Hal Bobbitt, vocal solos by Miss Belle Watson and violin solos by Miss Bertha Kleuppelberg. When the musical program was completed choice refreshments were served. Those present were pleased, entertained, refreshed and satisfied. They would be glad of an opportunity to attend such meetings oftener.



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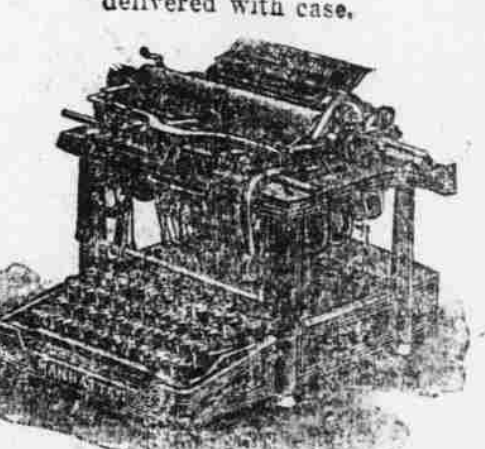
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