

WE CLASH IN CONGRESS... THE INTERIOR HITCH... PRESIDENT WILL ACCEPT OFFICE... MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED...

NEWS ITEMS REPORTED FROM STATE CAPITAL

RALEIGH, Dec. 22.—Members of the Corporation Commission left Thursday night for Raleigh to have a hearing as between the citizens of the town and the Southern Railway as to what type of freight depot shall be erected there. The Commission has heretofore made an order for a new depot there within ninety days. Lumbermen Depot Matter. The Commission has made an order that in the erection of the new depot at Lumberton the cost shall be borne by the Seaboard Air Line and the Raleigh & Charleston in the ratio of five to one. This is on what is termed the "wholesale basis," the Seaboard Air Line handling more than five times as many trains in and out of Lumberton as the Raleigh & Charleston. Until February 1 is allowed for the work to begin. The depot is to be of brick. Fines Collected. It is learned that the postoffice inspectors have collected a number of fines from people hereabouts recently for enclosing notes in packages of third-class matter. Several other cases are pending and a close lookout is being kept. Carries Prisoners to Atlanta. Deputy U. S. Marshal R. W. Ward has gone to Atlanta to deliver to the United States penitentiary seven prisoners sentenced to terms during the session of the Federal Court just adjourned. They are Tony Evans, of Pitt county, eighteen months for retailing liquor; J. B. Horton, Wake for damaging a mail box; Cook Ray, Wake twelve months for retailing; C. A. Holt, Jr., and J. H. Holt, Johnstonsville, each a year for retailing; W. C. Wood, Johnston, two years for retailing; Peter Ward, Granville, one year for blacking; and Robert Woodruff, Granville, eight months for retailing. Contract for Lumber. Goodwin & Johnson, lumber dealers of this city, have the contract for \$75,000 worth of lumber to be used by the Negro Development and Exposition Company of the United States in its building at the Jamestown Exposition. The shipments are to be completed in six weeks. The Federal Court jury in the trial of the Richmond Locomotive Works in progress heretofore rendered a verdict against the Weldon Lumber Co. in progress here the past three days, has returned a verdict for \$3,500 in favor of the locomotive works. The \$3,500 is what the Weldon Company offered the locomotive works in settlement all along, so that the Weldon company really won the suit. Counsel for the locomotive works lodged a motion to set aside the verdict as contrary to the law and evidence. FIRE AT MOORESVILLE YESTERDAY MORNING The town of Mooresville was visited by a disastrous fire yesterday morning at 1 o'clock. It started in the grocery store of W. M. Neal and it is thought originated from a stove. The building and contents were destroyed. The two hardware stores of W. C. Johnson, in the same block, were badly damaged; in fact the large stock is practically worthless. The firemen did good work to save the property adjoining the block. The two firms burned out carried some insurance on the building and stocks. MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED. Ernest Caudle to Miss Fannie Newson of Kings. Julius Caudle to Miss Lulla Brown of Winston. Wm. Wall to Miss Eva Westmoreland of Rural Hall. John H. Morgan to Miss Mary Hendle of Walnut Cove. Wm. E. Brindle to Miss Elsie Morgan of Kernersville. Wm. C. Lemons of Kernersville to Miss Emma Sells of Winston. Henry Dull of Winston. John Ido of Waketown to Miss Viola McGee of Kernersville. Albert C. Johnson to Miss Della Tachatt of Winston. Gilmer Lakey to Miss Mary Bennett of Winston. L. Gordy of Grantham to Miss Anale Ingram of Rural Hall. Luther A. Binkley of Clemmons to Miss Luella Conard of Pfafftown. W. Victoria Shouse to Miss Bessie Tise. Rubin G. Musters to Miss Mary Holder of Winston. Noah B. Rolford to Miss Dorothy Miller of Winston. Walter B. Dull to Miss Elsie Miller of Clemmons. Charles Gregory to Miss Rebecca Shoemaker of Winston. All members of the First Baptist Sunday school are requested to be present Sunday morning when the Christmas treat will be distributed. Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Fleming went to Booneville today to spend Christmas with relatives.

WINSTON-SALEM GETS ANOTHER TRAIN SOUTHERN MEETS PEOPLE'S REQUEST BY PUTTING ON NIGHT TRAIN TO AND FROM GREENSBORO.

Will Make Connection With No. 34 Northbound at Greensboro—It is Understood That the New Train Will Bring Pullman Coach to This City—Will Be Put On January 6—Schedule of Every Train Between Here and Greensboro To Be Changed on That Date. Many changes of schedule on the Southern Railway will become effective January 6. Winston-Salem gets a new train to and from Greensboro and the schedule of all trains between these two places will be changed. The new train to be put on between Winston-Salem and Greensboro will leave this city at 8:29 at night, arriving at Greensboro at 9:25 o'clock and connecting with No. 34 northbound at 9:51 o'clock. The new train will return to Winston-Salem at night leaving Greensboro at 11:45 and arriving here between 12 and 12:30 o'clock. It is understood that the new train will carry a Pullman coach. No. 247 will leave Greensboro for Winston-Salem and Wilkesboro at 7:49 a. m. instead of 7:55 a. m. as at present. No. 245 will leave Wilkesboro at 1:15 p. m. arrive at Winston-Salem at 4:25 p. m. arriving at Greensboro at 2:45 p. m. The early morning train from Winston-Salem will arrive at Greensboro at 6:20 a. m. instead of 6 a. m. No. 247 will leave Greensboro at 6:45 p. m. for Winston-Salem instead of 7:30 p. m. No. 236 will leave Wilkesboro at 6 a. m. arriving at Greensboro at 12:49 p. m. instead of 11:48 a. m. No. 239 will leave Greensboro for Winston-Salem and Wilkesboro at 2:20 p. m. This train was leaves at 1:45 p. m.

Christmas Entertainments of Three Sunday Schools

Notwithstanding there were two other Christmas entertainments in Centenary church was filled with a large and appreciative audience last night. The church was most beautifully decorated in holly and cedar. On the platform were two large Christmas trees, brilliant with vari-colored electric bulbs, while in front of the stage were three arches of evergreen. From the center arch was a large star, lighted with electric lights, with wreaths of evergreens were effectively placed about the room. The very attractive program published in yesterday's paper was well carried out, the little folks acquitting themselves unusually well. The procession of the months was very good, each little lad and lassie in costume sustaining well the character assumed. Little Charles Norfleet was very good in his manly address of welcome. Very attractive programs, decorated in holly, were used. After the exercises boxes of fruit and confections were distributed to each member of the school. Presbyterian Sunday School Entertainment. Doubtless one of the most elaborate, beautiful and minutely planned Christmas entertainments of the year was the one given by the First Presbyterian Sunday School last night in the Caldwell Memorial. The church and memorial buildings were both beautifully decorated in holly, cedar etc. After assembling in the church, the Sunday school marched into the Annex. Here on the platform were two immense Christmas trees, twinkling with candles. Beneath one of these was a nice representation of the birth of Christ. On the outside the shepherds were tending their flocks, while the wise men were seen on the way to offer their gifts. Under the other tree in this house was brilliantly lighted, the inmates waiting for Santa Claus. A typical snow scene was depicted outside. Santa Claus, in red coat and fur cap, was driving his four reindeer, his cart being well laden with toys. This unique decoration was due to the skillful fingers of Mrs. Bettie Woodruff and Miss Edna Carter. A very fine program, consisting of music and recitations, was carried out. The First Presbyterian Sunday school then repaired by classes to the basement of the church. When they returned it was in a picturesque manner. First came the officers, carrying

CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Carle church Sunday school will give its Christmas entertainment tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The church has been beautifully decorated for the occasion and the usual large congregation will doubtless be in attendance. The following program will be rendered: Orchestra. Chorus—"The Guiding Star." Recitation—"The Angel's Message."—Beulah Tash. Responsive Reading by Bible Classes. Christmas Spelling Lesson—Mrs. Cook's Class. Chorus—"Sing, O Sing, O Sing, O Sing, O Sing, O Sing, O Sing." Recitation—"No Room"—Miss T. McCallison. Primary Song—"He Loved Us So." Chorus—"Good Tidings to the World." Scripture Reading by Children. "The Christmas Songs"—Miss Dugliss and Mr. Drier's Classes. Recitation—"The Star"—Frank Grouser. Chorus—"O Star of Joy That Brightly Shine"—Miss Lineback's Class and School. Exercise—"What Did Christ Give You?"—Mrs. Pfaff's Class. Motion Song—"The Time We Dearly Love." Exercise (a)—"The Great Word of Christmas." (b) "Peace." Chorus—"The Grand Old Chorus." Exercise—"The King of Glory"—Mrs. Pfaff's Class. Recitation—"The Christmas Angel"—Oscar Kime. Two-Part Chorus—"Send the Tidings"—Mrs. Pfaff's Class. Exercise—"The Shepherd Lad of Bethlehem." Chorus—"The Shepherds of Bethlehem." Male Quartet—"Ring the Bells." Exercise—"Shining Little Candles"—Mrs. Johnson's Class. Chorus—"Chiming Christmas Bells"—Intermediate Department. Exercise—"The Star of Hope." Collection for the Laper Hospital in Jerusalem. Chorus—"Songs of the Ages." Benediction.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH IN FLAMES

(By Publishers' Press.) CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Fire in St. Stanislaus parochial school early this morning cut off 100 Sisters of Charity who were sleeping on the fifth floor. The flames swept the building before the alarm was given. Women were forced to flee in night clothes down the firemen's ladders and on fire escapes. Many collapsed on reaching the ground and are in a serious condition. The weather is very cold and it is feared the exposure may cause several deaths. New Advertisements. Wachovia National Bank—Wishing you a merry Christmas. John G. Young—Hickory Lamp Spirit grade coal guaranteed the best. Zinzendorf Shaving Parlor—The best in tonsorial service; 15c shaves 10c. O'Hannon's Drug Store—Gift suggestions for your lady or gentleman friend. Rosenbacher & Bro.—Our full force will be on duty to serve you after supper. White Star Co.—Supper menu. The Clemmons School closed last night until January 3d. Last night a very creditable Christmas entertainment was rendered and was attended by a very large and appreciative audience.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSION

North Carolina Corporation Commissioners Submit Report to the Governor for the General Assembly.

Report Shows Much Activity in Railroad Building During the Year—Decrease of 14 in Number of Deaths by Railroad Accidents—Commission Wants More Authority in Certain Lines—Recommends Cheaper Railroad Fares. RALEIGH, Dec. 22.—The Corporation Commission today submitted to the Governor for the General Assembly its annual report showing the record of cases disposed of during the year, copies of special orders and circulars issued during the year, annual reports of fifty-six railroad companies, two telegraph companies, nine street car companies and the Southern Railway as far as June 30, 1906, and the reports of 264 State, private and savings banks at the close of business Nov. 12. This report also shows statistical tables giving the assessment of all properties required to be assessed by the Commission and the distribution of the same by counties and towns; tables showing the earnings and operating expenses of railroad companies, tables of the average daily wages of all railroad officers and employees, and of the accidents to persons in the operation of the roads. With reference to railroads the report of the Commission declares that perhaps in no time in the State's history has there been so much activity in railroad building in this State as this year. There are now in operation in the State 3,991 miles of railroad, 3,803 miles in 1904. Of this the Atlantic Coast Line operates 974 miles, the Seaboard Air Line 612, the Southern Railway 1,320, and the Norfolk & Southern Railway 220 miles in operation and 120 under construction. Five railroads have been put in operation during the present year—Durham & Southern, Blue Ridge & Atlantic, Carolina & Glenn Ann, Raleigh & Pamlico Sound. The Commission says the proportion of expenses to net earnings is unusually large and the profits of the railroads have not increased in anything like the same ratio as the volume of business owing largely to inability to provide necessary equipment. Gross earnings on interstate business for the year were \$6,905,480, and the net earnings only \$1,802,067. Last year there were 114 persons killed and 787 injured and this year 126 killed and 1,051 injured. The report says the service in handling and transportation of freight has been steadily growing worse for more than a year, being now so bad that it is not uncommon to have a whole month taken in getting a shipment from one point to another in the State, notwithstanding the heavy penalties incurred in such delays. The Commission urges that railroad companies be required to operate more local passenger trains so that train service will not be so bad as it is under the present practice of hauling so-called through trains do a great amount of local work. Last year the Commission docked and disposed of 337 cases and this year 625 cases. The Commission thinks passenger rates are too high and should be reduced, but that it should be definitely settled first whether or not North Carolina is to continue the only State in the Union which requires first and second class accommodations. The report urges that there be reduction of fares with only one class of accommodation. The average fare paid the past year on all roads in the State was 2.474 cents. Of the persons killed and injured during the year, 28 killed and 155 injured are credited to the Atlantic Coast Line; 21 killed and 189 injured to the Seaboard Air Line; 68 killed and 516 injured to the Southern; and 9 killed and 41 injured to miscellaneous roads. There are 18,230 employees and 6,348,176 passengers were carried. The report as to banking interests shows that there are this year 261 banks in the State with \$48,307,488 resources, against 236 banks last year, with \$41,096,529 resources. During the year 45 new banks were chartered and two went into liquidation. In conclusion the Commission urges that the General Assembly amend the charter of the Corporation Commission so as to authorize and empower the Commission to make such order for repairs of any railroad, or any addition to its rolling stock, or any addition or improvement to equipment, or change in the manner of operating roads and conducting their business to promote the security and convenience of the traveling public. Also that the Commission shall have the same power over telegraph and telephone lines as it has over railroads, so far as they may be applied. Miss Hobe R. Stein of Jacksonville, Fla., is the guest of her brother in Raleigh.



THE PRESIDENT'S TRAIN RUNNING THROUGH WATER IN THE CANAL DITCH. While President Roosevelt was inspecting the work done on the Panama canal his train ran along tracks covered by water in many places. The central figure on the rear platform of the last car is the president. At the right are cars loaded with rock and dirt.