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WILL REBUILD AGAIN.

The Street Car Company to Put in a New Plant.

THE LOSS IS \$25,000.

The Company Will, in all Probability, Operate Three Cars by Horse Power—The Fire a Severe Blow to Raleigh.

The worst conflagration that has visited Raleigh in years, last night swept away the power house and general headquarters of the Raleigh electric Company, which is located on the corner of Jones West streets, together with all the machinery, costly electrical appliances and ten street cars.

It was near ten o'clock last night when engineer Corbett saw a small flame issuing from the roof of the boiler room, near the partition that cuts off the car shed room. Engineer Corbett with quick presence of mind turned the company's hose on the flame, which at that time covered only a space of a few feet. In fighting the flame, the fire was driven through the thin partition into the car shed. Once in the shed the flames spread with remarkable rapidity shooting out in every direction. The shed was nothing less than a fire trap and in an incredibly short time the whole building was encased in flames. At 10:10 the fire alarm was turned on, but then the flames were already beyond humane control. The regular and the reserve fire forces were called out and fought the flames valiantly, saving several adjacent buildings. Several streams were turned on Ellington and Royster's lumber plant, which adjoined the power house and in this way it was saved from destruction.

The heavens were lit up by the glare of the fire which blazed fiercely. For several blocks it was as bright as day and the flames were visible for some miles. Thousands of citizens went to the scene of the conflagration which died out as the New Year was ushered in.

The fire is a severe blow to Raleigh. Besides tying up our excellent street car system, the larger number of our business people who patronized the company are inconvenienced in their lighting arrangements.

The boilers, engines, machinery and all the cars that were in the house are a complete loss. The company owned 13 cars and ten of these were consumed. The other three are on the streets where they were checked last night when the circuit was broken by the fire. One car is standing on the Hillsboro bridge, another is on Fayetteville street near the market and the third is on Peace street.

The loss sustained by the company is estimated at \$25,000. President Alf. A. Thompson said the property cost about \$35,000 when purchased and that the actual loss was \$25,000. The company carried insurance to the extent of \$12,500. Several prominent business citizens of Raleigh were largely interested in the company. The general electric company of which J. H. Cutler, of Boston, is the representative, was the largest owner.

The city will only be temporarily without electric cars. The Press-Visitor has every assurance that a new plant, even more modern and better than the old one, will be put in. The enterprise had been made to pay during the past few months. It will take at least two months to equip the plant so that it will be in working order.

In order that the street railway service may not be suspended entirely it is proposed by the management to use horse-power if it is found to be practicable, and as soon as possible the cars will be operated in this way until the plant is again ready for operation.

In regard to the lighting, if it is possible to secure power temporarily the company will continue to operate the lights. The company has shown considerable enterprise in the last two years and we have no doubt but that they will feel greatly encouraged to again equip their plant for both street railway and lighting service if they have liberal encouragement in the way of contacts for lighting. It is hoped that they will receive such encouragement as they undoubtedly deserve. It will benefit the whole city.

Mr. Alf. A. Thompson, president of the Street Railway company, in

an interview, spoke very hopefully to the Press-Visitor this morning as to the prospects for the early rebuilding and re-equipping of the plant and system. Mr. Thompson will at once call a meeting of the stockholders of the company which will be held as early as possible, some of the stockholders living at a distance from the city. The gentlemen composing the company represent ample capital and can rebuild the plant in a short period of time if they decide to do so. There is every reason to believe that this will be done. Mr. Thompson informs us that the business of the company has been growing and that it is becoming reasonably profitable. It is earnestly hoped that the company will decide to rebuild the plant and begin operation at an early day and it is thought to be almost certain that they will.

NO JOINT CAUCUS.

Chairman Ayer Says the Populist Legislators will not Enter Into Them.

The Populist members of the legislature will enter into no joint caucuses at this session of the legislature. The Hon. Chairman Hal Ayer is authority for the above information. At the last session of the legislature the Populists and Republicans caucused jointly on many matters, but this year, Mr. Ayer says the Populists will caucus by themselves.

We asked the noble chairman if the Populists would act with Republicans as they did in '95.

"In some particulars," said the chairman diplomatically, "provided the Republicans act with us. I don't think there will be difficulty in arranging things satisfactorily."

Mr. Ayer had nothing new to say about the senatorial situation. It is learned that Mr. Ayer has engaged 49 rooms at Barney's Hotel (the old Central Hotel) for Populist members of the legislature. This hotel is to be Populist headquarters.

Just why it was seen proper to gather all the Pops together in one household has not been stated, but the knowing ones have their ideas. Some go so far as to say that Butler had the Pops corralled in order to keep them from Pritchard influences.

POPULISTS WARNED

By Jim Young that Colored people Will Not Support Them if They Defeat Pritchard.

Jim Young says in this week's issue of the Gazette:

"As we understand it, the populists have nothing against Senator Pritchard, per se, but, upon the other hand, they have great respect for and confidence in him. That being so, we take it for granted (and do not see how it can be otherwise) that if Senator Pritchard says that he will continue in the future as in the past to stand up for silver, that he ought to and will receive the vote of every populist member of the general assembly who were elected by populist-republican co-operation. By pursuing this course the populists would have everything to gain and nothing to lose. The colored people of the state regard Senator Pritchard as their friend, and are very desirous of his re-election, and to such an extent that they would look with disfavor upon efforts in the future to get them to support co-operation candidates of the populist party if he is defeated. The populists recognize the fact that the colored voters, with few and rare exceptions (who yielded to Democratic boodle) have been among their strongest, most zealous and potent allies in planning and carrying out co-operation in this state. We want to see this friendly relation between the populists and colored people perpetuated instead of destroyed, as we believe it to be for the best interest of all concerned. The populists have it in their power to make perpetual this relation by helping to re-elect Pritchard, or to greatly impair it by defeating him.

Mass Meeting of Baptists.

Rev. John E. White will preach at the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday morning for pastor Simms. All members of the church are invited to be present to hear Mr. White. Sunday night there will be a mass meeting of all the Baptists in the city at the First Baptist Church. This is the annual meeting of Baptists which is held in the interest of city missions. Missionary work for the New Year will be mapped out.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wyatt and son, John Mitchell, of Durham are visiting friends in this city.

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Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and Directors.

5 PER CENT DIVIDEND

Declared Upon the Stock of the Company—The President's Report Shows The Press-Visitor to be in a Healthy Condition.

The stockholders and directors of the Press-Visitor held their annual meeting last night at 8:30 o'clock at the office of the company in the Pullen building. Mr. Greek O. Andrews, president of the company, presided, and a large majority of the stock was represented in person. The president made a report of the business of the company for 1896, which made a highly gratifying and satisfactory showing of the sound and healthy and prosperous business condition of the Press-Visitor. The president after making his report stated to the stockholders that the financial condition of the company was such as to justify the company in declaring a dividend of at least 5 per cent upon the stock of the company for the year 1896.

After the meeting of the stockholders a meeting of the board of directors was at once held and the election of officers for the ensuing year was gone into.

Mr. Greek O. Andrews was elected president and treasurer of the company. Mr. J. N. McRary was elected vice president and Mr. Vernon F. McRary was elected secretary.

On motion a dividend of 5 per cent upon the stock of the company was declared, and was ordered to be paid at once by the treasurer. Mr. Greek O. Andrews was re-elected editor and manager of the Press-Visitor for the ensuing year, and after some congratulatory expressions upon the successful management of the paper, the meeting adjourned.

The Press-Visitor took the afternoon field in Raleigh nearly eighteen months ago, and the successful and permanent place which it has taken in the field of Raleigh journalism has been maintained by a steady and aggressive policy to keep the paper always in the lead and to keep its standard always up to the highest point. It has never been allowed to lag. Its business department has been pushed every day and its patrons have learned to look upon it as a live and up-to-date medium through which to reach the ear and eye of the entire Raleigh public, while its readers have grown to feel that its always bright, readable and interesting columns are indispensable to the fireside at the close of each day. It is the verdict of the people that the Press-Visitor is a first-class newspaper in all respects and this is the secret of its success. We never give our readers half a loaf, and for this they are appreciative. They take the paper, they read it, they advertise in it and they are willing to pay for it. The Press-Visitor will be a better newspaper in 1897 than it was in 1896, and with the hope that it will lose none of the host of its old friends but that it will add many new ones during the next twelve-month it wishes them all a most cordial, a most prosperous and a most happy new year.

The Atlanta Postoffice.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—February 1, 1897, the postoffice at Atlanta, Ga., will become a presidential office of the first class. This advance was pursuant to the postal regulations, which provide that every free delivery city of 75,000 inhabitants or more shall be entitled to a postoffice of the first class. The recent State census showed Atlanta to have a population of over 83,000.

Female Deputy Sheriff.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

BROCKHANNON, W. Va., January 1.—This county is the first State to have a female deputy Sheriff. Mrs. Susan Smith, daughter of Sheriff-elect Powkes, has been sworn in as his chief deputy, and has given bond the same as the male deputies. She will do her turn in the court room and jail. Mrs. Smith is a robust woman and is amply able to do her duty, no matter what it may be.

Dr. I. E. Emerson, the discoverer and inventor of the famous Bromo Seltzer is in the city.

A BUSINESS CHANGE

Mr. John Y. MacRae Sells Out to Hicks & Rogers.

Mr. John Y. MacRae, the oldest druggist in Raleigh in business, but certainly not in age, has sold out his entire drug business in this city to the firm of Hicks & Rogers, and the purchasers today took charge of Mr. MacRae's Wilmington street drug store and will succeed him there, doing business at both this and their former stores. Mr. MacRae will retain the stand at the corner of Fayetteville and Martin streets, where he will conduct a first-class cigar and tobacco store, and will serve all kinds of tempting beverages from his beautiful soda fountain, also all kinds of mineral drinks and cold and warm weather drinks in season. It will be a popular resort and Mr. MacRae will no doubt have many visitors and patrons. The entire stock of drugs has been removed from the Fayetteville street store to the Wilmington street store and Messrs. Hicks & Rogers will immediately take charge of the latter place and will carry on business at their two stands.

Mr. MacRae's retirement from the drug business in Raleigh will be heard with general regret. Besides being the oldest drug man in Raleigh he is the best known and most widely advertised man in the drug business in the city and probably in the State. The name of John Y. MacRae is known in every hamlet in this part of North Carolina. Mr. MacRae has always believed in advertising and has realized it as one of the chief elements of success. He has been a liberal user of printers ink and this has been one of the secrets of his success. It is interesting to note as a bit of history that John Y. MacRae's drug store is the oldest drug house in Raleigh that has continued without change of name. Mr. MacRae came to Raleigh twenty years ago and took charge of the drug business of Penson, Lee & Co., at the stand now occupied by Mr. James I. Johnson. He retained this connection for seven years and then went into business for himself and the name and store of John Y. MacRae at the corner of Wilmington and Martin streets has been familiar to the people of Raleigh and surrounding country for twelve years. In October, a year ago, Mr. MacRae opened his handsome branch store on Fayetteville street where he will now continue his cigar and tobacco business. There is not a man in Raleigh or Wake county who has more friends than has John Y. MacRae and they all will miss him from his old familiar stand and wish him good luck and success in the future.

Messrs. Hicks & Rogers, who succeed Mr. MacRae, are among our most popular and successful druggists and we bespeak for them the good will and patronage of all the old friends of Mr. MacRae and of the entire Raleigh public.

MR MOYE RETIRES

Clerk of Court Young Appoints George I. Tonoffski, Chief Clerk.

Mr. D. H. Young, clerk of Wake superior court has appointed Mr. George L. Tonoffski of this city, his chief clerk to succeed Mr. A. W. Moye, who has filled the position so acceptably for a number of years.

Mr. Moye is one of the most clever and accommodating gentlemen imaginable and he understands the duties of the clerk's office as few people do. The office is a very difficult one and it is not easy to learn the duties attached to it. Clerk Young though of a different political faith from Mr. Moye found it to his interest to retain Mr. Moye in office two years although the pressure brought to bear on him from certain sources to replace Mr. Moye by a republican has been strong. Particularly has the kicking been strong since the election.

Mr. Moye has made for himself a host of friends by his universal attention and kindness to the public in his official capacity and they will join with the Press-Visitor in wishing the retiring clerk a happy and prosperous new year.

Mr. Alf. A. Thompson, President of the Raleigh Street Railway, desires to tender through the Press-Visitor the thanks of the company to the Raleigh Fire Department for their prompt appearance and efficient work last night. While the alarm was too late to admit of successfully fighting the flames the activity with which the department worked was thoroughly appreciated.

DUNCAN, THE FIRST HERE

In Advance of the other Legislators.

BUTLER, MONDAY

Senator Pritchard Will Arrive not Later Than Sunday—Secretary Hyams Is on His Way From Washington.

Mr. E. C. Duncan, the representative from Carteret county is the first member of the legislature to arrive on the scene of the State's political battle ground for the next 70 days. Mr. Duncan, who is an ardent republican and a very clever fellow with it, is very much interested in the re-election of Senator Butler and this is probably the true reason of his early arrival. The legislature meets Wednesday the sixth of January.

Senator Butler is coming Monday afternoon.

A letter received in this city today from the populist Senator by Chairman Ayer gave this information, Senator Butler will remain in the city until after the election of a Senator. The Senator comes here to play a little part in that election.

Senator Pritchard will probably arrive here Sunday. This citizen of Madison county, who is striving to secure a re-election is not positively certain as to the hour that he will be able to get away from Washington. He hopes to reach here by Sunday at the latest. His chief lieutenant, and the gentleman who will be in charge of the Senator's headquarters, Mr. W. S. Hyams, is already on his way to Raleigh from Washington.

It will be impossible to ascertain anything definite about Senator Pritchard's chances of defeat until all the populist members get on the ground. Matters will begin to grow interesting when Butler and Pritchard arrive.

Phantom Party.

Last night some of the ladies at the Park hotel extended to their gentlemen friends a farewell to Leap Year in the form of a "Phantom Party." The costumes were sheets and white masks and weird and ghastly looking were the participants as they wandered about the ball room and corridors sheeted. The dancing was not much enjoyed until all were unmasked, when gaily tripped the dancers keeping time to the music "The Old Virginia Reel" was danced, and at 12 o'clock the soft strains of "Home Sweet Home" floated out, and a swiftly and smoothly couple after couple glided over the smooth floor, and "a happy new year" was called out as each passed the other. The evening was a decided success and many were the thanks extended to the fair hostesses, and especially to the two who first proposed the party and who carried it through.

Held a Bale Twenty-Five Years.

A special from Rome, Ga., to the Atlanta Constitution says: "Mr. W. C. Mills, of this county, brought a bale of cotton to town recently which had been lying under his father's gins house ever since the fall of 1872. John Mills grew the cotton on his plantation in Chattooga county during that year and in the fall, after it was picked and ginned, the price went down and the old man decided to hold it, feeling confident that it would go to 20 cents a pound. Instead of that the price continued to decline and during all these years it has lain there awaiting the rise in value that never came. Last winter the old man died and his son took charge of his estate and among the assets was the old bale of cotton, much weather-beaten with the bagging very badly frayed and ties rusted, but the lint as white as on the day that it was ginned. The son tried to sell it and it was purchased by Bass Bros. & Co. for 5.80 cents a pound, a fraction more than one-fourth the price for which the old man had held it so long.

A telegram was received here today from Henderson announcing the death of Mrs. D. Y. Cooper which occurred there this morning.

Emancipation Day was observed with appropriate exercises as in former years by a number of our colored citizens today.

Mr. J. R. Williams, returned to his home in Baltimore to-day.

R. R. ORDER AMENDED.

Railway Commission Requires Railroads to Post Arrivals of Trains Promptly.

The Railway Commission has issued circular no 57 amending rule No. 14 of the rules governing the posting of bulletins regarding the transportation of passengers.

Complaint was made by a gentleman from Wake Forest that the railroad did not post the time of arrival of passenger trains regularly. Rule No. 14 requires the railroads to post the arrival of trains at all telegraph stations ten minutes in advance of the schedule time and when late to approximate as closely as possible the time of arrival.

To remedy the existing evil as complained of by the Wake Forest citizen, the commission today issued the following order:

"Rule 14 is hereby amended by adding at the end of same the following:

"The bulletin board shall be placed in a conspicuous place at the ticket office, and notices thereon of arrival or departure of trains, shall be erased immediately after the departure of trains."

THE COUNT COMPLETED.

The Official Vote Prepared by Clerk Young Gives Jim Young 2 Majority.

The recount of ballots received by Mr. N. B. Broughton and James H. Young for a seat in the general assembly in the examination before Justice Marcom was concluded today at 12 m.

There is a variance in the official vote as kept by Clerk of the Court Young and that kept by friends of Mr. Broughton. The vote kept by Mr. Young gives Young a majority of two, while the vote kept by Mr. Z. T. Broughton give Mr. Broughton a net gain of 20 over the former vote, which is a majority of two in favor of Mr. Broughton.

According to the official count Mr. Broughton received 4,719 votes and Young, 4,721 in the recount. The vote received by Mr. Broughton in the original count at the general election was 4,720, while that received by Young was 4,738.

This shows a loss of one vote for Mr. Broughton and seventeen for Young. The legislature will not be governed entirely by the recount. If Mr. Broughton establishes his other contentions he should win. The examination will be continued tomorrow at ten o'clock when Mr. Dan Young's deposition will be completed.

TO RETAIN CONTROL.

Stockholders of the A. & N. C. Road Lease Rob the President of His Power.

The stockholders of the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad met yesterday in Goldsboro.

A mandamus signed by Judge Robinson restraining the stockholders from changing the by laws so as to fix the lease was served upon them.

From gentlemen who arrived in the city today it was learned that the stockholders took the management of the road from under the control of the directors and president. The executive power of administering the affairs of the road was placed in the hands of the chairman of the finance committee. In other words the management of the road was delegated from the President to the chairman of the finance committee. The President's office is merely a nominal one now. The salary of the President was also decreased from \$1,800 to \$1,200.

The election of a Superintendent and Secretary and Treasurer was taken from the control of the directors.

This action on the part of the stockholders has made the republicans very indignant. They say they have been temporarily phased, but that a new charter will be obtained from the legislature and the action of the stockholders reversed.

NO INCREASE IN PRICE.

The Raleigh Gas Company Fully Equipped To Supply Electric Lights.

Capt. B. P. Williamson, President of the Raleigh Gas company, says his company is fully equipped to supply Raleigh with all the electric lights that may be needed. Capt. Williamson said that the company was not disposed to take advantage of the public and that there would be no increase in their prices. "Contracts for electric lights will be taken at the same rate today as yesterday and the day before," said the president.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pourri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

The Junior German Club will tonight give its New Year's german in the ball room of the Park hotel.

The lady who lost a pair of gold spectacles and who advertised for them in yesterday's Press-Visitor will please call at or send to this office and get them.

Dr. Kilgo, president of Trinity college, will speak at Metropolitan Hall on Sunday afternoon at a men's mass meeting, at 3:30 o'clock, under Y. M. C. A. auspices.

The Raleigh Male Academy, Messrs. Morson and Denson principals, will open Monday and parents are asked to send their boys promptly.

The first evidence of the early assemblage of the legislature is the arrival of book agents. Mr. W. R. Walker, the representative of Ginn & Co. has arrived on the scene.

Mr. E. B. C. Hambley, who has been running the Rockwell Park Farm for several years, has sold out his dairy and cattle to Mr. Joe H. McNeely of Salisbury.

Clarence Alston, the well known cornetist, has received a flattering offer from Richard and Pringle's minstrels and will probably sign a contract with that well known organization.

On Monday, Jan. 4th, the University Glee and Mandolin Clubs will give a performance at Metropolitan Hall. It is said that this year's clubs are the best that ever left the Hill. Admission, 25 and 50 cents.

On Sunday night there will be a meeting in the First Baptist church in the interest of city missions, by all the Baptist congregations in the city. There will be no services in any of the other Baptist churches.

The members of the Baptist Tabernacle Church held their regular monthly meeting and elected Trustees of the church for the year. They are: J. M. Broughton, C. P. Spruill and E. G. Horton.

Mr. Walter Woolcott has returned from New York and on Monday will exhibit an excellent line of dress goods, wrappers, etc. One lot of fifteen cent dress goods will be closed out at nine and a half cents per yard.

Last evening Mrs. James McKimmon entertained a number of young people at her home on Halifax street. The party was given in honor of Mrs. McKimmon's relative, Mr. Hull, of Athens, Ga., who is spending his holidays in the city.

Robert Nourse, who will impersonate Dr. Jeckill and Mr. Hyde, the last of the star course attractions will appear at Metropolitan hall January 8th. Though this is the last of Messrs. King and Atkinson's star course attractions, which have been so highly successful, it is said to be by far the best.

The progressive firm of Royall and Borden are always in line with the procession. They say the Press-Visitor did the proper thing in changing the price of the paper from three to four dollars. They wish all their patrons a happy New Year and say they will give them a new list of prices next year, but they will be lower than last. See their new announcement today and watch their advertisement in the Press-Visitor all through 1897. You will see it every day.

Mr. D. T. Johnson comes before our readers with the compliments of the season, and as a candidate for your patronage. Knowledge gained by experience, and increased facilities, is a strong argument in his favor. With the line of goods carried by him, coupled with the low prices, polite service, prompt delivery and the satisfaction he guarantees to all customers, we bespeak for him a large trade this New Year. Mr. Johnson makes it a point to give satisfaction to all, and any one who is dissatisfied with their purchases or finds it otherwise than as represented can return the goods and get back their money. See his "ad."