

## ANTI-TRUST BILL BEING CONSIDERED.

Lawyers Say It is Worthless—Consideration all Day in the House. Special to The Tribune.

Raleigh, March 3.—The Turlington anti-trust bill, drawn by Attorney General Bickett, consumed all the time of the House after the morning hours. Doughton moved an important amendment, striking out private prosecutor, section five, and substituting that judges may allow solicitors such fees as he deems fit. Other important amendments pending. Lawyers say it is worthless.

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## THE INTERURBAN.

Charlotte-Gastonia-King's Mountain Line Among First Links of the Interurban.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The people of Charlotte and of the piedmont section of North and South Carolina generally will learn with interest and pleasure of the decision arrived at by the building syndicate of the interurban railway at its meeting at New York yesterday to begin the actual construction of the proposed lines at once. This action was anticipated in yesterday's Chronicle and, while it does not come as a surprise, it is nevertheless gratifying. Present at the meeting in New York were: Messrs. J. B. Duke, of New York, B. N. Duke, of Durham, Ellison A. Smyth and Lewis W. Parker, of Greenville, S. C., Emanuel McRoberts, of New York, and W. S. Lee, Jr., Charlotte.

The first lines in the big system will be from Charlotte to Gastonia and on to King's Mountain on the North Carolina end of the proposition, working under the charter of the Piedmont Traction Company; and from Spartanburg to Greenwood on the South Carolina end, this work to be done under the charter recently granted to the Piedmont & Northern Railway Company. Work is to begin at several points as soon as contracts can be let and construction begun. It is pointed out that providing there are no obstacles presented in the way of refusals to give rights of way, etc., that would prevent the prompt completion of the several links.

Charlotte is more vitally interested at present in the line from this city to Gastonia and King's Mountain which will extend from the present terminus of the Hoskins line to Mount Holly, then to Gastonia, Bessemer City and on to King's Mountain. Most of the surveys and estimates for this line have been completed, including the two bridges, the first over the Catawba, at Mount Holly, and the other over the South Fork, between Mount Holly and Gastonia.

It is altogether probable that work on the South Carolina end of the system will be pushed simultaneously with that on the Charlotte-Gastonia-King's Mountain link and that by the time these are completed work will have started on the connecting link and on the line North from Charlotte.

As has been stated before the lines to be constructed will be of easy grades, heavily ballasted and with heavy rails. In other words the road will compare with the best railroad lines that have been built in the United States in every respect. It is expected that by far the heaviest business on the road will be of freight and the lines will be such as to accommodate without danger and with the least possible wear and tear the heavy freight trains that will be used. With the plentiful supply of power and with the best rolling stock that can be purchased exceedingly fast schedules will be maintained and this also is argument for the heavy road that will be laid.

The whole piedmont section is awaiting the completion of the interurban, the operation of which will mark the beginning of a new era of commercial and industrial development for this section.

Shenwell Obeying the Order Issued by Judge Long.

The Greensboro Record of Wednesday afternoon contains the following interesting item:

"Baxter Shenwell, the gentleman of railroad fame, convicted in a prior session of criminal court, in this county on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon, and who has been out since on good behavior appeared before Judge Daniels this morning and declared that he had kept well within the confines of the law since last term. No question of his veracity was raised and his statement was accepted. Mr. Shenwell will have to show up once more, next February, and be discharged."

We admire the judgment of those who agree with us.

## DANVILLE POLICE CHIEF ARRESTED.

Committed Murder in Georgia 14 Years Ago—Under a Life Sentence. Special to News and Observer.

Danville, Va., March 2.—Edgar Stripling, for five years chief of police of Danville, under the name of R. E. Morris, was arrested here today as an escaped murderer from the Atlanta, Ga., prison. In 1897 he was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. He escaped pending a motion for a new trial. Stripling confessed his identity when the requisition papers were read to him. He will be taken back tonight.

The arrest and exposure of the chief of police was made this afternoon by Secret Service Agent J. W. Smith, and Deputy City Sergeant W. W. Boisseau and created widespread sensation.

For the past six years Stripling has been living here, no one for a moment suspecting his identity. Efforts were made a number of times to trace up some shady spot in his past life in criminal trials, but not an inkling of his prison career was brought out. He was first employed as night watchman for the Southern Express Company. About five years ago he was elected as a patrolman on the Danville police force and after serving about six months was advanced to chief. His advancement was due in a great measure to his cool nerve and fearlessness.

Stripling, in his official capacity here had many influential friends. Stripling shot and killed William Cornett, in Georgia, and was being held in prison pending a motion for a new trial. His brother-in-law, who was implicated in the killing, was given a long term, but was pardoned.

After his escape from prison Stripling was joined by his wife and three children. He now has ten children.

He was allowed nearly two hours tonight to bid his family a farewell at his home. He was under guard of two officers and never for a moment did he break down.

Stripling will be taken to Georgia tonight. Before leaving he said he killed Cornett for assaulting his sister. He said that he hoped to get a pardon.

Greensboro, March 2.—Chief of Police E. E. Morris, whose real name is Edgar Stripling, and who was arrested in Danville today for the murder of a man named Cornett in Harris county, Ga., in 1897, passed through the city this evening en route to Georgia to pay the penalty for his crime.

To a reporter of The Daily News he talked freely, admitting that he had killed Cornett. He declared, however, that he did it to keep Cornett from killing him. Cornett had, Morris declared, insulted his sister, and had also made threats against his life.

The detective, on the other hand, says that the murder was done in cold blood, that Morris, or Stripling, shot Cornett through a window.

Morris told the reporter that he hoped to get a pardon. His brother-in-law, who was convicted at the same time he was for being an accessory, was pardoned several years ago.

## The Crime of Long Ago.

Under the above head the Atlanta Constitution today has the following about this case:

The crime for which Stripling is wanted in Harris county was committed on the night of September 4, 1897. W. J. Cornett, the man who was killed, was found dead the next morning with several bullet wounds in his body. He was alone in the house that night and there was evidence that he had been shot by a party or parties standing near the window on the outside of the house.

Edgar Stripling and Terrell Huff, his brother-in-law, who were neighbors of Cornett were indicted for the murder, were found guilty with a recommendation for mercy and were sentenced by the court to serve life sentences in the penitentiary.

Stripling on the witness stand declared that he shot and killed Cornett, but that Huff was not a party to it and knew nothing about it until after the crime was committed.

"I killed him because he had insulted my wife and my married sister," said Stripling, "and because he had made threats to take my life. I lived in fear of him for days and was afraid even to go out of the house in the daytime for fear that he would make good his threat."

While the prisoners were waiting in the Harris county jail to be delivered to the penitentiary authorities, Stripling escaped, and from that day until his arrest by Sheriff Smith in Danville Thursday afternoon nothing has been known of his whereabouts.

On Saturday afternoon in the store room next to the Water and Light office the ladies of St. James Lutheran church will sell candy, potato chips and different varieties of cakes, including angel food, pound and nut cake.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Miss Ruth Gibson is visiting friends in Charlotte.

Mrs. J. Locke Erwin is spending the day in Charlotte.

Miss Grace Brown is spending the day in Salisbury.

Miss Maggie Parks, of Statesville, is visiting Mrs. M. P. Alexander.

Rev. J. C. Keever, of China Grove, is visiting Rev. J. A. J. Farrington.

Mr. J. C. Cochran, of Newalla, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Correll.

Little Miss Mary Penelope Cannon has gone to Wilmington to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Borden.

Mr. Paul Benner Wolf, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting his uncle, Mr. S. A. Wolf. He will leave this afternoon for Ocala, Fla.

Mr. J. C. McEachren, of No. 10 township, passed through the city yesterday afternoon en route to Salisbury to confer with the officials of the proposed railroad from Salisbury to Monroe.

Concord a Fine City—Of Course It Is.

Mr. Joseph Fetzer, familiarly known as "Uncle Joe," who is sojourning in Concord for a few days writes to the Greensboro Record, and says among other things:

"Concord is a fine little city. Its green-lawns, pretty flowers and the advanced stage of vegetation indicate an early spring. Surely there has been no winter here. Such a mild climate.

"Concord is a mill town proper, but it has many other industries. The business part is built up solid with brick, the streets are well paved and the stores will compare favorably with any in the State; they are so well ordered and look so clean and fine that one would think that Easter was right here. It isn't far off. I am thankful to say. And right in the midst of this business mart is brother Sherrill with his Evening Tribune that has become a household necessity still clipping away for dear life."

Beer Joints Broken Up in Albemarle.

Albemarle, March 2.—Col. R. L. Smith, who is employed by the Law and Order League of this county to prosecute violators of the prohibition law, is making it hot for the social clubs, near beer dealers and blind tigers. He has almost driven them out of Albemarle. A few days ago he made a dive into Norwood boozers and as a result 20 to 25 cases are added to the Superior Court docket.

Col. Smith reports that numbers and numbers of witnesses were examined, and out of those who testified that they were members of the Norwood Clubs, eight or ten were negroes as black as Norwood could produce. Also among those who were members with the colored brethren were those who called themselves leading citizens, and there were church members among them. This kind of conduct will not be longer endured by the good people of Norwood, and they say the social clubs must go. Some of the people of Norwood were wondering how the white men of the clubs entertained the colored brethren socially.

## To Organize Vocal Class.

Miss Addie White, of Salisbury, was in Concord yesterday in the interest of securing a class in vocal music. Miss White is a fine vocalist and a thorough and competent musical instructor, and Concord will be fortunate to secure her for the purpose mentioned. Our city has much musical talent, and it is proposed to form a choral society here. We hope Miss White will secure at once the number of pupils necessary to justify her coming here.

Mr. P. M. Keller and family, who have been living in Concord for several months, have gone to Bessemer city, where they will live. Mr. Keller was manager of the Roberts mill, which was destroyed by fire last December.

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## WOMEN'S BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION FOR CONCORD.

One Recently Organized Here—Need of It Keenly Felt.

Those who attended the Teachers' Institute here last summer may recall the appointment of officers for Betterment Work in Cabarrus County. Mrs. R. A. Brown, of Concord, was given the office of president and since that time she has been studying the woman's work in other towns in the State in order to determine the best methods of organization for her own work.

No doubt Dr. McCormack's lecture precipitated this organization in Concord, and on Friday morning, February 9th, at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Jas. Gibson, the first association in the county was organized for No. 12 township (Concord). Mrs. Brown and the presidents or representatives of the Julia Magruder, Christian Reid, Sorosis, Study, Virginia Dare, Floral and Social clubs were present.

The consensus of opinion was that Concord needs such a club as this, and needs it badly. Each president came with a message from her club that they would take part in whatever plans were made. The officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. R. A. Brown; Vice President, Mrs. Jas. Gibson; Secretary, Mrs. Plato T. Durham; Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Goodson.

The public can not fail to see the significance of this organization. The membership of a hundred women in this club will mean a greater leverage for the health and beauty of the town than possibly any other force. The effectiveness of such work has been fully demonstrated in Gastonia where selling results have been obtained.

The streets are washed, unsightly boxes and barrels are conspicuously absent from the sidewalks, store fronts and windows are shining with fresh paint and Bon Ami, flowers and shrubbery are the result of free seed and prizes offered by the club, decayed garbage and papers are destroyed in back lots and unsightly sign boards are rapidly disappearing.

What would be the effect if such improvements could be made on our already naturally beautiful city? Let us hope that every woman will join and then the men will all become honorary members.

## CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This club shall be called the Woman's Betterment Association of Concord.

Article II. The purpose of this Association shall be:

1. To bring about the enforcement of the present municipal laws regarding cleanliness and health.

2. To add to the attractiveness and beauty of our town and community.

3. To create a more lively sentiment along these lines among the general public—in a word to improve the physical and intellectual environment of our entire citizenship.

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## Article III.

Anyone interested in the objects of this association may become a member. No fee shall be charged the women but the men shall pay 50 cents in order to become honorary members.

Article IV. The officers of this association shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer; who shall be elected annually.

Article V. The association shall meet regularly once a month, or oftener at the call of the president.

Article VI. The following officers shall compose an advisory board to keep the association in co-operation with the civic authorities, viz.: Superintendent of the city schools, county superintendent of public instruction, mayor of Concord, chairman of street committee, sanitary officer.

Extra Session of Congress Before April 4.

Washington, March 2.—The last vestige of doubt that there will be an extraordinary session of Congress called by President Taft in order to have some action taken on the Canadian reciprocity agreement in the now practically certain event of the failure of that measure in the present Congress, disappeared today when it became known that Republican leaders had been called to the White House for a consultation.

"The die is cast," said one of the Republican senators, after returning to the capitol. "Mr. Taft has decided that there must be an extra session and that he will call it earlier than April 4."

A \$10 Fountain Pen for \$1.

We call attention to the window display at Gibson Drug Store of the fountain pen exhibit selling at \$1.00, no more, no less, all sizes and styles. This pen is not made by the trust whose prices are from \$2.50 to \$10.00 for the same pen. All pens are warranted 14 karat gold and a guarantee for one year is given with each pen. This sale will close Saturday at these prices. Come early and avoid the rush.

Cutting Affray Last Night.

Sam Ellis and Ed Saddler, colored, became mixed in an affray in front of the Cabarrus Savings Bank last night about 7:30 o'clock. Ellis cut Saddler on the hand and face with a pocket knife, inflicting several ugly gashes. The cause of the trouble could not be learned as the Ellis negro made his escape and has not yet been captured. This is the second cutting scrap between negroes that has occurred on the side walks of the business section of the city recently, the other one occurred several weeks ago in front of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

"Lassoing Wild Animals in Africa."

The most wonderful picture ever shown is the "Lassoing of Wild Animals" by Buffalo Jones and western cowboys. A cowboy lassos a zebra and then rides him. They are chased by a lion and rhinoceros, but fall to the lasso. In two reels at the Pastime today and tomorrow.

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