

A LIMIT ON PASSES.

Western Railroads Will Confine It to Presidents and General Managers.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 3.—Western general passenger and freight agents are badly worked up over a clause in the new passenger agreement for 1897, which takes away from them the privilege of issuing or requesting free transportation, as has been the custom for years.

POPULIST FACTIONS.

May Affect the Election of a Successor to Senator Peffer.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Trustworthy information here is that Populist State Chairman Bridenbath of Kansas will not be a candidate against Senator Peffer unless it is seen that the present Senator is unable to win out.

The situation in Kansas is interesting. The legislature, which will meet in January to elect a successor to Senator Peffer, is composed of 165 members, forty in the senate and 125 in the house.

Senator Peffer's re-election will come about, if at all, it is said, because he is not identified with any of the factional differences which have cropped out in the Populist ranks in the State.

Bridenbath had a fight on his hands at the last Populist State convention. He came very near being turned down as State chairman. He succeeded, however, in being re-elected and in preventing Lewelling securing the nomination for Governor.

Notices were yesterday sent out to the Directors of the Normal and Industrial School by Hon. John C. Scarborough, calling a meeting of the Board in Greensboro on December 7th.

CITY SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Enrollment this Year is 1944.

MEETING OF BOARD.

Kansas Holidays Agreed Upon—New Rules Governing Schools Commendable—Individual Work by Teachers.

At the meeting of the school committee yesterday afternoon the superintendent reported 1,944 pupils enrolled, distributed as follows: Centennial School, 693; Murphy School, 476.

Whole number of whites, 1,068; Washington School, 421; Garfield School, 390; Oberlin School, 149. Whole number colored, 876.

Moses' Phonetic Reader and Gueder's Story of the Greeks were added to the list of text books. The superintendent reported that the attendance at the schools was not good; too many children are frequently absent or tardy.

1. Pupils who are absent or tardy four times in four successive weeks, except for providential cause, shall forfeit their seats; and can be readmitted only by order of the superintendent. 2. Explanations of absence and requests for dismissal before the close of school must be made in writing by a parent or guardian.

Superintendent Howell spoke in praise of the seal and efficiency and progressiveness of the teachers and gave them credit for the fine exhibit of work at the fair. The exhibit of work of the colored schools at the colored fair showed great improvement over last year school work, and the whole business of collecting the specimens, and putting them in place was done voluntarily by the colored teachers and without suggestion from the Superintendent.

Mr. Howell commended especially the teachers, fifteen in number, who are studying clay-modeling under Miss Jones, the kindergarten teacher at the Blind Institution. They are doing this with a view of teaching it to their pupils. It was their own idea, and they are bearing the expense.

A few of the teachers are also studying German under the valuable and generous instruction of Professor Mack of St. Mary's. Some teachers in both the white and colored schools are teaching their pupils sewing.

THE REVENUE SHORTAGE

Will be a Hundred Million when McKinley Comes In.

The Washington Times of yesterday says: A deficit of one hundred million dollars threatens the treasury at the end of the fiscal year.

This shortage will have reached nearly seventy millions when President-elect McKinley is inaugurated, a pleasant outlook for the grand marshal of good times and prosperity. All this he must face unless the Senatorial wing of his party can be brought to pass a revenue measure at the short session which begins Monday.

No argument in favor of speedy action at the approaching session of congress for the passage of a measure furnishing additional revenue to the Treasury can add force to the figures given above. It only requires a little figuring to show the shortage on the first of March.

The impression is growing that a strong effort will be made to pass the Dingley bill. If it cannot be passed the silver men will be put on record and the blame placed where it belongs.

FLIED IN THE SNOW STORM.

Deputies Shelburn and Perry Destroyed 3 Stills During the Storm Yesterday. Deputy Collector J. H. Shelburn and George W. Perry have been raiding stills for a number of years, and during the time they have broken up hundreds of them, but yesterday, for the first time, they performed the operation in a snow storm.

At a point about eight miles from Franklin, N. C., the deputies found three stills within close proximity of each other, two of them being operated together. At these latter stills they destroyed 1,000 gallons of beer, 25 gallons of whiskey and the full still equipments. The men who were working them had not been gone long, as the fire was smoldering when the officers arrived.

The other still which the boys captured was in full blast and two men were operating it. Messrs. Shelburn and Perry had the novel experience of witnessing the two shiners as they fled, thoroughly frightened, in the furious snow storm. The still and 700 gallons of beer were destroyed.

Fell on Him and Killed Him.

James Welton was one of the pallbearers at the funeral of Junius Roberts, a farmer at Double Spring, Ala. The coffin was lowered into the grave by straps. The strap held by Welton and another man snapped as the coffin was being lowered; Welton lost his balance as the strap broke, and fell headlong into the grave, which was six feet deep.

A Car Caught in the Storm.

A solitary street car that got tied up in the snow storm yesterday stood in front of the Post Office all night. Headlights blazed from each end of the car but they were hardly discernible while the storm raged.

BAILEY RETURNS

From Wilmington's Mum—Russell's Inauguration.

Bailey of North Carolina has returned from Wilmington whither he went at the request of Governor Elect Russell. Gossip had Mr. Bailey's visit connected with several important matters, but the gentleman who hails from the State declined to talk about the subject.

As to the date of the inauguration no one knows. The legislature will fix the day. As the Pass-Visitors said a week or more ago it will occur prior to the thirteenth and will in all probability be the thirteenth or fourteenth. The legislature, at the suggestion of the Governor elect or his friends, will, immediately after assembling, set the date for the inauguration.

The inauguration ceremony will be very simple in deference to the wishes of the Governor elect, who will take the oath of office before a Justice of the Supreme Court and immediately upon taking his seat will transmit a message to the legislature.

AYER'S CHIEF CLERK

J. A. Sims, of Cabarrus the Man—The Foxy Chairman and Editor. Auditor-elect Hal W. Ayer is the first of the new administrative officers to make an appointment.

Mr. Ayer has selected Mr. John A. Sims, of Cabarrus, ex-sheriff of the county, as his chief clerk. Mr. Sims was in the city yesterday and it was then that the Auditor, Editor and Chairman decided to appoint the Cabarrus gentleman. Mr. Ayer has another clerkship under his control, but he has not decided yet who shall receive the plum.

It seems rather peculiar, Mr. Ayer was told, that populists do not care much about the election one of their number as senator. They say that a silverman will be elected but that a free silver republican would not be objectionable.

CITIZENS' MEETING.

Was Well Attended—Means Taken to Prevent Professional Charity. The citizens' meeting at the mayor's office this morning was well attended. Among the ministers present were Bishop Cheshire, Dr. Carter, Dr. Marshall, Rev. Dr. Norman, Dr. Daniel, Mr. Foster and Dr. Simms.

Mayor Russ called the meeting to order and in so doing, he stated that on yesterday when the call was issued he had the assurance of the weather prophets that the storm would continue unabated today and that it appeared that it would do so. The need of charity he said, was not so great as was expected.

A number of gentlemen present made talks as to charity work in the city in previous years, and suggested methods for relieving the poor in the future. The professional charity seekers, many of whom flock here from various parts of the State, justly came in for severe condemnation.

STABLES FELL IN.

Under the Weight of the Snow—Two Horses Entrapped—Saved Out.

The stable in the rear of Mr. R. M. Andrew's blacksmith shop on South Salisbury street gave way under the weight of snow on the roof and entrapped two horses.

The animals were not seriously hurt, though, as might be expected they were badly frightened. They belonged to Mr. T. B. Mosely and Mr. R. Ed. Crawford. Sections from the north side of the stable were sawed out and in this way the horses were extricated. It took considerable maneuvering to get them out.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

Closed weak; sales, 171,210.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Table with columns: New York Stock Market. Rows for Sugar, American Tobacco, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago Gas, Des. and Crt. Feed, General Electric, Louisville and Nashville, Manhattan, Rook Island, Southern Preferred, St. Paul, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Western Union.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

Table with columns: Wheat—December, 80 1/2; May, 83 1/2. Corn—December, 23 1/2; May, 26 1/2. Oats—December, 18 1/2; May, 21 1/2. Pork—December, 7 1/2; January, 7 1/2. Lard—December, 3 1/2; January, 3 1/2. Clear Rib Sides—Dec. 3.90; January 3.92.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Table with columns: December, 4.15-16; December-January, 4.13; January-February, 4.12; February-March, 4.12; March-April, 4.12; April-May, 4.12; May-June, 4.12-13.

Closed quiet, but steady.

Dr. Broughton Wanted in New York.

Dr. L. G. Broughton, of Roanoke, a brother of Mr. N. B. Broughton Monday received a telegram from Dr. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the Hanson Place Baptist church, and manager of the Moody revival meetings now going on in New York, asking him to come on and take part in the latter. The doctor had to decline, owing to the meetings now in progress at Calvary, but hopes to be able to go later, says the World.

Typographical Union Elects Officers.

At a meeting of Raleigh Typographical Union No. 54, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President—R. C. Rivers. Vice President—C. F. Cooke. Secretary—E. S. Cheek. Treasurer—C. D. Christophers. Reading Clerk—Z. T. Broughton. Sergeant-at-Arms—Simeon Smith.

It is rumored that a secret marriage is to take place at Apex in the next twenty-four hours, and three of Raleigh's most bewitching young ladies who were at the Union station this afternoon looking for some of the parties, knew all about it, but they would not tell it. Which one is most interested in the event is so far a problem.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Two convicts were received from Pamlico yesterday and two from Lenoir.

See in this issue notice of sale of city house and lot by Ernest Haywood trustee. Persons afflicted with the mania of following speaking acquaintances in the snow were in evidence today.

The electors who were in session in the city yesterday received a parade of four dollars and ten cents mileage. Messrs. Furman and Everett Betts have purchased a handsome cutter, which was noticeable among the very handsome sliding turnouts on the streets today.

Mrs. Tiernan, "Christian Reid" is soon to have a new book out, published by the Appletons, and those who have read it pronounce it to be her best work.

Mr. Frank Stronach will have another great combination sale of horses and buggies on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4th and 5th. There will be some bargains of a life time and you ought not to miss it.

Tomorrow (Friday) evening from eight to eleven o'clock, a reception will be given, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. D. Johnson, at the residence of Mr. D. T. Johnson on Hillsboro street, to which their friends are respectfully invited. No cards.

Mr. M. S. Hackney, a deputy collector from Durham, was touched for a ticket to Durham and all the change in his pocket while waiting in the depot yesterday. Mr. Hackney borrowed enough from friends to purchase a ticket to Durham.

Sleighting was the popular feature of amusement yesterday afternoon and this morning. There was a stiff gale yesterday and several hats were blown away and have not been seen since. The owners are offering liberal rewards for their return and may be readily recognized by the borrowed hats in which they are temporarily disporting themselves.

One of the largest sleighs in the city, loaded with at least a dozen people, mostly children, however, overturned this morning near the Raleigh National Bank and the occupants were thrown in a big bank of snow. This was one among the occurrences that made the merchants and boys on Fayetteville street laugh.

OUR COAST DEFENSE.

Preparations for a Heavy Battery on the Virginia Shore. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—In case of a war with Spain or with any other foreign power, Washington would be the most vulnerable point on the coast line of the United States. But in the course of a few months it will be so no longer. Bids have been opened for the construction of heavy coast defense battery on the Virginia side of the Potomac opposite old Fort Washington.

The purpose of the bill is to enlarge the powers of the railroad commission and invest it with such summary remedies as will enable the commission to have its orders, rules and regulations promptly obeyed by common carriers. Under the operation of the bill not only the railroad commission, but any company, or person, interested in such order, or regulation can apply in a summary way by petition to the judges of the superior court, who are clothed with power, as in equitable proceedings, to grant such orders as may be necessary to do justice in the premises.

NOW FOR THE SLUSH.

Warmer Weather—Many Sleighs Were Out Today.

The beauty of the snow is fast disappearing. Yesterday the falling flakes made the city feel young, and carried joy and happiness to the young. Only the poor witnessed the darker side.

Today it was different. The streets were blocked and travel was impeded to a great extent. In the afternoon the snow began to melt and the torrent of slush which will be with us for some days took its onward course.

The sidewalks on Fayetteville street were rapidly cleaned early in the morning and business opened up as usual. It was noticeable by everyone that the snow on the side walks in front of the capitol, post-office and court house, all government buildings, was not cleared. Such is life.

The day was an ideal one for sleighing and it is safe to say that more cutters and temporarily provided sleighs were out than ever before. The gingle-gingle of merry bells was heard all over the city and where there was a bell a pretty girl was not far distant.

Mr. von Hermann's weather herald says that the weather is moderating and the snow will melt rapidly. It is said by the knowing ones that the snow will be of great value to wheat growers and that in consequence a large crop will be planted. The storm in North Carolina caused a great deal of trouble and delay to the Seaboard Air Line, Southern Railway and Atlantic Coast Line. At Monroe last night there was snow eighteen inches deep. Five freight trains were blocked at that point unable to move, and the "Atlanta Special," which is due in Raleigh after one o'clock was blocked behind the freight trains and could not move. Telegraph wires were tangled and it was difficult to catch many points.

TO HAVE MORE POWER.

Important Railroad Commission Bill in the Georgia Legislature. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 3.—An important railroad bill was introduced in the house of representatives yesterday. It is a bill to enlarge the powers of the state railroad commission and it will give that commission certain powers which it has not enjoyed in the past.

The bill proposes to provide remedies for the enforcement of the decisions of the commission and it also provides penalties for violation, in addition to those already prescribed by law. The bill authorizes judges of superior courts to grant injunctions and mandamus and to aid the commission in the enforcement of its rulings and decisions.

It is a bill to provide summary remedies for the enforcement of the orders, rules and regulations of the railroad commission, in addition to the penalties already provided for. The bill is also to authorize judges of the superior courts to grant injunctions and mandamus and other proper remedies upon petition of the railroad commission.

The purpose of the bill is to enlarge the powers of the railroad commission and invest it with such summary remedies as will enable the commission to have its orders, rules and regulations promptly obeyed by common carriers. Under the operation of the bill not only the railroad commission, but any company, or person, interested in such order, or regulation can apply in a summary way by petition to the judges of the superior court, who are clothed with power, as in equitable proceedings, to grant such orders as may be necessary to do justice in the premises.

Fair and Warmer.

The storm has moved rapidly northeastward into the Atlantic and is no longer influencing the weather on the coast. The snow storm was heaviest over North Carolina; the largest amounts of unmelted snow reported were 12 inches at Charlotte and 8 inches at Raleigh.

The weather is now fair all over the country, and warmer in the central valley. A slight barometric depression is forming in the northwest which may cause warmer weather shortly and a rapid disappearance of the snow. It is still raining over southern Florida.

Notice.

The regular meeting of Ebalanx Lodge, No. 34, will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

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