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WORK SOON TO BEGIN ON GREAT RAILROAD

Contract For Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Awarded to Lane Brothers Company of Altavista, Virgina

THREE MILES ACROSS CITY OF RALEIGH

From Jones Street to Caraleigh Mills Line Will Extend, Necessitating Deep Excavations — Hillsboro, Morgan and Other Streets Will be Crossed and Large Bridges Built —President H. L. Lane Has Established Headquarters in Raleigh—Thousand Men to be Set to Work Within Few Days at Several Points Between This City and Troy—Of Interest to State.

Actual work on the construction of the Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern Railway, the contract for which was awarded to Lane Brothers Company, of Altavista, Va., April 12, will begin within the next few days at three points between Raleigh and Troy. Mr. H. L. Lane, president of the company, has arrived in Raleigh and today left in an automobile to a point below Fuquay Springs, to make some additional surveys. Mr. Lane and his assistants are stopping at the Hotel Raleigh.

Eight mammoth steam shovels, 500 mules, numerous locomotives, and other machinery necessary to the work and 1,000 men will soon be employed on the system, which is to give the Norfolk Southern, by means of the Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern Railway, a direct line from Norfolk through Raleigh to Charlotte, thereby lessening by many miles the distance from the capital city to the Mecklenburg town. In addition the road will open up practically a virgin territory, as much of the country through which the line will pass has been without railroad facilities.

Three Miles Through Raleigh.

Of most interest to Raleigh people will be the construction of a roadbed from the Norfolk Southern freight station at the corner of Jones and Saunders streets to the Caraleigh mills to connect with the Raleigh & Southport tracks. This line will run between Boylan avenue and West street and will necessitate the excavating of many million cubic yards of earth. The line will cross Hillsboro street next to the Seaboard tracks, and great bridges will be built across Hillsboro, Morgan and other streets. Work on this piece, which is three miles long, will begin within a week. The contract for this work was sublet by Lane Brothers Company to Waugh & Waugh, of Orange, Va.

To Be Rebuilt.

The old line of the Raleigh & Southport from Raleigh to Varina, the junction of the Raleigh & Southport and Durham & Southern, a distance of 20 miles, will be entirely rebuilt. The old line between Colon and Troy, a distance of 50 miles, will be rebuilt in places and repaired all along the line. Many changes in grades will be made.

The section of road from Varina to north of Cape Fear, a distance of 7 miles, will be built by Fisher & Carozza, of Baltimore.

The contract for the construction of the line between Concord and Charlotte has not yet been awarded. Chief Engineer C. R. Walton has a force of men on the line between Mt. Gilead and Charlotte making surveys so that work may begin as soon as practicable.

Of Much Interest.

The news that the contract has been awarded for the construction of the Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern will be received with interest throughout the state. Mr. E. C. Duncan, of Raleigh, is president of the road, and it was through his efforts that the plans have been so successfully carried out. The contract for the construction was made in Norfolk, April 12, and the Lane Brothers Company at once began assembling their machinery for the work. The construction will be done by several contractors, the successful bidders having awarded contracts for part of the work and having more contracts to sublet.

To Employ 1,000 Men.

With such a huge undertaking before them the contractors are scouring the country for laborers. One thousand men will be employed at one time, the work proceeding all along the line. Eight mammoth steam shovels, to say nothing of the locomotives and other machinery necessary to operate the shovels, will be laboring at the big job. It will take days to move the machinery from one point to another.

Some of the hardest work will be done in the city of Raleigh, where deep cuts will be necessary. Many months will be necessary to complete the work.

Headquarters in Raleigh.

President Lane, Chief Engineer Walton, Mr. J. W. Starritt, general superintendent, and Mr. L. M. Schenk, camp superintendent, left Raleigh early today in an automobile for Varina to complete arrangements for beginning construction. Headquarters have been established in Raleigh.

MR. ISADOR STRAUS,

The millionaire-merchant-philanthropist, who with his devoted wife, was lost in the Titanic disaster. A touching tale of the supreme test of love is told in the death of the aged couple, who were beloved in New York, because of their generous work in aiding the poor of the East Side. The devotion of Mr. and Mrs. Straus was a subject of unending discussion among the friends of the aged couple, and it is generally believed that rather than leave her husband to die alone, Mrs. Straus refused to take her turn in the rule of "women first" to be launched to safety in a life-boat, but chose rather to remain by the side of her husband, and thereby attain what was the ambition of the closing years of their lives, to die together.

PROHIBITION STATISTICS

Ministers Show Wonderful Work Done by the Abolishment of Liquor Shops.

(Special to The Times.)

Charlotte, April 23.—"Prohibition in Charlotte is almost as mythical as the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence."

The Charlotte Ministerial Association is up in arms against the above statement appearing in the columns of one of the Richmond morning papers, and has formulated the following vigorous answer:

"We unhesitatingly say that there is no comparison of conditions now and when we had 18 saloons in this city. There were streets which ladies did not dare to walk. Now they can walk anywhere on any streets without walking through crowds of liquor-drinking men congregated about saloon doors.

"We also affirm that the improvement in moral conditions is at least a hundred per cent. over the reign of the saloons. Prosperity since the coming of prohibition, has been unparalled and we challenge a contradiction of these facts. Never has the city shown such marvelous and rapid strides in all lines of industry and business.

"While there have been some periods that liquor-drinking was manifest, owing to some defects in our prohibition law, and some laxness of law enforcement, we unhesitatingly affirm that prohibition has been a most striking and signal success in Charlotte, and as to state prohibition we refer to the report of the attorney general, T. W. Bickett, which has been published throughout the state, that under state prohibition, crime has been greatly reduced in the state, as court records show. And as a further vindication of this fact, we refer to Governor Kitchin's utterances, in which he has stated the same. We also append some statements from Chief Justice Clark, under the heading 'Prohibition in North Carolina.'

"Prohibition is not a failure in North Carolina if the statement of Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the state supreme court, is to be given credence. Crime has been reduced 50 per cent; murder in the first degree has declined 32 per cent in two year; burglary, 40 per cent; attacks with deadly weapons, 30 per cent.; larceny, 40 per cent.; manslaughter, 35 per cent; murder in the second degree, 21 per cent; minor crimes from 25 to 55 per cent; and there has been a falling off in violation of the anti-liquor laws of 15 per cent."

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Cotton Fire at Lancaster.

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REPUBLICANS MAKING FIGHT

With the chairmanship of the county executive committee as the stake, both factions of Wake county republicans met in the [illegible] auditorium this afternoon prepared for a battle royal. When [illegible] of 30 minutes was taken at 1 o'clock no body had the slightest idea as to whether Lester F. [illegible] Raleigh, would be re-elected or whether the honor would go to William J. Andrews. Charges of packing credential committee were made, and for a time anything could be distinguished but the noise.

The uproar that broke forth on the announcement of the credentials committee was [illegible] It seemed, of the bodies that would break loose provided one faction or the other lost. Both sides and each seemed confident of victory and both were ready for the fray. The credentials committee [illegible] Chairman Butler, [illegible] of Jame S. Mangum [illegible], A. D. Cochrach, O. [illegible] and W. [illegible] Jacquer.

The Convention Opens.

Chairman Butler called the convention to order at [illegible] and Mr. F. N. Gattis was [illegible] as temporary secretary. The various precincts were called out and contest noted as follows: From the first ward, first division [illegible] ward, second division; [illegible] second division; Panther Branch and Millbrook.

It was asked by [illegible] as to the persons making [illegible] and this caused the first [illegible] Mr. W. G. Briggs declared that the vote was unanimous in his ward. Col. J. C. L. Harris arose to [illegible] when Mr. Hall Jones, of Wake Forest, took the floor and began speaking. Colonel Harris asked him if he was a delegate and Hall answered no. But he is contesting. Colonel Harris and Mr. Jones sparred for sometime. When Mr. Grover Gleam declared that all were out of order, the chair having previously made this ruling:

The Controversy.

"I don't care if I am out of order," replied Colonel Harris, waving his credentials. "You have stacked the credentials committee, and I enter a protest against it." There was a roar of applause from the Andrews side of the house.

Mr. J. H. Scarborough, a young fellow, dashed over his side of the hall to the middle of the floor and wanted to know of Colonel Harris whether he would bolt or vote for Colonel Roosevelt or President Taft.

"I will do what I think right," shouted Colonel Harris, amid more applause.

"We are going to have fair play," shouted Mr. Chas. D. Wildes, taking that cigar from his mouth, which showed that he meant what he said. He declared that the republicans would not stand to see a fraud perpetrated.

Mr. A. V. Dockery, whose motion was ruled out, moved that the credentials committee be not required to retire as they had already made up their minds about the contested delegations. He moved this in the interest of time.

But the credentials committee retired and the convention took a recess until 1:30.

Still Wrangling.

At 2:25 the credentials committee made its report, but Mr. Jones asked for a hearing from Wake Forest. He represented an eighth of a vote, he said, and he demanded that as his right.

Colonel Harris thought Mr. Jones should have a hearing in the committee. He said, however, that the committee made its report without hearing any of the men except Mr. Stephenson, from Panther Branch. If Mr. Parker has got the convention fairly, he would insist that he should have it.

"Mr. Chairman," cried Mr. Grover Gleam, "I must rise to a point of order."

The chair ruled that Colonel Harris was out of order.

Colonel Harris and Mr. Gleam held an argument all their own.

Mr. Hall Jones insisted that the committee retire. Jones took a comfortable position on the platform.

Mr. Wilkie declared that the committee had made its report without hearing the defense, and that was against the fundamental principles of the party.

Chairman Butler stated that the credentials committee might retire if it wanted to. He wanted to treat both sides fair.

Hall Jones said he had known Col. Harris for twenty years. "I have never known me to take an unfair advantage of anybody," said Harris scorned.

Chairman Butler said he would be glad if he would accept the chair.

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MRS. TYRELL W. CAVENDISH,

One of the unfortunate survivors of the Titanic disaster, who although her life was saved, is heart-broken because of the loss of her husband, Tyrell W. Cavendish, who gave up his life that the women and children might be saved.

DAMAGE SUIT NOW ON TRIAL

J. A. Tant, Former Car Inspector, Sues For $20,000

In superior court today the case of J. A. Tant vs. the Norfolk Southern Railroad was begun. Mr. Tant was until August 23, 1911 employed as car inspector for this road, and on this date sustained injuries while cleaning a box car at the Jones street yards. In his complaint he alleges that through the carelessness and negligence of the railroad company and that car struck the car in which he was working, causing the waterhose he was using to wrap about his legs and also causing him to sustain serious and permanent injury. The railroad contends that Mr. Tant was warned of the approach of the engine, that he displayed none of those signals required to be suspended from a car in which employes were working and that it was through his own carelessness and negligence that he was injured.

The plaintiff asks for damages in the sum of $20,000. He is represented by Messrs. Argo and Jones & Son and ex-Judge R. W. Winston. The defendant is represented by Mr. R. N. Simms.

Judge Bragaw has not announced his decision in the matter of the suit of the state's prison against M. H. Hoffman & Brother, a matter of damage to some peanuts.

KINSTON NEWS NOTES

Record Real Estate Deal—Chamber of Commerce Advertising Kinston —Summary Sunday School Association Meet.

(Special to The Times.)

Kinston, April 23.—One of the largest single deals in Kinston real estate was made when R. C. Strong, president of the National Bank of Kinston, came into possession of an option on a block of property contiguous to the location of that institution, at the corner of Queen and Gordon streets. The property fronted 56 feet on the former, and 156 on the latter street, and was owned by J. A. Pridgen. Several brick stores were on the property. The price was $40,000 and the deal was made purely as an investment.

A series of sermons, to run until Friday night, was begun yesterday in St. Mary's church here, by Bishop Strange, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of East Carolina. Large congregations attended yesterday's services, and the discurse in the morning bearing on the Titanic disaster proved an attractive subject for an unusual number. Bishop Strange during his stay in Kinston, will preach on "Church Unity," "Truth," "Apostolic Succession," "Relation of the English Church to the Roman Catholic Church," "The Reformation" and "The [illegible] Church Now." There will be a [illegible] on the beatitudes each afternoon at 4, and the holy communion will be celebrated at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening.

The publicity committee of the chamber of commerce will have printed a large number of illustrated folders, describing to prospective homeseekers the advantages of Kinston as an industrial and social center. The folder will be distributed broadcast, especially in the middle west.

The republican precinct primaries for Lenoir county have been ordered for Saturday, May 4, to elect delegates to the county convention on the following Monday, which appoints delegates to the state and district conventions.

The public schools at LaGrange and Grifton have closed for the session, after the most successful school year in the history of either. Prof. E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College, delivered the address at the LaGrange commencement; and at Grifton, Prof. J. Henry Highsmith of Wake Forest, spoke to the graduates.

The Lenoir county Sunday school association met with one of the Baptist churches here yesterday. Several sessions were held during the day, beginning at 10 o'clock. Every Sunday school in the county was represented and there were a larger number of delegates than at any previous convention.

ORE HILL COMMENCEMENT

Interesting Exercises Held Last Friday—Good Year's Work.

(Special to The Times.)

Siler City, April 23.—The annual commencement of Ore Hill grade school was held on last Friday. The day was an ideal one and a large crowd attended the commencement exercise. The exercise of the day consisted of declamations, and reading of essays by the graduating class, awarding of diplomas, medals and certificates and an address by the Honorable E. S. Parker, of Graham, in the forenoon and the afternoon was consumed by the primary and intermediate departments of the school.

The address of Hon. E. S. Parker was a gem. Able delivered, filled with deep thought and clear logic it made an indelible impression on his vast audience.

Miss Cornie Heley, of Guilford College is the able principal of the school. She has had charge of the same for some years, and during this time has made Ore Hill graded school one of the best in the state. The trustees and patrons hope for her return another year.

MORGAN STOPS FESTIVITIES

Aix, Les Bains, France, April 23.—J. Pierpont Morgan, who has arrived here to participate in today's inauguration of the sanitarium he has had built in honor of his former physician, Leon Bizac, countermanded the festivities arranged for the occasion on account of the disaster of the Titanic.

Mr. Morgan is greatly affected by the catastrophe and the great loss of life. He is in constant cable communication with New York relative to the fate of his friends and the measures taken for the relief of the survivors.

Report on Sugar.

Washington, April 23.—Representative George R. Malby of New York, a republican member of the Hardwick sugar investigating committee, submitted a minority report to the house. Mr. Malby agrees with his colleagues in the main but takes exception to the finding that the beet sugar factories of the United States have been controlled by the so-called sugar trust.

Morgan at Art Exposition.

Venice, April 23.—The international art exposition was inaugurated by the Duke of Genoa. J. Pierpont Morgan was one of the central figures participating.

Miners Return to Work.

Bridgeport, O., April 23.—Ten thousand miners in eastern Ohio have resumed work. They have been idle since April 1.

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BRYAN IN WASHINGTON TO SEE CONGRESSMEN

Washington, April 23.—William Jennings Bryan conferred with senators and representatives regarding the popular election of senators, which he characterized the "greatest question before the American people."

"What are you doing here?" asked Senator Williams, of Mississippi in greeting.

"Watching you fellows," said Bryan.

Bryan said he was going to Florida. He will make two political speeches there for Woodrow Wilson.

Many a man who thinks he is a bird isn't able to feather his own nest.

CROWDS AT THE HEARING

So Great Was the Pressure For Admittance That the Public Was Excluded From Room

TAKE SEVERAL DAYS

Senate Committee Believe Will Take Several Days to Complete Hearing Into Titanic Disaster—Third Officer of Ship First Examined Today—One Ship Sighted by Sinking Titanic But Did Not Respond—Only Witnesses, Those Particularly Interested and Newspaper Men Admitted to Hearing—More Bodies Picked Up.

Washington, April 23.—The life and death struggles of the Titanic disaster victims were pictured to the senate investigating committee by Third Officer Herbert John Pitman, of the sunken liner.

Chairman Smith pressed Pitman regarding the scenes after the ship's sinking. "I heard no cries of distress until the ship went down," he said.

"How far away were the cries from your lifeboat?"

"Several hundred yards, probably, some of them. I told my men to take the oars out and pull toward the wreck that we might be able to save a few more.

"People in my boat demurred; they said it would be a mad idea."

"Did anyone in your boat urge or appeal to you to go back toward the wreck?"

"No, not one."

"Did any women urge you to go back?"

"No."

"Who demurred, the men with the oars?"

"Oh, no they obeyed my orders, and all the passengers said it was a mad idea—to go back, that we should add another 40 to the list of drowned. Then we took in the oars and lay quiet."

When Pitman yielded to the importunities of the passengers, he did not turn back to see, but merely pulled in his oars and drifted.

"Describe the screams."

"Don't, sir, please. I'd rather not talk about it."

"I'm sorry to press it, but what was it like? Were the screams intermittent or spasmodic?"

"It was one long continuous moan."

The witness said the moans and cries continued an hour, and that

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MR. J. BRUCE ISMAY,

Chairman of the directors of the White Star Line, who was a passenger on the ill-fated Titanic. The fact that Ismay, a man, was rescued while hundreds of women were drowned, has aroused considerable comment against the White Star officials on both sides of the Atlantic, as it was generally believed that every man passenger went down with the ship, with the exception of the few sailors who were detailed to man the life-boats, in concurrence with the unwritten law of the sea in time of an accident—"women first."