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GATES MADE GOOD WITNESS

Judge Gary Also Impresses Committee With His Frankness

PEN PICTURE OF TWO MEN

Both Men of Brains—Gates Made Good Copy and Committee and Newspaper Men Enjoyed Him—Son Charlie Prompted Gates—Gates Smoothest Article That Has Appeared Before the Committee—Is Something of a Dandy in Appearance, Fresh and Natty Looking.

Times Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, H. E. C. Bryant.

Washington, June 17—Interesting men are being brought here to testify before the various investigating committees of the house. The average congressman is as dull as a frog pond when compared with a citizen like John W. Gates, once the wire king of this country, and Elbert H. Gary, who draws more salary than the nine members of the house that interrogated him last week. I know some clever, entertaining statesmen but they are few in the hill. By some hook or crook, or cheap demagogery, or a fight with a negro, may bring some sap-head to Washington to represent a congressional district, but unless a man has gray matter in his head he cannot run the United States Steel Corporation or could not have organized and managed the American Wire Company in its golden days.

John W. Gates was once a traveling man. He drifted into the hardware business, and fell headlong into the manufacture of steel products. Horses, pretty women, fast and other games and all sorts of spirited things appeal to him.

Mr. Gates was the first important witness put on the stand by the Stanley steel investigating committee. He wanted to take a trip to Scotland and perhaps Monte Carlo, and preferred to testify before quitting the country. Chairman Stanley, who is an accommodating Kentuckian, was willing.

The former wire-maker is a fine looking piece of flesh. Clad in a navy blue suit, with yellow shoes and socks to match, and the best of linen he appeared as neat and fresh as a school girl graduate the day he told what he knew about Andy Carnegie and J. P. Morgan. His smooth cheeks still have the bloom of health in them and his mustache and hair are touched with frost, but his eyes are clear and bright and harbors a faint, mischievous smile, which, when he talked about Mr. Carnegie, broadened into a laugh.

I never listened to a more delightful witness. He did not owe Pierpont Morgan or anybody else a cent that he could not pay the day he was here. Rich, independent, and free from ordinary cares he does not mind having a little fun. He threw bricks for five hours, and it will take the officials of the Steel Trust, if there be such a thing, years to sweep the dust from their front steps. In the meantime, John W. Gates, the gay,

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BUILDING AND LOAN LEAGUE AT NEW BERN

A splendid program has been arranged for the eighth annual convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, which will be held at New Bern on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Messrs. J. C. Allison and Alexander Webb will attend the convention from Raleigh. Several addresses will be made, general discussion will consume part of the sessions and a trip down the Neuse river on a house-boat will be a feature of the entertainment. Mr. J. R. Young, insurance commissioner, will deliver an address, as will also Mr. L. T. Hartwell, of Concord; Mr. Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte; Mr. R. A. Nunn, of New Bern, and Mr. John M. Cooke, of Burlington. A smoker and automobile ride Wednesday afternoon will bring the convention to a close.



Mrs. William Simon, victim of the strangling mystery at White Plains, N. Y., who was found dead in bed by her four-year-old daughter. The husband, crack engineer of the Harlem Railroad, is being held by the police, who have as yet found no tangible clues to the solution of the mystery. When the body was found, a towel and pillow case were tightly bound about the young woman's neck, and there were marks and bruises on her chest and throat and some of her hair was found torn out and strewn about the bed. The police declare she put up a desperate struggle against her assailant, whoever he was, but was unable to venture more toward answering the mystery surrounding the tragedy.

THE BAY LEAF FARM.

Children and Workers Brought to Raleigh Today—Much Interest is Shown.

Today Mr. Hillary P. Thompson was in to see Superintendent Judd, and made report of the Bay Leaf school farm work. He said that on last Monday the people turned out to work the farm. There were about twenty people present. Most of these were children and young girls.

The farm, consisting of two acres, is planted in cotton. This was chopped out and plowed in two and one-half hours. Mr. Thompson said: "The children worked the smartest I ever saw."

Mr. Thompson said that they all really enjoyed the work and that he never saw the children more enthused over a baseball game than they were over their cotton chopping Monday.

After the work was finished Mr. Thompson and Mr. George B. Norwood gave the children a treat to candy and cold drinks.

Last year Bay Leaf had the banner school farm of the county. Their exhibit at the state fair won the first premium offered by the State Agricultural Society, also a ton of fertilizer offered as a first premium by the Carolina Phosphate and Fertilizer Works. This company has given to the Bay Leaf school farm, in addition to this premium, for this year a ton of fertilizer, making two tons in all. The Bay Leaf people feel very grateful for the help which this company has rendered their farm.

Mr. Hillary Thompson and Mr. Arthur Davis, who are the superintendents of the Bay Leaf farm this year, are going to work hard to make Bay Leaf lead again this year.

MRS. MUCLOW SANE.

Examining Board Appointed by Judge Carter Declares Her in Sound Mind.

(Special to The Times.) Asheville, N. C., June 17—The report of the examining board of physicians appointed by Judge Carter to investigate the sanity mental condition of Mrs. Alice Muclow, an English lady who was recently released from Carroll's Asylum for the treatment of nervous troubles, by habeas corpus proceedings, has just been made public and it is in favor of the lady, to the effect that she is sane.

The lady was recently taken from the sanitarium on affidavits that she was being kept there as insane and against her will; since her release she has been staying with a friend and it is said that she shows no sign of insanity. She made some rather sensational charges, to the effect that she had been kept at the sanitarium for the past three years, that she was not allowed the use of her income and several other charges.

At the habeas corpus hearing before Judge Carter Dr. Carroll replied to the charge by affidavits and by the assertion that Mrs. Muclow had been committed to his place by the clerk of the superior court.

The case has created much interest here by reason of the fact that Dr. Carroll is rather prominent in his line of medical work. Other developments may follow of a legal nature.

TRUSTEES ARE IN CITY TODAY

Mass Meeting and Barbecue Feature Completion of Highway Survey

PRASE FOR RALEIGH

City's Progressive Strides in Past Few Months Occasion For Favorable Comment in Every Section of State—Speakers Tell of Progress and Interest in Highway Project All Along Line—Barbecue is Given Members of Party at Fair Grounds.

With the meeting in the Wake county court house this morning and the barbecue at the fair grounds this afternoon, the preliminary tour over the route of the central highway, a stretch of road 460 miles long from the coast to the Tennessee line, was marked and the trustees of the highway left the city with the consciousness of faithful work and the knowledge of co-operation in Wake county. To Mr. H. B. Varner, chairman; Mr. J. A. Wellons of Smithfield; Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, and Mr. William Dunn, of New Bern, and the J. J. Case Threshing Machine Company—these last two in particular—the trustees and the people are indebted for the trip across the state. The surveying party arrived in Raleigh last night from Durham, Mebane, and Chapel Hill. The road had then been surveyed from Beaufort harbor to the Tennessee line. Mr. Varner presided at the mass meeting today, and R. H. Lewis, who is always interested in forwarding a good movement, made the first address. He was followed by Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, the engineer, who has contributed so much to the success of the scheme. President Varner and Dr. J. M. Templeton, president of the Wake county association, and a trustee of the central highway, made ringing speeches.

It was the opinion of all speakers that Wake county and Raleigh would do their part towards the highway, and much praise was given Raleigh for the life it had evidenced in the past few months. From the mountains to the coast, as Mr. Wellons expressed it, the people were saying that "Old Raleigh has waked up." And Mr. Wellons declared that "Old Raleigh" had. Dr. Pratt said that with any encouragement the highway could be built so that the road would be in first-class condition nearly all the year round. He and President Varner urged the people of Wake county to vote for the road bonds, explaining that taxes would not be increased a cent and that good roads would be a direct benefit to every person in the county. As examples of progress pointed out Guilford, Alamance, Durham, and Fredrick counties, the last of which has recently voted a bond issue of \$400,000.

There was much enthusiasm at the meeting. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolutions by Trustees.
1. That their thanks and the thanks of all the people interested in the construction of the central highway are hereby tendered the J. J. Case Threshing Machine Company, of Racin, Wis., and to William Dunn, Esq., of New Bern, for their generosity and courtesy in tendering to us, the trustees of the central highway, the use of their splendid machines for conveying the party across the state.
2. To the people along the route of the said highway for their generous and open-hearted hospitality shown at each and every place where we stopped.
3. To the press of the state for the encouragement it has at all times and places given to this great enterprise.

To all of these is largely due the success of the preliminary work in selecting and laying out this road. Without their aid nothing could have been accomplished; with their aid much has been accomplished and the beginning made for the completion of the road. Mindful of their invaluable assistance, we tender them, one and all, our thanks and express to them our deep appreciation for their interest and assistance.

TOBACCO TRUST WILL NOT ASK REHEARING

Washington, June 17—It is understood at the department of justice that the American Tobacco Company will not file an application for a re-hearing in the supreme court as it has permission to do at any time before June 29, according to the court's decree. Delancy Nicoll and W. W. Fuller, the company's attorneys, will soon have another conference with Attorney-general Wickersham, at which they will probably submit some plan for re-organization. If the attorney-general can approve the plan it will be recommended to the United States circuit court.

Consul General George A. Bucklin, Jr., writing from Guatemala city, says that while American sports have not developed to the same extent in Guatemala as in Mexico, there is a rapidly growing interest in baseball, football, tennis and boxing.



Latest photograph of the oldest son of King George V. The young prince of Wales is busy preparing his speech which he will deliver in Welsh, at 14, Investiture. The cast of the insignia to be used at the investiture, which is to take place at Carnoyan Castle, Wales, has been decided upon by the Investiture committee. As far as possible, the committee is following the precedent of this investiture as Prince of Wales of Henry, the son of King Charles II. The insignia will consist of coronet, wand, ring, and mantle. The coronet, wand and ring will be fashioned in gold from Welsh mines by Welsh workmen.

ALL SPEED RECORDS ARE BROKEN TODAY

Boston, Mass., June 17—An attempt was made to break all records for speed of the passenger train between Boston and Chicago, when a special carrying members of the Chicago Association of Commerce pulled out of Boston and Albany railroad yard this morning. The train left here at 1 a. m. and reached Albany 6:35. Arrivals received here said the run from Albany to Syracuse 128 miles and made it in 128 minutes.

SCHIFF MAY FOUND COLLEGE.

Banker Makes Conditional Offer to His Birthplace in Germany. Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, June 17—It is stated that Jacob H. Schiff, the New York banker, has announced his readiness to give several million marks for the foundation of a university at Frankfurt-on-the-Main his birthplace, provided certain conditions, particularly concerning religion and professions, are met. The lord mayor is conferring with the Prussian minister of education, Herr von Troszt Zu Solz, on his proposed gift.

Mr. Schiff, who is now at Munich, was seen today regarding the university foundation. He stated that the report was exaggerated, but he was not ready to discuss the matter in detail.

GIRL WOULD GIVE TO POOR.

Twelve-year-old Heiress Asks Court to Divide \$60,000 Income. Chicago, June 17—Catherine Barker, 12 year old, of Laporte, Ind., who by her father's will, receives annual income of \$60,000 for her education and maintenance, has applied to the circuit court for permission to divide her income with charitable institutions of Laporte and Michigan City, Ind. Miss Barker received \$2,000,000 as her share of her father's estate, which is held in trust.

KING AND QUEEN RETURN TO LONDON

London, June 17—The coronation festivities were fully inaugurated with the return of the king and queen to Buckingham, palace, from Windsor. The functions connected with the coronation event next Thursday will crowd upon one another until July 1, when the court again leaves London. Semi-state marked their majesties' arrival in the metropolis from Paddington to Buckingham consisting of landaus drawn by four boys with postillions and escorted by the royal horse guards. Large crowds everywhere welcomed their majesties with hearty cheering. Monday will witness the arrival of most of the royal guests.

Cooke Not Guilty. Cincinnati, O., June 17—Edgar S. Cooke was declared not guilty of embezzling \$24,000 from the Big Four Railway. The jury was out two hours.

WILL SHUT OFF ORATORS

House Ready to Close Wool Debate

Holding Night Sessions to Get Rid of Pent Up Oratory—Senate Will Because Senators Have Not Prepared Their Speeches

Washington, D. C., June 17—With a view to clearing up the sphere of speeches on the wool bill, the house resumed general debate. The measure today with the probability that another night session would be held. While the house faces the problem of shutting off eager orators, the senate was forced to remain idle, because the senators had not prepared their speeches on the Canadian reciprocity bill. This condition will be remedied by Monday. Half a dozen speeches, practically all against the agreement, are being prepared. There were no committees of importance in session today at either end of the capitol. The house committees investigating the two great industries of steel and sugar have adjourned until Monday.

Representative Stephens, of Mississippi, was the first speaker for the wool bill. The vote on the measure, according to Chairman Underwood, will probably be reached Tuesday or Wednesday.

CORPSE COMES TO LIFE.

Funeral Service Changed to Live Meeting.

(Special to The Times.) Oxford, N. C., June 17—J. Robert Wood, one of Oxford's best known undertakers, had a thrilling experience yesterday, one that almost made his hair stand on end, brave man though he is. He was called upon to serve in his business capacity at what was expected to be a funeral and everything was moving along in a solemn, orderly manner, as all orthodox funerals should, when suddenly the supposed corpse began to show signs of life. Mr. E. B. Block, one of the active pall bearers, was the first to notice this and in great excitement called the attention of the mournful gathering to what was clearly a feeble effort on the part of the corpse to get his breath. Soon there was the most intense excitement throughout the room and the attention for all was turned to the bier just in time to see the eyes of the friend and relative open and gaze wearily about the room. This seemed to be but a momentary revival and back began to sink the life again into the abyss of death. When A. M. Powell, who always keeps his wits about him and can be counted on to act at the right time in any sort of emergency, sprang to the rescue. After a vigorous application, both externally and internally of stimulants life came back, and what was most surprising, it came in a much more active stream than the friends of the person had ever seen him exhibit before. L. Thomas, one of his most devoted friends and admirers, was so carried away with joy at this unexpected resurrection that for some time he could not utter a word.

This dead body was the Merchants' Association of Oxford, and Mr. Wood, the secretary, had called together the scattered remnants to disband the organization and bury its name in the dusty archives of Oxford's history or a remote possibility, reorganize on a new and broader basis. The unexpected happened and now the living thing in North Carolina is this erstwhile half-dead association. Short snappy speeches were made by the different members and it was decided to begin a campaign at once for one hundred members and convert the organization into more of a booster club for Oxford than an ineffective collection agency as its principal purpose had been heretofore. Active rather than passive, positive rather than negative, will be the chief characteristics of the rejuvenated Merchants' Association of Oxford.

Thomassville Wants Public Building. (Special to The Times.) Washington, D. C., June 17—W. O. Burgin, J. S. Armfield, Archibald Johnston and Rev. M. L. Kesler, of Thomassville, are here to inaugurate a movement for a public building for their town. They are conferring with Mr. Page today.

Strike On Vessel.

New York June 17—Fifty stewards of the steamship Momus, plying between New York and New Orleans in Southern Pacific-Marine department has struck. The men quit without any disorder.

DECIDE ISSUES AT LATER DATE

Attorneys Unable to Agree As to What to Submit to Federal Jury

COURT WILL DECIDE ISSUES

But Before Jury Knows What is Before it More Evidence Will First be Introduced—No Interest in Case From Spectator's Standpoint—Some Witnesses Next Week—But Few People Have ventured in the Court Room—Probably Three Weeks Yet.

Judge Henry G. Connor, presiding over the United States court here, will have to formulate the issues that will be presented to the jury which is hearing the merits of the \$1,200,000 suit of the Ware-Kramer Tobacco Company against the American Tobacco Company, et als, the attorneys for both plaintiff and defendant having been unable to reach any kind of agreement.

The counsel for both sides were given a hearing yesterday afternoon and were to have been heard today by Judge Connor on the most important matter of the trial, but these learned lawyers were unable to come within anything of a solution. There was no hearing today and Judge Connor spent the time attending to other matters in his room in the federal building.

It will be several days yet before the issues are submitted. Judge Connor will wait until more testimony is introduced before taking action. The attorneys doubtless know all about the case, but they ought to know.

The jurors were dismissed yesterday until Monday at 12:30 when they will again take their places—probably for three weeks.

There has not been the slightest interest in the case from the standpoint of the spectators; or at least not a dozen different persons other than those connected with the trial or representing newspapers have ventured in the room. A lot of dry depositions has been all that faced the jurors until Mr. J. G. Ball was introduced yesterday. It is said that a number of witnesses will be in from Wilson next week to testify in the case.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH CONSIDERS PHYSICIAN.

At a meeting today of the county board of health a resolution was passed that a county health officer be elected and that his salary be fixed at \$1,800, one-half of this to be paid by the county commissioners and the other half to be paid by the county board of education. Superintendent Judd voted against this resolution, stating that under the law the county board had no authority to devote any money except to school purposes. The county commissioners sometime ago attempted to fix the duties of the health officers, contrary to law, and to fix his salary, and Dr. J. J. McCullers declined to serve. No election has yet been made.

Condition Unchanged.

The condition of Mr. Graham Herring was reported unchanged today.

TRAIN HELD UP AND MAIL CAR ROBBED

Dubin, Ore., June 17—The southbound limited, on the Southern Pacific, leaving Portland at six o'clock last night, was held up and the mail car robbed by two highwaymen between Dubin and Yoncalla. The robbers entered the mail car, held up the clerks and looted the car. They stopped the train at Yoncalla and escaped. Although the bandits brandished their revolvers no shots were fired. The mail clerks were helpless. It is not known how much the desperadoes obtained. The passengers and trainmen were not molested.

Lumber Company Increases Capital.

An amendment was filed with the secretary of state today increasing the capital stock of the Laurel River Logging Company of Stackhouse, Madison county, from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Anson G. Betts is president and E. B. Williams is secretary.