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## Big Wreck Below Town

LARGE LOSS TO THE SOUTHERN.

Two Engines and Fifteen Freight Cars Leave the Track—No One Killed or Injured—Trains Nos. 38 and 11 Detoured by Mooresville

As a result of a broken rail, two engines and fifteen box cars of train number 73, west bound, in charge of Conductor Henry Tomlin, were derailed at the twenty-first mile post, five miles below town, at 3:40 this morning.

So far no one has been discovered as being injured or killed.

Conductor Tomlin states that he had thirty-two cars in his train, with two engines Nos. 613 and 1052 and was running at a speed of about 20 or 25 miles per hour, the speed being cut down on account of a curve they were approaching.

Without any warning whatever, the rear trucks of engine No. 613 left the track, engine No. 1052 following suit.

The emergency breaks were quickly set, and the tender of engine No. 1052 left the track, going down a very high embankment. Fifteen freight cars followed suit, piling up on each other in every conceivable way.

The cars were most all loaded with merchandise. In one car some one had their household furniture, a pony, cow and calf and several chickens. The car was smashed beneath several others, and the pony and part of the chickens were killed.

The cow and calf escaped unscratched, being thrown out in a corn patch on their sides. When found they were eating corn stalks as unconcerned as if nothing had happened. Their escape was miraculous.

Wrecking crews arrived from Salisbury and Asheville at an early hour and commenced cleaning up the wreckage. It will be some time late tonight before traffic can be resumed over the road, as the road bed is torn up for a distance of a quarter of a mile.

East bound passenger trains Nos. 26 and 21, west bound trains Nos. 11 and 22 will be detoured by the way of Mooresville and Barber's Junction.

Conductor Tomlin who was in charge of the train is a brother of Mr. C. S. Tomlin of this city, and is well known by Statesville citizens.

### Automobilists in Court.

Messrs. A. F. Horton and O. W. Slaine were in the mayor's court this morning at 9 o'clock to answer to charges of exceeding the speed limit with their automobiles.

Mr. Slaine's case was continued until 4 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Horton's case being tried at 9 o'clock.

After hearing the evidence of the witnesses his honor taxed Mr. Horton ten dollars and costs, in all amounting to about eighteen dollars.

Mr. Horton has just recently brought his auto back here from Danville, where he has been located for some months. Having been away from the city for some time, he was not acquainted with the speed laws of the city, but still not knowing the law did not exempt him from having to pay the fine and costs.

### Items From Faith.

The large overhead traveling hoisting machine has just arrived for the Albert Lee Pink Granite Co. quarry here and has been hauled from the depot. Men are at work putting it up and making the big cutting shed larger.

Several men have come here from Philadelphia, Pa., to cut granite. J. T. Wyatt got some celery seed from France and will give a half of a thimble full to any one for a two cent stamp for postage as long as they last to get this fine variety started in this country.

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VENUS.

A large turkey gobbler escaped from a farmer on Center street yesterday afternoon and was not caught until it had given its pursuers a hard chase.

## Sessions Will Close To-Day

NO APPOINTMENTS MADE YET.

Conference Fails to Complete Work at Customary Time—All Eagerly Awaiting the Reading of Appointments—Next Session to be Held at Hickory.

Asheville, Nov. 23.—Contrary to the expectations of most of the members of the Western North Carolina conference final adjournment of that body will not take place before tomorrow morning, and possibly not until the afternoon. While there is not certain time for the adjournment of any annual conference, it is a sort of unwritten law that the appointments of this conference be read Monday night following the opening previous Wednesday. The cabinet, however, has not nearly completed its work and none of the committees has submitted a report, hence there is the work of at least one more full session and probably more before the body. It is necessary for every other item of business to be transacted before the appointments are read; and while there is a great desire on the part of the members of the conference to get the appointments there is no way to hurry the time of their reading. It is expected that a great many surprises will follow the reading of the appointments. It is a rumor in the conference that the Bishop is making many of the appointments without even the knowledge of the presiding elders, hence it is not unlikely that some members of the cabinet may be as much surprised at the time of adjournment as the general body of preachers. There is much conference talk regarding the question of who will be appointed the presiding elders of the Charlotte and Greensboro districts; pastor of West Market street, Greensboro, and several other leading appointments. It is thought by some that Rev. S. B. Turrentine or Rev. G. H. Detwiler will succeed Rev. Frank Siler and that there may be an exchange of these with another pastor of a leading church. There is, however, nothing known definitely in the conference.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock was the selection of the place of the next meeting of conference and Wadesboro, Hickory and Reidsville were nominated. The choice of Hickory was made unanimous.

### BOY'S HAND BLOWN OFF.

Youth Makes an Improvised Bomb, Which Explodes Prematurely With Above Effect.

Kinston, N. C., Nov. 23.—A distressing accident occurred at the home of Captain Sturgeon on East street, this morning at 11 o'clock in which Mayo Sturgeon, the sixteen-year-old son of Captain Sturgeon had his hand terribly torn and lacerated by the premature explosion of an improvised bomb he had just made.

The "bomb" exploded in his hand while he was in the act of throwing it from the house and three fingers were torn completely off and his hand otherwise injured so badly that he will probably lose the entire hand.

The youth had constructed a "bomb" from a short piece of water pipe and powder with a fuse inserted. The fuse he lighted and started to throw the "infernal machine" out into the yard when it went off sooner than he expected and while in his hand. The explosion was almost terrific and it is really a wonder that more serious harm did not result.

Mr. C. E. Cornelius of Mooresville is in the city on business.

## A Minister A Suicide

HAD BEEN VERY DESPONDENT.

Rev. A. D. Hunter, a Well Known Baptist Minister of Wake County Kills Himself—A Wife and Four Children Survive—Had Been Defeated for the Office of County Treasurer.

One of the most sensational suicides for some time was committed in Wake county yesterday about noon, when Rev. A. D. Hunter, a well known Baptist minister cut his throat.

The act occurred in a wood-shed on his premises at Carey, Wake county.

He had been despondent since the Democratic primaries, when he was defeated for county treasurer in one of the bitterest contests ever experienced.

The unfortunate man is survived by a wife and four children.

He was not financially embarrassed and leaves an estate valued at \$15,000. One of his churches, that at Knightdale, had dropped him.

Mr. Hunter was pastor of four churches; Mt. Gilead, in Chatham county; Morrisville, in Wake county; Samaria church, and Falls of Reuse. Mr. Hunter had just returned from Mt. Gilead church yesterday evening, where he had been conducting a revival meeting last week.

### Thanksgiving Services.

Most of the churches in the city will hold services, and take collections for special purposes.

At the First Baptist church at 11 a. m., by Rev. C. A. Jenkins, pastor. Collection for Thomasville orphan.

At the Lutheran church at 11 a. m., by Rev. W. A. Lutz pastor. Collection for Lutheran orphanage at Salem, Va.

At the First Presbyterian church at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D. Collection for the Barium Orphans' Home.

At Front Street Presbyterian at 11 o'clock by the pastor Rev. J. B. Branch. Collection for the Barium Orphans' Home.

At the First Associate Reformed church at 11 a. m., by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Pressly. Collection for the orphanage at Rio Verde, Mexico.

At Southside Associate Reformed church at 11 a. m., by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Kennedy. Collection will be taken for the orphanage at Rio Verde, Mexico, and an opportunity will also be given for contributions to a fund to place windows in the church.

### Will Marry in Charlotte.

It is rumored on the streets today and The Mascot has a very authentic statement from some of our citizens that a well known Iredell man went to Charlotte this morning, in company with a friend and will be married there.

For some reason the whole affair is being kept a strict secret and The Mascot is unable to find who the lady in question is or when they will be married.

We although have an authentic statement as to who the gentleman is, but we dare not publish one without the other.

### Miss Adams Entertains.

Miss Sarah Adams entertained her embroidery club at her home on West Broad street yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6.

After spending a delightful afternoon sewing, refreshments consisting of a salad course, whipped cream and coffee were served.

Before leaving the club expressed to their delightful young hostesses their thanks for a pleasant afternoon.

### COTTON MARKET.

#### Local Market.

Prices paid at wagon:

Strict good middling..... 9.00

Good middling..... 8 7/8

Middling..... 8 3/4

Stains and Tinges..... 6 @ 7 1/2

The market was firm.

## The Merchants Will Reorganize

TO HAVE MEETING TONIGHT

Much Interest Being Manifested in The Re-organization of the Association—Meeting to be Held Tonight at Eight O'Clock in the K. of P. Hall—Officers Will be Elected.

As a result of the work of Mr. E. E. Andrews of Asheville, the merchants of the city will meet tonight in the Knights of Pythias hall, and reorganize the Retail Merchants' Association. The officers of the organization will also be elected.

The North Carolina Retail Merchants Association is the largest organization of its kind in the world, and has grown each year in numbers and influence.

It has only been organized for seven years, and the summary shows that it has been the most useful and valuable organization ever formed for this particular purpose.

In its seven years of existence it has repealed the merchants sales tax, thereby saving the merchants of our state over \$140,000 dollars.

Besides that it has also added the differential freight rate charges on less than car load shipments of merchandise, thereby saving 20 per cent on freight charges.

It has also prevented the reclassification of freight rates when the railroad companies sought to place all the leading commodities handled by retailers in a higher classification.

It is hoped that all the merchants of the city will attend this meeting tonight and help carry forward this valuable work.

### UNCLE JOE MAY LOSE IT.

Large Number of Republican Sentiment—With Cannon in Command the Revision of Tariff Will Not be What is Expected.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Despite a republican majority of 47 in the house of representatives Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, may not be speaker of the sixty-first congress. Such is the opinion of a large number of the republican members who have arrived in town, and a day goes by but some new arrival brings report of strong anti-Cannon sentiment in his district. This sentiment is reflected by republican news papers throughout the country.

Cannon is declared to be the republican "Old Man of Sea," the one great obstacle to a progressive policy, and demand is made that he be displaced.

Those who are striving to defeat the speaker are using every possible argument to show members that their political fortunes will be best served by the overthrow of Cannon. One of the points most often made is that which Cannon is command revision of the tariff will not be what the country expect, and that public disappointment will manifest itself in the election of a democratic house in 1909. This is one of the most telling arguments Cannon's opponents can make. It is pointed out that while some sort of a tariff bill is bound to pass, with Cannon, Daize and Payne in supreme control of the measure, the great consuming public, which is asking for relief, will get little consideration.

If you haven't the time to exercise regularly, Doan's Regulents will prevent constipation. They induce a mild, easy, healthful action of the bowels without griping. Ask your druggists for them. 25c.

Messrs. Claude Tomlin and Chas. Crawford went to Charlotte this morning.

### AN IREDELL CITIZEN DEAD.

Mr. T. R. Osborne, of Lora, Passed Away at an Early Hour This Morning.

Mr. T. R. Osborne of Lora, six miles north of Statesville on the Taylorsville road passed over in the great beyond at 4:20 o'clock this morning, being in his 41st year.

For several years Mr. Osborne has been in feeble health, but not until lately has his condition been considered dangerous.

Mr. Osborne was a native of Union county, and is survived by his father, a brother, sister, wife and four children. His father and brother residence in Seneca, S. C.

Several years ago Mr. Osborne lived in this city, and was a salesman for L. Schiller, who ran a furniture store here. He is well remembered by all the older citizens. After severing his connection with Mr. Schiller he married and went Lora.

Mr. Osborne was an agreeable gentleman personally and lived an honest and upright life. The funeral and interment will take place at Lora tomorrow at 12 o'clock.

### LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mrs. W. F. Hall who was operated on at the Billingsley hospital some days ago is rapidly improving.

Mr. A. B. Freeman, of the local revenue office, will go to Raleigh tomorrow, to meet with the state board of elections which will begin the work of canvassing the recent election returns, on Thursday morning.

A large crowd was in attendance at the skating rink last evening. Tonight the Independent and Rink basket ball teams will play off their game. Game will be called at 8:30 sharp.

Mr. W. F. G. Morris of Hudson, N. C., underwent an operation at the Billingsley hospital at 10 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. W. F. Hall who underwent an operation at the Billingsley hospital some days ago, is fast recovering.

Marriage license have been issued to the following parties: Mr. Walter L. Bullin and Miss Mary Baggerly, Mr. Chas. A. Vanatory and Miss Lessie L. Mullice, Thos. I. Clodfelter and Miss Annie P. Fahey

### RESULT OF A BET.

Declared Twelve Years Ago to Not Shave or Get Hair Cut Until Bryan Was Elected.

Lee County Times.

Mr. T. L. Chisholm attended court at Lillington the first of the week. While there he had a talk with Mr. Philip McRae, who declared twelve years ago that he would not shave nor have his hair cut until Bryan is elected President. Thus far he has kept his word. He has full beard and his hair fall down to his shoulders.

He made his peculiar vow when Mr. Bryan was nominated in 1896. After the election he stuck to it. The nomination came to Bryan again in 1900 but the votes in the election were against him. Still Mr. McRae's hair and whiskers grew, Parker was nominated in 1904, and the Harnett man's hair continued to flourish. Hope returned again this year, when such strong predictions were made for Bryan's election. Mr. McRae is still hoping and growing hair. But he is getting a little impatient. In the course of his conversation with Mr. Chisholm he said:

"What in the thunder is the matter with Bryan? Does he expect me to wear long hair and whiskers all my life?"

### No Paper Thursday.

As is customary with most of the newspapers, there will be no publication of this paper on Thanksgiving day.

The boys of the shop are worked hard daily, and no doubt will appreciate being off that day, and participate in a turkey dinner, if they can get it.

Our regular issue of the daily will be published on Friday afternoon as usual.

## After The Bell People

VIOLATED ANTI-TRUST LAW

United States Telephone Company Charges That the Bell Company is Absorbing Independent Lines and Persistently Choking Off Competition, Contrary to the Provisions of the Sherman Law, and the Laws of Some States in Which it Operates—The Injunction Granted by United States Judge Taylor at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 22.—United States Judge Taylor yesterday granted an injunction against the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (Bell long distance system) and the Central Union Telephone Company (Bell Company operating in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois), restraining them from interfering with the business of the independent companies operating in those and adjoining states.

The injunction was asked for in a suit by the United States Telephone Company, which is the independent long distance company operating in Ohio and adjoining states.

### Absorbing Competitors.

It is charged that the Bell, as shown by their official reports, is buying independent exchanges or selling Bell exchanges where there are competing companies, and in some instances absorbing independent companies, by merger and consolidation, or division of territory so as to eliminate competition and establish a complete Bell control, in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and of the laws of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other states where the companies operate. The bill says that the original value placed upon the Bell patents in 1878 was \$400,000 and a year later increased to \$650,000. A year later the value of the same property, as represented by the capital stock, was increased from \$50,000 to \$650,000 or nearly 800 for 1.

In 1900 the capital stock had been increased to \$25,000,000 and in April of that year the present American Telephone and Telegraph Company took over the Bell patent from the old company and issued two shares of its stock for each share of the old stock. The capital has since been increased to \$250,000,000.

### Paying Exorbitant Dividends.

The bill charges that they devoted these enormous profits to paying exorbitant dividends and in acquiring control of competitive properties in order to suppress competition. They are charged with issuing many times the original cost of the stock in stock dividends and paying at times 18 per cent, a year in dividends.

It is shown that they own and control many local telephone companies and companies manufacturing telephone apparatus.

It is charged that when competition began, the Bell companies adopted the policy of starting competing exchanges and operated them at ruinous rates, in many instances giving free service; bringing suits on patent claims, threatening independent companies with financial ruin, and of destruction of their plants. It is said that in some instances the independent companies were driven out of business and their equipment burned in public, wide publicity being given as a warning to other investors who might dare to invade the fields of the Bell monopoly.

Rev. B. M. Swalm will preach at Bethel Baptist church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. C. S. Brawley, went to Bakersville last night on a visit to friends.

E. A. Darr of Charlotte is registered at Hotel Iredell.

J. W. Ferguson, of Charlotte is in the city on business.