

## THIRD RAILROAD PURCHASED BY THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN.

Latest Acquisition is the Asheboro and Aberdeen Railroad from the Pages.

Saturday the Raleigh News and Observer announced that the Norfolk Southern Railway had purchased the Raleigh and Southport Railway and the Durham and Charlotte Railway and would at once proceed to connect the capital of the State with the prosperous town of Concord.

In Sunday's paper the announcement is made upon authority that the Norfolk Southern has also purchased from the Pages the Asheboro and Aberdeen Railroad. This will give the Norfolk Southern 605 miles of railroad in North Carolina, and when they connect up the properties they have bought they will have 800 miles in this State alone. They have 104 miles in Virginia.

The natural question that everybody is asking, says the News and Observer, is why the Norfolk Southern Railroad should buy the Aberdeen and Asheboro. In getting from Raleigh to Concord and Charlotte they do not need it at all for they can build from Raleigh to Charlotte by building a line from Fuquay Springs to Colon, they could use the Durham and Charlotte to Troy or Mt. Gilead, and will have therefore to build only from Troy or Mt. Gilead to Concord. Therefore the purchase of the Aberdeen and Asheboro Railroad must be regarded as having no direct connection with the line which the Norfolk Southern announced it is going to build from Raleigh to Concord. Then why did they buy it? The road as now conducted, runs in connection with the Southern road which has a branch line from High Point down to Asheboro. The Southern and the Asheboro and Aberdeen have a working arrangement by which the same crew runs through from High Point to Aberdeen. Now the Norfolk Southern has no use at all for the Aberdeen and Asheboro Railroad unless—and here is the big story that the people are talking about—unless it is their purpose to build from Asheboro to High Point on to Winston-Salem with a possible branch to Greensboro. They could run a line from Asheboro to High Point and get big freight from the start and when they get to High Point the tremendous freight business of Winston-Salem will be so inviting that it is probably already in their plans.

### SOME TALK AS TO ROUTE: RALEIGH ON TO CHARLOTTE.

The question of the exact route of the linking up of the Norfolk Southern's new purchases so as to make the link from Raleigh to Charlotte is being discussed in many quarters.

Parties conversant with the conditions to be met say that it is their opinion that the start from Raleigh on to Charlotte will be over the Raleigh and Southport Railroad as far as either Varina or Fuquay Springs, Wake county, and that from one of these points a short line will be built to the Colon and Charlotte Railroad. Then the route would be over the Durham and Charlotte to either Troy in upper Montgomery county, or Mt. Gilead in lower Montgomery county. If to Troy the next point would be to build to Albemarle in Stanly county, thence build to Mount Pleasant in Cabarrus, thence build to Concord, and to Charlotte. It is said by some that it will be very expensive to build over this route from Troy, that the Southern Railroad once figured on a line from Concord to Troy but were kept back by the cost as to grades. If this is so, then it might be that from Mt. Gilead at the end of the Durham and Charlotte Railroad the line would be extended to Concord and thence to Charlotte.

### WHAT THE DEAL MEANS.

Norfolk Southern Will Eventually Build to Connect With Norfolk & Western.

Raleigh, Nov. 19.—In the absence of positive statement of purpose by the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company officials as to their plans in the purchase of the Raleigh & Southport, Durham & Charlotte and the Asheboro & Aberdeen railroads, there is a settled conviction among the well-informed here that the plans not only include the establishment of through lines of road from Raleigh to Concord and Charlotte, but also the projection of a line westward, via High Point and Winston-Salem, to ultimately include the Elkin & Alleghany, which is building now to Sparta under the direction of President John A. Mills of the Raleigh & Southport, and has plans to push on westward across the Virginia line to connect with the Norfolk & Western for coal carrying and other heavy freight-hauling purposes.

For the Raleigh-Charlotte line there remains to be constructed new lines from Fuquay Springs to Colon to connect the Raleigh & Southport with the Durham & Charlotte, which

then gives a direct line to Troy, toward Charlotte. Then from Troy to Concord and Charlotte there must be a new extension. For the utilization of the Asheboro & Aberdeen for the western outlet, there must be an extension to High Point and Winston-Salem from Asheboro and then a linking up with the Elkin & Alleghany that the Norfolk Southern now controls most probably through the interests of John A. Mills.

### Stokes Case Ready For Trial.

New York, Nov. 20.—Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, the "show girls," who are charged with attempting to murder W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire owner of the Ansonia Hotel, will be placed on trial this week in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court. The case already has claimed widespread attention and the trial doubtless will be followed with much interest. The shooting of Stokes occurred on June 6 last, in the rooms occupied by the two young women in an uptown apartment house. The millionaire was shot three times and as a result was confined in a hospital for several weeks. The accused girls declared at the time that Stokes was endeavoring to recover a number of letters he had written to Miss Graham and that the shooting followed his attempt to take them by force. Stokes, on the other hand, maintained that Miss Graham and her friend endeavored to make him the victim of a blackmail plot and that he was deliberately shot when he refused to sign a check for \$25,000.

### Case of Railroad Hazing.

Spencer, Nov. 18.—An interesting case of "railroad hazing" came up for a hearing before Justice W. L. Ray in Spencer tonight. Henry Watson, an employee of the Southern Railway in Spencer, being charged with assaulting H. A. Bowers, a fellow employee. W. J. Burton and four other workmen were also charged with holding Bowers while Watson did the "padding." A large paddle made of a five-inch board one-half-inch thick and about four feet long was exhibited in the court and attracted much attention. It has been a custom to "initiate" new employees at the shops for a number of years and it is contended that the "hazing" was done in a friendly manner. Justice Ray admonished the score or more in court not to pursue the habit when objection is raised. The trial attracted an immense crowd. A small fine was placed on the defendants.

### Good Roads Congress in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 19.—A State-wide campaign for correlated systems of good roads will be formally launched here tomorrow with the assembling of the first American Good Roads Congress under the auspices of the National Association for Highway Improvement. Good roads organizations from Maine to Oregon have sent delegates.

Southern States especially are showing marked interest in the propaganda and are sending the largest delegations. One big delegation which started from Pinehurst, N. C., in automobiles, struck in the mud at Henderson, N. C. The automobiles were abandoned to the mire while the delegates took trains for Richmond to work for good roads with renewed vigor.

### Steel Investigation Resumed.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—The select committee of the House of Representatives that is investigating the United States Steel Corporation resumed its sessions in the capital today. It is expected the first inquiry will be directed toward the ore supply of the United States, of which it is alleged the Steel Corporation virtually has had a monopoly, and the rates charged for the transportation of ore by the steel trust roads in Minnesota. While the committee has not made its list of prospective witnesses, it has been understood for some time that Andrew Carnegie, J. Pierpont Morgan and several other of the most important men in the financial world will be summoned to testify.

### Some Conference Facts.

Members of the Western North Carolina Conference, 95,171; a gain of over 2,900 this year. Infants baptized 1,893; adults baptized, 2,912. Number of Epworth League members, 3,039; Sunday school members 80,941. Contributed for missions, \$43,600; gain of \$1,000; raised for support of preachers, \$170,595. Value of houses of worship, \$1,024,529.53; value of colleges, \$1,115,715; 82 professors; 1,444 students. The assessment for foreign missions is \$18,200 and for domestic missions is \$34,700 for next year; for Conference missionary secretary, \$1,250.

That he would rather be a drunkard and go to Judgment than a sinner of another was the remarkably forceful utterance of Bishop Hoes at a recent conference.

## WANT PEACE BOND FOR POLICEMAN BRASWELL.

Hearing Before Police Justice This Morning.—Testimony of the Witnesses.—Decision of Police Justice Reserved.

Recorder Puryear held a busy session of court this morning. There were five cases of minor importance disposed of before the Braswell case was called. In this case Mr. C. H. Watkins asked that the officer be placed under a peace bond. Mr. W. G. Means appeared for the policeman and Mr. H. S. Williams for Mr. Watkins. Mr. Watkins was the first witness. He testified that on or about the 10th of October the officer threatened to kill him, saying to him in front of the Cabarrus Drug Company, "If you open your mouth you'll be gray-headed. I'll kill you."

The witness testified further that he was with Mr. Charles Widenhouse on the night of November 6th and that they were on the sidewalk near his home when Policeman Braswell came up to them and told him that he had one of his fits and had just as soon be dead as alive and that when he got ready to kill him he was going to tell him about it and then do it. The witness said that the officer then cursed the preachers and churches of the city and said that he was through with them and never expected to pay another cent to them.

The witness was cross examined by Mr. Means and questioned as to Mr. Braswell, as to language used and as to an affidavit by which was said to have been made by the witness's wife. There was an objection to this part of the evidence and the court sustained the objection.

Mr. Charles Widenhouse was then called to the stand. He said that he was in company with Mr. Watkins on the night of November 6th and they met Mr. Braswell near Mr. Watkins' home. The witness repeated that part of the officer's conversation in regard to what Mr. Braswell said as to the churches and the preachers here. He said that the policeman said: "I can see why you have got it in for me but I can't see why Watkins has." The witness also testified that the officer said that he (Braswell) cursed on the streets and that he was a drinking man and fighting man and that it was nobody's business.

The witness was not cross examined. Rev. W. L. Hutchins was called to the stand. Mr. Hutchins testified in part that he met Braswell on the streets on the morning of November 7th and that the officer told him that he could not sleep and that he got up and met Widenhouse and Watkins and he told me of some of the things that were said in the conversation and said that if this kind of thing keeps up somebody will be hurt. Mr. Hutchins was not cross examined.

Mr. Robert Blackwelder was the next witness. He said: "I was talking to Mr. Braswell on Monday night before the election of police officers and he told me to tell Mr. Watkins to come down prepared as he was going to give him the d—whipping he ever carried."

Mr. Means asked the witness if Mr. Watkins did not ask him to sign an affidavit setting forth that Braswell used loud and profane language that could be heard a block away.

Mr. Blackwelder replied that he did and that he refused to sign it, adding that he heard the officer curse but not in a loud manner.

The defendant offered no testimony.

Police Justice Puryear stated after the arguments by attorneys had been concluded that he would reserve his decision. The verdict will hardly be given until Thursday as Mr. Means, counsel for the defendant, will be away attending Rowan superior court until that time.

### STREET CAR OFFICIALS HERE.

Extension of Line to Be Made as Soon as Rails, Which Have Been Ordered, Arrive.

Mr. Kentz, Mr. Downum and Mr. Roberts, of Pittsburg, Pa., Mr. L. H. Hole and J. P. Clarke, of New York, Mr. L. H. Clement, T. J. Jerome, T. H. Vanderford and W. F. McCanness, of Salisbury, and J. H. Andrews and J. H. Beitzel, of Greensboro, are here today looking over the street car situation. All of these gentlemen are stockholders in the company and are here inspecting the lines. The officials announce that the rails and materials for completing the mile and a half that is required to meet the conditions of the franchise have been ordered and that the work will begin as soon as they arrive.

The officials have not yet determined where the new lines will be put down other than they will go down South Union street. Surveys of several different routes have been completed and a definite route will likely be adopted within a few days.

## THE CHARGES AGAINST POLICEMAN BRASWELL.

Democrat States Why Petitioners Have Refrained From Filing Further Charges Against Him.

Editor Tribune: In your issue of the 15th inst., I notice an item in which you make the following statement: "No further charges have been filed against Policeman Braswell and it is exceedingly probable that the whole matter will be dropped."

Now, as a petitioner, I beg to state why we have refrained from filing further charges. We came before the board of city aldermen with a petition from two hundred tax payers of Forest Hill, neighbors and kinsmen of Mr. Braswell, asking that they would not re-appoint Mr. Braswell to the police force. The result was that we were denied a hearing on our petition, notwithstanding the constitutional rights that every man has to be heard who has a grievance, and Mr. Braswell was elected over our protest.

We have also been subjected to indignities and insults, with threats and intimidations that would remind one more of the days of the dark ages than that of a freedom of a civilized nation where all citizens are supposed to be equal before a court of justice. To this late day our petition has never been heard before the Honorable Board of Aldermen. Then why prefer other charges under such conditions?

If the court of inquiry could be induced to consider other charges against Mr. Braswell they may find something worth while by referring to the records of the city police court where he stands indicted on at least two charges. "DEMOCRAT." Concord, N. C., Nov. 20, 1911.

### Advertised Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the post-office at Concord for week ending November 20, 1911:

- Men: L. B. Burket, Luther Burket, Daniel Burket, Will Barry, W. Crump, Gladis Evry, S. Gray, Vester Galloway, R. S. Hall, Rev. A. Hanna, W. C. Henry, Walter Henry (2); James Henry Hobbs, A. H. Hooker, S. A. Johnson, Frank Jarvis, Rev. S. Jones, H. A. Klutz, Wade Love, Rev. D. H. Linn, Jno. Peetery, V. R. Parker (2), Thomas Parker, Ellis Smoot, Charles Seares, L. B. Rinehardt, William Reed, Gary Robinson, C. E. Robertson, Ellis Spry, J. C. Troutman.

- Women: Allie Bost, Mrs. Edith Carpenter, Mrs. Sarah Coble, Mary Dolham, Mrs. Ollie Eddleman, Mrs. Lula Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Leona Leazer (special delivery), Mrs. Jennie Miller, Mrs. Dolph Miller, Mrs. Sarah Peterson, Margaret A. Patterson, Mrs. Laura Pope, Esther Sumer, Ralis Southern, Emma Schenk, Susan Thom, Mrs. Nancy Williams. When calling for the above please say "Advertised."

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### Weekly Report of Concord Public Library.

Books taken out by adults.... 131  
Books taken out by children.... 52

Total . . . . . 183  
Books presented . . . . . 9  
No. borrowers added . . . . . 12

Senator F. M. Simmons has sent Proceedings in Statuary Hall, the Senate and House of Representatives Upon the Unveiling, Reception and Acceptance of the Statues of Hon. John C. Calhoun, and Gov. Frances H. Pierpont, Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of David A. De Armond, Messages and Documents 1910, 2 vols., and quite a handsome map of the United States.

MRS. J. D. LENTZ, Librarian.

### Woman's Exchange in Connection With the Library.

Beginning Monday, November 20th the Library Association will open a Woman's Exchange in connection with the Library. The membership certificate is \$1.00 per year. This certificate entitles the holder to enter any number of articles to be sold, 12 1-2 per cent, of sale price to go to the Public Library. Articles will be exhibited in a glass case and handled carefully. All kinds of fancy work, Christmas gifts, etc., will be received. Certificates can be secured from Mrs. Lentz at the Library. For further information phone Mrs. Zeb Moore, President of the Library Association.

### Meeting of Railroad Committee Tonight.

A meeting of the committee appointed to secure the railroad subscriptions will be held in Mr. Archie Cannon's office, opposite St. Cloud Hotel, tonight at 7 o'clock to take definite and final action. If you haven't signed up, see some member of the committee at once.

## A CABARRUS INVENTION.

Mr. John W. Carricker Receives Most Encouraging Reports From His Invention for Loading and Unloading.

Mr. John W. Carricker, of Carricker's, who has invented a swinging crane for loading and unloading, and who, as stated in this paper some days ago, forwarded a working model of his invention to a patent attorney in Washington, last week received from the attorney a most encouraging letter, and naturally Mr. Carricker feels mighty good about it. The attorney, Mr. Franklin H. Hough, writes that he has thoroughly examined the records of the Patent Office and finds that no patent has ever been issued showing the construction of the model sent by Mr. Carricker, and says the model certainly contains novelty of a patentable nature.

Mr. Carricker's invention is very ingenious and destined, no doubt, to become a most useful one. It is a swinging crane adapted for loading and unloading ships, cars, removing goods to or from buildings, and hoisting and transferring commodities from place to place with the greatest dispatch and with a comparative minimum of cost.

The invention, which one only needs to see to appreciate its value, comprises a derrick or crane adapted for hoisting. This is moved by gravity on a swinging beam, the inclination of the latter being regulated by windlass and cable.

Mr. Carricker on Saturday filled out and forwarded to Washington all the necessary papers in the case, and expects soon to receive notice that a patent has been issued him. He has already received a tentative offer of a large sum for his invention.

### The New Pastor of Central Church.

Rev. J. H. West, the new pastor of Central Methodist church, occupied the pulpit of his church yesterday morning and evening. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Plato Durham, the retiring pastor, who introduced Mr. West and his congregation to each other in terms most complimentary to both. A large audience greeted Mr. West at the morning service, and all who heard his sermon were much pleased with it. His pulpit manner and delivery were most pleasing, and his sermon was the plain, simple gospel told in a way that interested and held his hearers. Mr. West has served his fourth four-year term as pastor, and few pastors have made such a record as that. He left last night for Wadesboro, and expects to return to Concord next Friday afternoon with his family, consisting of his wife and young daughter. Concord will gladly welcome them.

### Notice.

Delegates going to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary convention, which meets at Frieden's church, two miles from Gibsonville, on the 25th of November, will please notify Mrs. C. L. Sockwell, Gibsonville, R. F. D., as soon as possible.

MISS ARIA RODGERS, Secretary.

Land posters for sale at The Times-Tribune office, 10 cents a dozen.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mr. E. L. Eldred spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Miss Ashlyn Lowe is visiting relatives in Fort Mill, S. C.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier is visiting relatives in Huntersville.

Mr. Ed. Lady, of Salisbury, is a visitor in the city today.

Mr. M. Cannon, of Albemarle, was a Concord visitor yesterday.

Mr. T. J. White is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

Mr. J. Locke Erwin has gone to Greensboro on a short business trip.

Rev. L. D. Miller returned Saturday from a week's visit to Hickory.

Mr. T. D. Maness has gone to Salisbury to attend Rowan superior court.

Miss Ha Thompson, of Salisbury, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Jones York.

Mr. F. C. Odell, of Greensboro, spent Sunday here with his father, Mr. W. R. Odell.

Mr. A. N. Hay, of Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city, the guest of Mr. J. W. Kime.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham, of Bessemer City, spent yesterday in the city with Mrs. Durham's mother, Mrs. J. M. Odell.

Mrs. Plato Durham is visiting friends in Charlotte. Mrs. Durham will go from Charlotte to her new home in Winston-Salem.

Miss Annie Kime, of Graham, is visiting her brother, Mr. John Kime.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cannon and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., have returned from Winston-Salem, where they have been visiting Mrs. J. B. Douglas.

William E. Dockery succeeds his lamented father, Col. Henry C. Dockery, as editor of the Rockingham Post.

## ABOUT THE NEW DEPOT.

Concord's Passenger Station to Be Erected as Soon as the Material Can Be Assembled Here.

Mayor Wagoner received the following letter from General Superintendent Forners, of the Southern Railway, which will be good news to every citizen of Concord:

Hon. C. B. Wagoner, Mayor, Concord, North Carolina.

My Dear Sir: With reference to our conferences concerning passenger station facilities at Concord.

We have arranged to begin, as soon as the material can be assembled at Concord, the construction of a brick passenger station along lines of accommodation, as discussed between us.

Yours, very truly,  
W. N. FORNERS,  
General Superintendent.

Charlotte, N. C., November 18, 1911.

Mr. J. S. Lemmonds, superintendent of construction, and Superintendent H. L. Foreacre, of the Southern Railway, are here today, to receive bids for grading for the new depot. Several contractors have placed their bids and the work will begin at once. The new station will be located a short distance below the present one. Mr. John M. Porter, a contractor of Charlotte, is here with the party.

### Death of Mr. John Schliemann.

A letter from New York to Mr. T. L. Bost received a few days ago brought the news of the death of Mr. John Schliemann, of that city, which occurred last week. Mr. Schliemann is well known by a large number of our people as he has been coming to Cabarrus with Mr. James Shevlin for the past 25 years or more to hunt. He was much liked by all who knew him and scores of people in this county will regret to learn of his death.

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