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CITY DEMANDS NEW PASSENGER STATION.

Given Thirty Days by City Aldermen to Provide Same.—All Trains Required to Stop Here.—Talk of Another Railroad Here.

The meeting of the board of aldermen last night was characterized by the definite and determined steps the city fathers took to remedy the deplorable conditions that exist at the Southern railway passenger station here.

Immediately after the session was called to order by Mayor Wagoner the following resolution was offered by Alderman King and unanimously passed:

Ordered by the aldermen of the city of Concord that the Mayor, Mr. C. B. Wagoner, be and is hereby requested to notify some one of the officers of the Southern Railway that the city demands and expects the said railway to take immediate steps toward erecting a depot in this city at its present location, suitable for transacting its large business in this town and in case said railway company shall not take active steps to comply with this request within thirty days, that then the Mayor shall employ, at his expense of the town, such attorneys as he may think advisable to assist the city attorney in taking such action before the Corporation Commission as he may think necessary, in order to accomplish the desired end.

Alderman King then offered a resolution reading as follows which was also passed:

It is ordered by the board that W. M. Smith, Esq., be and is hereby appointed a committee to negotiate with any opposition line to the Southern railway and ascertain what steps are necessary for the city to take in order to have them come to our city and that he report this finding to a later session of the board.

Mayor Wagoner extended an invitation to any citizens present to bring whatever business they might have to the attention of the board. Mr. D. B. Coltrane responded by saying that it was the first time he had ever appeared before the board to make complaint but he did want to call their attention, as they were the governing body of the town, to the unsanitary conditions of the lavatory in the waiting room at the depot. It is offensive to any man who goes in the waiting room, and as it is a public place we are compelled to go in there, and at times forced to stay in there. "I don't think we should stand idly by and say nothing but we should raise a vigorous protest to have the conditions remedied. The surrounding area I have ever seen from Atlantic to the Pacific. Did you ever see a railroad have so little respect for the citizenship of a community as to put such a thing in the waiting room?" "Everything Mr. Coltrane has said is true," said Mayor Wagoner, which was followed by words of approval from the members of the board. Continuing Mr. Wagoner said, "Gentlemen, the only way we can get anything from the Southern railway is to force them to do it. They have sent their representatives here who have talked to me and made nice promises but they always want to have a delay in anything that we propose."

Mr. W. C. Correll added a few words of approval to Mr. Coltrane's remarks and closed by telling the board that it was up to them to do something.

Dr. King made a motion that the city health officer require the railroad to put the waiting room in a sanitary condition and keep it in such condition or issue a warrant for them. The motion was speedily passed, every member voting in its favor.

Going back to the subject of a new railroad for Concord, which continually bobs up at almost every public meeting of any kind that is held in the city lately, Mr. Coltrane told the board that he believed a railroad could be brought here. He said that he had talked with the president of a road that runs out from Thomasville and that road was anxious to connect with the Southbound. They are also anxious to extend it to High Point and the people of that town are making an effort to get it. "Mr. Smith is more familiar with the facts about it than I am, but I know we can get the road if we take hold of the matter in a businesslike way as business men."

The connection with the proposed Mount Gilend-Norwood to Charlotte road with proper effort could easily be diverted to come here. In fact many of the leaders have suggested time and again to bring the road this way. They would have pushed the matter before this but for a desire to reach the freight shipping points such as Concord, Mount Pleasant and other points. It is now up to the energies of our citizens as to whether they take hold of one of the other of the routes and push them."

Mayor Wagoner and members of the board expressed themselves as most willing to co-operate in any move that would secure a new railroad for the city.

Alderman King made his report as a member of the committee, recently appointed to investigate what trains should stop at Concord. Dr. King moved that the city attorney draw up an ordinance requiring every train operated by the Southern railway that runs through this city to stop here. This motion was passed without a dissenting vote and the ordinance will become effective immediately upon its publication.

Dr. King reports that the car of road binder material recently purchased by the city would be used mostly on Scott, Spring and East Depot streets.

The board also appointed Dr. King a committee to confer with county commissioners with regard to the county paying part of the cost of improving Corbin street.

The board then adjourned subject to call.

In the Cotton Belt.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Reviewing the weather and the crops for the past week, The New Orleans Picayune says the week has shown some improvement in weather conditions throughout the cotton belt. The western section has received some further rains, which have been beneficial, and showers have been less frequent in the central belt, where a spell of dry weather is desirable. In the Atlantic section there has been some improvement in weather conditions. Taken as a whole, weather in the South has been very favorable. There are still quite general reports of crop deterioration, and although these reports are without doubt much exaggerated, there is, nevertheless, some justification, as insect damage has undoubtedly been above the normal. Still in the western part of the belt, the crop situation has improved as a result of the recent rains and elsewhere in the belt there would surely be an improvement with a spell of warm, dry weather. While there are all sorts of estimates current as to the probable cotton yield, varying from 13,000,000 to 14,250,000 bales, much will depend upon the date of the first killing frost. The rains have stimulated the growth of the stalk of the cotton plant at the expense of the fruit, but with dry warm weather for a period the plant would undoubtedly fruit considerably, and the ultimate yield would be correspondingly affected.

Beulah Binford's Poes Tabooed by Censors.

New York, Sept. 12.—The national board of censorship of moving pictures today notified the police of all the larger cities of the country that they had condemned the films posed for by Beulah Binford, one of the gures in the Beattie murder cases at Chesterfield, Va., and requested the authorities to follow the example of New York and forbid their exhibition. In its report the board says regarding the pictures:

"Their sole and only appeal is to morbid curiosity. They fail to teach any lesson except one of sentimental toleration for the girl who goes wrong."

Sand Clay Road in Rowan.

Spencer, Sept. 12.—Ground was broken yesterday for the construction of a new sand clay road from South river, Rowan county, to Jerusalem, Davie county. The work will be pushed vigorously under a proposition made by W. R. Craig, a wealthy New Yorker, who has leased 25,000 acres of land in Davie county, and who offered to pay \$3,000 towards the construction of a good road through the various plantations. In addition to this the people of Davie have accepted another proposition of Mr. Graig to provide one-half of the money necessary to maintain a full nine months' school in certain townships.

To Stop Jewel Robberies.

New York, Sept. 13.—Representatives of eight jewelers' societies of the United States and Canada met in this city today to devise plans for the better protection of those engaged in selling jewelry and precious stones. The jewelers have been aroused to action by the unprecedented number of assaults and robberies reported by the trade during the past year. It is expected a large reward will be offered for the capture of the murderers of Adolph Stern, the clerk who was killed in the daylight raid on a Sixth avenue jewelry store some months ago.

The postoffice department at Washington has announced that it will in a short time create a substation at Trinity College for the benefit of the college patrons of the office and will put a clerk at the new office.

Mr. E. L. Pemberton, of Fayetteville, is a business visitor in the city.

GIRL MURDERED TO COVER ANOTHER CRIME.

Sensational Turn in Hawkins Mystery.—Arrest of Two Prominent Men. One a Physician, Hourly Expected.

Hendersonville, Sept. 12.—The next twenty-four hours will probably bring the solution of the Myrtle Hawkins murder mystery. Detectives are at work and it is rumored tonight that a young man recently married and a local physician will be drawn into the case.

Myrtle Hawkins did not commit suicide. This is a settled fact. The real story however is one of peculiar grief. The girl died as the result of a criminal operation and the body was hidden away for three days and carried to the lake and placed in the position in which it was found. Her little pocket clock was found right at the edge of the water and it was stopped at 9:30. This is an incident to show that the body was taken to the lake Saturday night.

More than one person must have been concerned in this double crime. The officers are almost sure that they can locate the principal figure, and arrests are expected within the next twenty-four hours.

The unfortunate girl left home Thursday carrying with her a long cloak. When the body was found badly decomposed it was wrapped in this long cloak. The post-mortem examination developed the evidences of a criminal operation but no other marks were found on the body. Death may have resulted from shock, or from the anasthetics.

The perpetrators possibly did not intend murder but when the worst happened they hid the body of the poor girl until a more convenient time when it was placed in the lake in the hope that he community would call it suicide. It was an awful double crime and the people of this county are determined to find the man or men who are responsible.

It is now firmly established that Miss Myrtle Hawkins was murdered and in all probability more than one person had some thing to do with the crime, which was the most dastardly in the annals of the history of this country and is in fact a blot upon the fair name of the state. After several days of lethargy the officers have finally awakened to the realization of their duty and something is to be done in an effort to apprehend the guilty parties and bring them to justice. It is a strange story and from all appearances shockingly sad and peculiarly atrocious.

The post-mortem examination by the coroner developed the fact that a criminal operation had been attempted and death was the result of the drug used in that operation. This contention became known today, coming from members of the jury. The guilty party is as yet undiscovered but the members of the family and the officers are hopeful. One strange incident was that Miss Hawkins left home Thursday morning ostensibly to visit neighbors, but investigation later developed the fact that she had never reached the neighbor's house. The father, a jeweler here, did not notify the officers but made a quiet search until Sunday noon. Shortly after noon on Sunday a brother of the missing girl, following others, went to the undertaker's where the body of the girl found in the lake that morning was awaiting identification. No one had ever thought it was the body of Myrtle Hawkins, but it was supposed that the body was that of an Asheville woman. The brother quickly identified the body, recognizing the clothing and shoes.

Hendersonville, Sept. 12.—The veil of mystery that has surrounded the death of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, the 19-year-old girl of Hendersonville, whose body was found Sunday morning, floating in Lake Ocoola, is rapidly being lifted and as the investigation proceeds the disclosures are becoming sensational.

The theory of suicide has been entirely discarded; murder seems to have been established, not cold-blooded murder, nor premeditated, but none the less murder and the net is fast closing around a prominent young physician of Hendersonville; indeed it is asserted tonight that the coroner will tomorrow order arrests to be made.

Miss Hawkins' body is to be exhumed and a second and more searching autopsy is to be made. Mr. Hal Cooper, of Johnson City, Tenn., a prominent business man of that place, to whom Miss Hawkins was betrothed, has urgently requested that the remains be not interred until he arrives. He is expected to reach here tomorrow and as the funeral and interment has already taken place, Mr. Cooper is expected to urge a more complete investigation.

Miss Annie Redwine, of Monroe, is spending the day in the city the guest of Miss Irene McConnell. Miss Redwine is en route to Greensboro, where she will enter the State Normal.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mr. C. R. Sears is spending the day in Kannapolis.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Gray is spending the day in Salisbury.

Mr. H. A. Graeber is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. J. C. Willeford spent yesterday afternoon in Charlotte.

Mr. L. D. Coltrane has returned from a business trip to Raleigh.

Mrs. J. O. King, of Mocksville, is visiting Miss Ida May King.

Miss Rachel Borden, of Goldsboro, is visiting Mr. F. J. Hayward, Jr.

Mrs. Richard Boyd, of Roanoke, Va., is visiting at the home of Mrs. M. C. Boyd.

Miss Sallie Cox has gone to Lenoir, where she will enter Davenport College.

Mr. John Peek has gone to Lancaster, Pa., where he will attend school this year.

Miss Nannie Crowell has returned from a visit to Black Mountain and New London.

Mrs. John Boger and Miss Nancy Young are spending the day in Salisbury.

Miss Mary Miller, of Salisbury, is visiting Misses Jennette and Bessie Lentz.

Mrs. R. C. Litaker has gone to Richmond, where she will visit Mrs. L. R. Phillips.

Mr. Rolin Caldwell has gone to Raleigh, where he will enter A. & M. College.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson are guests of Prof. and Mrs. D. Matt. Thompson at Statesville.

Mr. Harry Isenhour has gone to Mount Pleasant, where he will enter the Collegiate Institute.

Miss Ruth Coltrane left this morning for Greensboro to attend the opening of Greensboro Female College.

Miss Ora Fisher and Mr. Jesse McEachern, of Mount Pleasant, are spending the day in Salisbury.

Mr. Gowen Dusenbery left last night for Sewanee, Tenn., where he will enter Sewanee University.

Mrs. Lester Bost, of Columbia, S. C., who has been visiting relatives in the city is now visiting in Kannapolis.

Mrs. Morris Caldwell and children, of Wilmington, are visiting at the home of Mr. R. V. Caldwell in No. 2 township.

Mr. J. C. Lippard has gone to Greensboro to see his daughter, Mrs. A. W. George, who is at St. Leo's hospital.

Mr. Sidney Buchanan has returned from Chapel Hill, where he attended the opening of the University of North Carolina.

Miss Ethel Crabtree arrived this morning from Roanoke, Va., to begin work as teacher in the Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, which opens tomorrow.

Miss Elizabeth Parker, of Caldwell, Idaho, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. D. Maness, has gone to Albemarle to visit relatives.

Mrs. Bertha Moody, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robinson, has returned to her home in Richmond. She was accompanied by Mrs. Robinson.

Those people who seem determined to sell something that will in a way take the place of it had as well give it up as a bad job. The state has a prohibition law and there is enough of sentiment in favor of law enforcement to see that it is given at least a fair trial.—Durham Herald.

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JOINT FAMILY REUNION.

To Be Held September 23 by the Stirewalt and Pless Descendants.

We are asked to republish the following contribution:

The Stirewalt and Pless descendants will have a joint assembly at Harris Chapel, two miles north of China Grove, on Friday, September 22nd. They invite all their friends and connections and especially request all attending to bring well filled baskets.

The program will be published later. It is probable that a native of Salisbury, now residing elsewhere, will be one of the speakers. However, there will be ministers, lawyers and others of the two families who can and will make addresses that day. It is desirable that any one having records concerning these families, that they bring them along. The chief end of this gathering is to trace the family histories to the earliest settlers.

Frederick, Adam and John Stirewalt were the first of the Stirewalt name in the state. Frederick was in the Revolutionary war and John was the builder of the organ that gave Organ church its name. It is not known yet if they were brothers. They settled in lower Litaker township near Ebenezer Church and their descendants, with few exceptions, are still in this county and upper Cabarrus.

Henry Pless, who married Catherine Shive in Germany, was the progenitor of all of the Pless name in North Carolina. He settled in lower Rowan. One son, Martin, went to Arkansas and another Joseph, to Indiana. Another son, Henry, settled just over the Cabarrus line and married Elizabeth Stirewalt. His children were Jacob, John, Mary, who married Jacob Shaver; Catherine, who married Henry Furr; Elizabeth, who married John Barringer and Henry, who married Sarah Stirewalt. Of the original Henry's daughter nothing is known.

As quite a large number of these family connections reside in adjoining counties, the promoters will be grateful for any publicity given this gathering by the press in those counties. It is hoped that a more convenient location can be had for future reunions, but this can hardly be decided until the residences of all the Stirewalt and Pless tribes is ascertained.

Among the speakers will be Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, of Lenoir College, Hickory; Rev. C. R. Pless, of Concord; Hon. J. W. Pless, of Marion, N. C., and others yet to be announced in the regular program.

Three Candidates Dropped by Presbytery—Rumors Against a Minister.

The Landmark understands that three young men previously under the care of the Presbytery as ministerial candidates were dropped—two because they had made no report themselves and one because of financial irregularities. It is also understood that the Presbytery appointed a commission to investigate rumors of financial irregularities by one of the ministers. The names of the parties involved are not mentioned because The Landmark hasn't all the facts in hand.

We are inclined to think that it was a lack of sense with Beattie, otherwise he would have framed up a better story than the one he gave.—Durham Herald.

The New York woman who has a \$25,000 anklet, evidently believes in saving something for a rainy day.

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BACK HOMERS ORGANIZE.

Patriotic Carolinians Gathered in Charlotte to Plan Great Movement.

Charlotte, Sept. 12.—With a goodly attendance of patriotic and quietly determined North Carolinians, the conference of the Back Home movement of this state opened this morning at 11 o'clock at the assembly hall of the Selwyn hotel. Most of the men in attendance at the executive officers of commercial organizations, newspaper editors, railway men, real estate men and merchants.

It was proposed at the meeting today to perfect an organization, the purpose of which shall be to prosecute a campaign of publicity and correspondence to the end that natives of this state who have wandered astray, and not only these, but people of other sections, who have never seen North Carolina, be brought here for the development of the unparalleled resources of this state. The morning session, which lasted until 1 o'clock, was taken up with short, earnest addresses on the proposed movement, a committee being appointed to formulate a plan of organization.

The address of welcome this morning was delivered by W. C. Dowd, editor of the Charlotte News, who reviewed the objects of the proposed movements, and heartily endorsed it. H. B. Varner, editor of the Lexington Dispatch, responded to the address of welcome in appropriate terms and was followed by F. W. LaBaume, of the Norfolk and Western railway, who has had much experience in such work as is proposed. Messrs. J. H. Aine, editor of the Asheville Citizen, and H. B. DePriest, editor of the Shelby Highlander, and Z. P. Smith, secretary of the Fayetteville chamber of commerce, also made addresses, all enthusiastically declaring that great results could be accomplished.

Hon. Lee S. Overman opened the afternoon session, delivering one of the most inspiring and intensely patriotic addresses ever delivered in the city of Charlotte. He extolled the past glories of the Old North State, and prophesied for her a glorious future. His speech abounded in statistics showing the wonderful progress she has made.

Organization was perfected under the name of "The North Carolina Home Makers' Association," and the following officers were elected: President—Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina. First Vice-President—W. C. Dowd, of the Charlotte News. Second Vice-President—Z. P. Smith, of Fayetteville. Executive Committee—Dr. J. H. Faison, of Charlotte; Fred A. Oddy, of Raleigh, and James H. Cain, of the Asheville Citizen.

Kitchin's Appointment of Mr. Foushee Live Topic.

Special to Greensboro News. Washington, Sept. 12.—North Carolina politicians here this week seem to think that Governor Kitchin made a grave political blunder in appointing H. A. Foushee, of Durham, as a successor to Judge J. Crawford Sims, of the Ninth Judicial district. A Granville county man said today that Governor Kitchin's appointment would surely lose him Granville county to Simmons. He says that had the governor appointed Senator Hicks he would have had a fair chance of carrying the county in the senatorial primary. But it will go for Simmons by a large majority.

"It was hardly expected," he said, "that the governor would give another appointment to the law firm of Manning and Foushee when so many eminently qualified lawyers were in the field, among these being A. Wayland Cooke, of Greensboro, and Senator Hicks, of Granville. Either of these two men would have filled the position with entire satisfaction to the state."

Local Firm Lands Contract.

Manager J. E. Davis, of the Concord Furniture Co., has received a notice from the treasury department at Washington stating that his firm has been awarded the contract to furnish Globe-Wardrobe filing cabinets in the new government building.



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