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SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE AS FAR OFF AS EVER

Atlanta Papers Send Out Their Papers in Automobiles and Postal Clerk Goes Along With Letters for the People Along the Way—No Train has Moved Since Saturday and Automobiles is the Only Means of Communication.

Atlanta, Ga., May 28.—With all the mediators working had for some kind of meeting ground between the officials of the Georgia Railroad and their striking firemen, a settlement of the strike today appears to be as far off as ever.

Governor Hoke Smith, Commissioner of Labor Neill, the heads of the various commercial bodies of Augusta and Atlanta, and other prominent citizens, have interested themselves in the effort to bring the two forces together, and but for or two points raised by the officials, success might have crowned their efforts last night.

While General Manager Scott has not indicated definitely that he will not agree to arbitration, he is understood to be very determined as to some few of the negro firemen, those who have been in the service of the railroad for years.

Meanwhile not a train has moved over the Georgia Railroad since Saturday. The people along the line have established communication with the outside world by automobile and such mail and supplies as they are receiving are being transpired by this method; The Atlanta papers are making their deliveries on the Georgia line in the same manner and each of their machines carries a postal clerk, who distributes the letter mail to the towns on the route. The Georgians' car which left here yesterday afternoon, succeeded in getting to Augusta, 175 miles away, early this morning and took a load of papers, United States mail and several passengers picked up at Thompson and other towns who had urgent calls to Augusta.

A Strange Accident.

The Charlotte Observer condenses this peculiar account of a railroad accident.

"The other day two middle coaches of a passenger train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad left the rails while the train was running at high speed. The coaches ran on the cross ties for nearly a mile and then jumped back to the rails. As wonderful as was this performance equally remarkable was the fact that none of the train crew knew any of the cars had left the rails until they had gotten back in proper position. The jolt caused by the cars' return to the rails caused conductor to stop the train in order to see what was the matter. Investigation then made showed that some of the cars, then on the rails, had been running on the cross-ties for some distance. This is one of the most remarkable railway accidents on record, is vouched for by a special correspondent of The Philadelphia Record. The correspondent fails, however, to state whether failure to detect at the time was due to the splendidly ballasted and smooth condition of the roadbed which made running on it as comfortable to the passengers as on the rails, or that it was such a rough piece of road that a car being off the track did not make perceptible difference to its running."

The Wednesday afternoon club will be entertained this afternoon at 5 o'clock by Miss Nell Armfield.

LOCAL ITEMS.

This afternoon at 5:30 o'clock the Entre Nous club will meet with Miss Catherine Copeland.

Mr. Eugene Morrison is walking on crutches as the result of falling off of a horse first of the week.

The Greensboro Record says Judge Long has engaged board by the month at the Benbow Hotel in Greensboro. He will be there 5 weeks.

Mr. E. Alexander McAuley died at his home near Huntersville Sunday night aged 83 years. He was the father of Mr. E. R. McAuley, of Bethany township.

Mrs. Stimson, wife of the late John Stimson, died at her home in No. 2 township, Cabarrus county last Tuesday. She was a sister of Mrs. Timothy O'Connell, of Mooresville.

Mr. Zeb V. Turlington, of Mooresville and Rev. W. M. Walsh of Mt. Ulla, attended the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Savannah, Ga., first of the week.

Quite a number of people from Statesville and vicinity are attending the commencement at Cool Spring today. This is an old established preparatory school and large crowds attend the commencement every year.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Sam Brown went to Greensboro today on business.

Miss Irene Martin of Lenoir is the guest of Miss Altie Copening.

Miss Cora and Janie Miller went to Mooresville on a visit today.

Miss Clara Ford came home today from Davenport where she attended school.

Mr. Lonnie Mills who has been in school at Davidson, came home this morning.

Mrs. H. C. Cowles and daughter Mrs. Chas. Turner, went to Charlotte this morning.

Miss Margaret Bost of Hickory is expected Wednesday to visit Miss Altie Copening.

Miss Clara Foard came home today from Lenoir, where she attended Davenport commencement.

Mr. S. Carter Williams, editor of the Yadkinville Ripple, gave the Mascot a pleasant call this morning.

Miss Lois Steele who has been in school at Davenport college came to Statesville today en route to her home at Turnersburg.

New Cotton Mill for Hickory.

The Hickory Democrat says that information is received in Hickory that a very large and extensive cotton mill, the largest in the world, it is said will be the libed in Hickory just as soon as the proposed hydro-electric development on the Catawba river here is assured. It seems that New England cotton mill men are taking the initiative in the matter. Whether or not they will remove factories from there here or establish a new factory is not yet stated. But most probably a factory out and out.

A factory of such proportions should by all means be a new one. In either event it would not be necessary or even possible with only the 9000 of primary horse power that can be developed to be transmitted to any other place than Hickory, for that would require all the current to be had to be utilized in Hickory.

Such a mill would employ from 5,000 to 6,000 hands and its effects on the prosperity of Hickory can be imagined.

STATESVILLE AIR LINE RAILROAD

A LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING IN STATESVILLE TODAY — THE PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the stockholders and friends of the Statesville Air Line R. R. Co., was held in the rooms of the Commercial Club today to devise some plan by which the building of the road may become an assured fact. Quite a number of prominent business men and citizens of Mt. Airy, Dobson, Yadkinville and from the country surrounding these towns and from North Iredell were present and from the determination and enthusiasm shown in the meeting these folks are going to have a railroad.

The meeting was presided over by W. D. Turner and a number of enthusiastic speeches were made. As Gov. Turner expressed it the object of the meeting was to get the Statesville Air Line Railway out of the air and place it on the ground.

While the route of the new road has not been agreed upon in every particular it is practically settled that it will extend through North Iredell as per the recent survey and then via Yadkin, Booneville, Dobson and then to Mt. Airy. It is understood that the line will ultimately be extended and connected with the South and Western at Radford, Va., and also connect with other trunk lines and penetrate the coal fields of West Virginia.

A determined effort is being made to organize a construction company to begin work on the road. Subscription papers were circulated today for that purpose and several thousand dollars were subscribed mostly by Statesville citizens. It is estimated that if \$40,000 can be secured in subscriptions the company can be organized and upon payment of 20 per cent of this amount work will begin upon the road. It is estimated that \$6000 per mile must be secured by townships in bonds, etc., before a construction company will undertake the work.

Mr. D. M. Ausley says the hardest thing in building a new railroad is getting it started and the first 10 miles built.

At this afternoon's meeting it was agreed that Iredell and Yadkin counties should proceed with the road as far as Booneville and when the road reaches that point there will be no trouble in making arrangements to continue the road further north. Certain townships in Yadkin county that voted for the issuance of bonds a couple of years ago on certain conditions are going to ask for the privilege of voting for bonds again under the same conditions in which those in Iredell were voted. It is reasonably expected that as many as 150 convicts can be secured from the state for work on this road.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders this forenoon all the old officers and directors were re-elected which are as follows:

Mr. W. D. Turner, president.
Mr. Wallace, vice president.
Capt. P. C. Carlton, secretary.
Mr. D. M. Ausley, treasurer.
Mr. N. B. Mills chairman of the executive committee.

The directors are Messrs. W. D.

CAR LINE BLOCKED.

Salisbury Investors Suspend for a Short While.

Mr. T. H. Vanderford, Sr., has suspended work on the car line he began building in Concord Monday and Wednesday's Concord Tribune tells why in the following.

Attorney W. G. Means, representing White and Barry, yesterday afternoon notified Messrs. T. H. Vanderford, L. A. Brown and J. L. Brown to desist and not go any further with the work of preparatory grading for the purpose of building a street car line under what is known as the "Brown" franchise. This notice was sufficient to stop all proceedings for the time being, the parties doing the work not desiring a litigation or law suit over their rights at present.

Attorney Means states that Messrs. White and Barry bought the franchise of the Concord Realty and Railroad Company when they took over the charter and other properties of that concern and that there was no record in the proceedings of the meetings of the Realty and Railway Company where the transfer of the franchise had been made to the Concord Traction Company, as a resolution in the possession of Messrs. Ott and Brown shows. The matter stands now just where it did several days ago—nothing doing.

Mr. Vanderford was in the city yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Attorney T. J. Jerome, of Salisbury, and the two conferred with local attorneys concerning the situation, and decided to call off the work for the present and await developments.

Mr. Vanderford is very anxious to come into this city with his proposed line and stated yesterday that his interests were willing to put up a forfeit of \$1,000, guaranteeing to begin work on the construction within the next twenty days. He stated further that he had purchased the steel rails and other materials to be used in the road.—Salisbury Post.

Pic Nic on the Catawba.

The following couples enjoyed an outing yesterday at Cooper's on Catawba river:

Miss Emma Moffett with Mr. Polk Gray.
Miss McArthur with Mr. E. G. Gaither.
Miss Margaret Scott with Mr. Herbert Morrison.
Miss Nell Armfield with Mr. Will Webb.
Miss Sara Cowles with Mr. Roy Steele.
Misses Nicholson and Mr. Bert Hughey.
Miss Nell Anderson and Mr. Will Sample.
Miss Laura Turner and Mr. Dick Brabble.
Miss Mary Scott and Mr. Harlee McCall.
Miss Mary Miller and Mr. Harry Lee McCall.
Miss Margaret Turner and Mr. Mrady.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mac Connelly.
Mr. and Mrs. Rob Johnston.
Mr. and Mrs. Branch.

Mrs. Ned French is expected home this afternoon from a visit to Louisiana. She will be accompanied home by her sister Miss Butler.

The Iredell Historical Society will meet in the court house this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Turner, N. B. Mills, Wm. Wallace, J. H. McEwee, M. K. Steele, J. T. Jennings, P. B. Kennedy and Dr. J. J. Mott, of Iredell county, Dr. M. Reece of Yadkin county.

STATE NEWS.

The twentieth annual State convention of the King's Daughters began in Greenville Tuesday and were in session through Wednesday.

O. R. Cox, of Asheboro, Wednesday sent to Rev. M. E. Curtis, financial agent, a check for one thousand dollars on the Greensboro Female College endowment fund of one hundred thousand dollars.

John Howell was convicted of bigamy in the superior court at Fayetteville Wednesday and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Howell has been married five times, having four wives living, three of whom were present in court to testify against him.

A farmers' convention is advertised to be held in High Point June 4th, at which time speeches will be made and the matter of a larger home agricultural production discussed.

This has been an ideal season for wheat, and farmers tell us that the prospect for a good yield per acre sown in the county is very good. According to the present outlook, new wheat will sell at not less \$1.25 and perhaps more.—Newton Enterprise.

Positive announcement is made that active work will be resumed on the Whitney Power Plant at the noted narrows on the Yadkin river in Stanly county, at an early date. The ten million dollar electric plant, it is now said will be completed in a few months.

Acting upon the advice of his physicians, Rev. F. M. Shamburger, who has been ill for several weeks, has resigned as pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church of Raleigh.

Sunday was a great day with the Presbyterians of Tarboro, the occasion being the dedication of their handsome new church, the Howard Memorial. Beside the deep concern of the members the entire community took a deep interest in the ceremonies incident to the turning over to the constituted authorities the stately edifice, a testimonial to the mother of the church here and its strongest pillar, Mrs. Anna S. Howard, and her distinguished husband, Judge George Howard.

The corn crop in Hyde county was never finer at this season of the year. With good seasons from now on during the season the people of that county will be happy when the harvest comes.—Washington Progress.

The special school tax of 12 cents on the \$100 property valuation and 36 cents on the poll for maintaining the public schools of Wilmington was carried in that county Tuesday by a majority of 232 of the registered vote. Every ward and precinct in the county, save Federal Point gave a majority for the tax.

Death of a Child.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Caskin, who live four and a half miles east of town died this morning at 9 o'clock. The interment will be at St. Paul's church tomorrow.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will not give the concert at the court house as announced in yesterday's Mascot. Mr. Richardson who was to give the music is unable to come.

Some girls have the married woman whine.

People always respond promptly to a mad dog scare.

BURBANK'S WORK. The Wizard in the World of Vegetation.

Atlanta Journal.

Luther Burbank, the wizard of the world of vegetation, is a peculiar man and he has kept himself out of the limelight as much as possible.

But he has finally consented to give the outside world a view of what he has been doing and according to a dispatch to the New York World from Santa Rosa, he will place his marvelous fruits and flowers on exhibition in a hall in that place in the near future.

Among the new varieties he has produced are the primus berry, a union of the raspberry and the black berry; the first recorded instance of a new species, the phenomenal berry, a combination of the California dewberry and the Cuthbert raspberry a walnut bred with no tannin in its meat; gladioli of greatly enhanced beauty taught to bloom around their entire stem like a hyacinth instead of the old way, on one side; a dahlia with its disagreeable odor driven out and its place the odor of a marigold; a lily with a fragrance of a violet and a scentless verbenia given the intensified fragrance of the trailing arbutus.

He will show fruit trees which will withstand freezing in bud and flowers; an amaryllis bred from three or four inches to nearly a foot in diameter; gumberry which is almost like a fat, luscious blueberry which can be grown in all climates; blackberries without thorns; an everlasting flower which may be used for decoration of women's hats; improved varieties of thousands of grasses and improved flowering tobacco.

Burbank has changed the chestnut in marked degree. Originally it bore nuts in ten to twenty-five years. He made it bear nuts six months after planting the seed.

In the creation of big trees Burbank has achieved wonders. Here is an instance. A common California black walnut and English walnut was crossed by fertilization and seedling raised from these. The best of the progeny were selected and bred forward, always selecting those which approached nearest to Burbank's idea, until at last he had a set of hybrid, rapid-growing seedlings.

Half a dozen trees were set out in the hard earth at the curb in front of the Burbank place, were given no cultivation and no irrigation. In seventeen years these trees stood more than eight feet in height, their branches spread being fully seventy-five feet, their trunks being six feet at the height of a man's head, the wood of the fine grain, taking a splendid polish and with a big commercial value for furniture.

Burbank has estimated that a single kernel of grain added to each sheaf of wheat grown would be sufficient to support the navy of a civilized country. It is well known that he has done more than this; he has in most of his products generally doubled their production. In this connection what makes his cactus immensely valuable to the stockmen is that it can be grown, and need not be used for fodder for two or three years and when cut is just as good as ever.

Truckers tell us that this has been the greatest cabbage season they ever saw. It is also a fine season for Irish potatoes. Some families are already having fine potatoes, and Catawba people have been having cabbage since Easter.—Newton Enterprise