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Railroad Guide

Below is a condensed schedule of the departure of passenger trains from Salisbury by the schedule which went into effect July 4th.

2nd DIVISION. NORTHBOUND.	
No 5, Norfolk, leaves	7:10 a m
No 36, Fast Mail, leaves	10:47 a m
No 12, Local, leaves	8:15 p m
No 38, Vestibule, leaves	9:35 p m
2nd DIVISION. SOUTHBOUND.	
No 37, Vestibule, leaves	8:17 a m
No 11, Local, leaves	9:37 a m
No 7, Charlotte, leaves	8:15 p m
No 35, Fast Mail, leaves	8:50 p m
3rd DIVISION. WESTBOUND.	
No 11 Local, leaves	9:55 a m
No 15 Chattanooga, leaves	8:55 p m
No 12 Local, arrives	7:40 p m
No 16 Chattanooga, arrives	7:00 a m
YADKIN.	
No 48. (Ex. Sunday) arrives	9:30 a m
No 47. (Ex. Sunday) leaves	12:30 p m

All freight trains carry passengers.

SALISBURY, N. C., Feb. 25, 1898.

FOR A STRAIGHT FIGHT.

As will be seen on our local page to-day a friend from Alpha, of the county, and who is also one of our good subscribers, sends us a subscription to the WEEKLY SUN and admonishes us to "stand square for a straight Democratic fight in our State campaign this year. Straight Democrats or nothing for me. State issues to the front."

Such a communication does the heart of ye editor good, and encourages him to greater efforts in his work. The SUN has heretofore contended for a straight fight on State issues and will continue to do so until the finish—until the State convention has spoken, the highest tribunal of the State Democratic party. Members of the State executive committee who met in Raleigh, on Tuesday last, and passed a resolution to call the State convention to be held May 26th, next, say there were no indications of a desire for fusion, hence it is to be understood that the convention will advise and direct a straight fight. So mote it be. A straight Democratic fight and on State issues is the hope of the party's success this year.

A straight fight should be the battle cry.

RUSSELL—HANCOCK.

The Russell-Hancock comedy is now the liveliest thing on the State board. The matter is interesting and is likely to develop into something sensational. It might possibly lead to something serious.

Hancock writes an open letter to Russell taking him to task for precipitately effecting his removal from office, knowing that it would be prejudicial to him in his suit with the Misses Abbott's, now pending. This, in the face of the fact that the Governor had expressed confidence in his innocence and after taking the census of seven directors at one time found the opinion of his innocence was unanimous—a statement already denied by these gentlemen.

He says he was instrumental upon the demands of the Governor in promoting certain criminal acts which his better judgment told him that by so doing he was unfaithful to the interest of the road and the people. He makes other claims and dares the Governor to

deny the truthfulness of them when he will produce the testimony.

The result of this matter will be watched with interest.

If Hancock can sustain his charges he will have the governor in a bad hole. The next legislature may have some good timber to work upon in a question of impeachment. Hancock, however, may fail to sustain his charges.

The New York Journal of Commerce in discussing the spread of trusts and monopolies, says that these organizations have grown to an extent that few persons are prepared to imagine. A computation, it says, of the various combinations created with a view to controlling production and prices in one way or another, made by an expert for the Commercial Year-Book, enumerates 200 of these organizations, with a total of capital stock and bonds aggregating \$3,662,000,000. This total is equal to 56 per cent. of the entire capital credited to the manufacturers of the United States in the census of 1890.

An important appeal was issued yesterday by the council of cotton mill strikers at New Bedford, Mass., and upon the nature of the response, it is said, will depend whether or not the mill hands will return to work under the recent reduction of wages. The appeal is addressed "To the Men and Women of New England," and asks for financial assistance to maintain the strike. It sets forth that about 400 families, comprising 2,000 men, women and children, are slowly starving to death, and unless aid is forth coming within a short time the strike will have to be abandoned.

The rush of gold seekers to Alaska is calling into service all the vessels that can be found on the Northern Pacific coast or that can reach there in time to take a share of the travel. Many of these are old and in bad condition, and some are in charge of men who are not familiar with the dangerous waters they must navigate or the terrible storms that sweep over them. Already there have been two or three disasters, due to unseaworthiness or incompetency, and the prospect is good for many more.

A special from Winston this morning tells that Senator Butler has Judge Ewart beaten for confirmation. We have the same information from a well informed private source, our correspondent writing that "Ewart is doomed." If it should turn out so it would be a matter to regret. Perhaps Mr. Ewart is not cut out for an ideal Judge—few men are; but if he is beaten the district is not apt to get a better one in the shuffle.—Charlotte Observer.

Some widows set their caps for fellows they want to catch, but a Missouri widow set a trap for the fellow she caught. The trap was set for the thief who was robbing her smokehouse, but a neighbor walked into it, and she relieved him of his embarrassment by marrying him. Perhaps she thought he wasn't punished enough for fooling with her smokehouse.

Mr. Hess, of Chicago, has struck on a grand idea to recruit the army and navy in the event of war. He proposes to enlist all the "original McKinley men."

The Illinois Supreme Court has handed down an opinion that the act of breaking into a hen house and stealing chickens is burglary.

At this season there are about two hours of daylight in the Klondike, and that is mostly in the afternoon.

SET OFF BY A FANATIC.

Naval Experts Believe the Maine Was Blown Up.

The New York World's special correspondent cables from Havana: "The situation to-night is more grave than at any time since the Maine explosion one week ago to-night. Although the officers of the Naval Board of inquiry preserve an impenetrable reserve, The World correspondent learns that some of the best naval experts now believe that the explosion was the result of treachery. They do not believe that Spanish officials were part of the conspiracy. From evidence now in their possession they believe the Spanish government, Gen. Blanco and all his military subordinates were guiltless alike of knowledge of or participation in the crime. It is believed to have been set off by a fanatic. Naval officers fear that when the facts are known it may be impossible to restrain public sentiment. President McKinley and Secretary Long are said, frankly, by officials who have wired directly from Washington, to be strenuously for peace. Both hope that the Naval Board of inquiry will be able to prove that no crime has been committed even by a Spanish fanatic. But the American officers fear trouble when all the facts are known. They do not expect any public revelations, or any radical change in the situation for a week.

Greater Use of Corn.

A corn convention held in Chicago last week developed several schemes for extending the use of the great American grain.

It was resolved to make elaborate exhibitions of corn and the many forms in which it is prepared for food uses at the Omaha exposition, the Buffalo exposition and the Paris exposition of 1900.

The present high price of wheat has done much to improve the prospect of corn as a food product.

Already a large proportion of the flour used in this country is made largely of corn. This flour is cheaper than pure wheat flour and quite as nutritious.

More corn is being consumed as food in this country than ever before and the quantity will increase.

Our corn is also becoming more popular in Europe. The prejudice against it among the masses of Europe is being destroyed. They are learning by actual experience that corn is good as well as cheap; that it may be prepared in many palatable forms and that it has excellent qualities as a food substance. This is the main reason why our exports of corn have increased so rapidly. Corn is already our greatest crop both in size and value, and will continue to hold the supremacy. The movement to extend its use in foreign countries is timely, and will conduce to the interest of nearly every section of the country.

Miss Martha Culver, who lives near St. Paul, is said to have killed more wolves than any woman in the northeast.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proven invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by Theo. F. Klutz & Co., druggists.

A nice line of Dresden floss and Filo silk received to-day at Reid & Harry's.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Telegraphic News Condensed for the Convenience of Hasty Readers.

General John B. Gordon is critically ill at Toledo, O.

The twin battleships Kearsage and Kentucky will be launched at Newport News, Va., on March 28th.

The Virginia Legislature passed the bill requiring all executions to take place in the State penitentiary.

Nearly one thousand letters were blown to pieces by the bursting of cylinders in the pneumatic mail tubes in New York.

Senator Allen yesterday withdrew his Cuban resolutions, because he thought they had no chance of passing either house.

Special dispatches from Havana state that the finding of the court of inquiry will be unanimous as to the cause of the Maine disaster.

Three of the twenty-one persons who were on the British ship Asia, which was wrecked off Nantucket, Mass., were rescued. The others were lost.

Burglars blew open the safe in the postoffice at Courtland, Southampton county, Va., last night, and robbed it of \$440. One man was arrested on suspicion.

The contract with the wreckers binds the latter to expediate the work on the Maine; they have reported to Captain Sigsbee and will act under his orders.

Governor Ellerbe, of South Carolina, has offered \$500 reward for the apprehension and conviction of the parties unknown who committed the double murder at Lake City.

The Postmaster General has offered rewards for the arrest and conviction of the persons who burned the postoffice and murdered the postmaster at Lake City, S. C.; the office has been discontinued.

The strike of the employes of the steel and iron works at Benwood, W. Va., ended yesterday with a settlement which the employes consider a victory. In short it gives them what they ask for. They resumed work to-day.

The last rites over the body of Frances E. Willard, president of the Women's Christian Union, were performed yesterday at Evanston, Ill. The city was in mourning, the schools and business houses being closed and flags at half mast.

M. Zola, on trial in Paris for slandering government officials, was found guilty and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and a fine of 3,000 francs. The verdict was received with frantic cheers. The manager of *Aurore*, the newspaper in which the letter was published, was condemned to four months' imprisonment and fined 3,000 francs.

Coroner Schumm yesterday began an investigation into the alleged wholesale poisoning of the family of Joseph Demco, a farmer of Cromwell township, Pa. Mrs. Demco and her youngest child died suddenly from what the attending physician declared to be convulsions caused by an irritant poison. Demco and the two remaining children, suffering with the same symptoms, are barely alive.

A bloody duel was fought at Little Rock, Ark., Wednesday, the principals being Dr. J. H. Hartzell and William Elliott. Physicians pronounce both men mortally wounded. The tragedy grew out of family affairs, in which Mrs. Hartzell was involved, and which, it is said, led to her suicide about a month ago. Elliott is alleged to have made improper advances to Mrs. Hartzell during the doctor's absence, some time ago, and a tragedy was narrowly averted at that time. The Hartzells finally separated and later Mrs. Hartzell committed suicide on account of her trouble.

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