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NORFOLK SOUTHERN IS COMING TO CONCORD.

No Credence Given to Yarn Sent Out From Washington That Concord is to Be on Spur Line.

In a newspaper story sent out from Washington and published in the morning papers the correspondent makes the statement that "it is said that if the Norfolk Southern goes straight from Mount Gilead to Charlotte a spur will be built to connect with Concord."

This statement is not given the slightest credence locally as the men here familiar with the railroad situation know that there has never been the slightest intimation of such a course on the part of the railroad officials. On the other hand they have the assurance of Mr. Duncanson that the road will be built to Concord and that this will be on a trunk line. More than this the agreement between the officials of the road and the city of Concord at a mass meeting at the court house when Mr. Duncanson, Mr. Barr and ex-Governor Aycock were here specifically stated that Concord was to be on the trunk line.

Mr. Duncanson told the citizens here that if the guarantee was raised the road would come to Concord and since that he has given out the official statement to the effect that the road would come here.

So far Concord is the terminus of the road according to the information as given out by Mr. Duncanson, although he and his associates have made a proposition to Charlotte similar to the one made here and if the citizens of the Queen City follow the progressive step of the citizens here and succeed in raising a guarantee it is likely that the road will be constructed on from Concord to Charlotte, although this is mere conjecture. It was published at one time that the road would go to Charlotte, but in an interview in that city yesterday Mr. Duncanson stated that "the definite statement was premature."

Senator and Governor Apprehensive of War Between U. S. and Russia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—That the action of the United States in abrogating the Russian treaty of 1832 today may precipitate a war with that country was declared by both United States Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, and Governor Mann of Virginia, in speeches at the annual dinner of the New Jersey society of Pennsylvania here last night. Senator Heyburn said that where the cause was just he stood ready to follow the American passport into any foreign land with "our constitution, our flag and a cannon."

Governor Mann expressed his belief that the signs of the times point to a struggle with Russia in the near future and he stirred the audience by announcing that if such conditions ever came to pass he himself would be willing and ready to go out at the head of a regiment of Virginia soldiers. "Whether it be President Taft or some other President, perhaps a son of New Jersey," said the governor, "his call will be responded to by Virginia and I can say every State in the South. If necessary, I will go to the front and will also send my son. I say this merely to show the patriotism of the South and to prove that sectionalism is a thing of the past."

Liver Munch—And Folks.

Catawba County News.
"You know you can tell people by the liver munch they make and sell!" asked a dealer of a newspaper man.
"All I know is that some of it's not so good as it might be," was the reply. "Well, there now," continued the dealer. "Here's some that came from a certain family and it's good. It's got the 'fixins' in it—the 'vegetation,' as the feller says. Here's another cake that is plain corn meal slightly greasy. I paid the same price for both; but I'll never buy any more from the 'corn meal' party. Five cents a pound is a bit too much for meal. I can't afford it."
Saying which he sliced off three pounds of the poorer quality to fill an order and sent it away.

Meeting of North Carolina Classes.

Newton, N. C., Dec. 19.—There will be a meeting of the North Carolina Classes of the Reformed Church in Lexington the 27th at 10 a. m. to consider the resignation and call of Rev. D. C. Cox from Mount Gilead to the Guilford charge, and of the resignation and call of Rev. D. E. Bowers from the Bethel Zion charge to the Wauchope charge and also to receive Mr. Harvey A. Pesperman as a candidate for the ministry.

The marble busts of Governors Samuel Johnston and John M. Morehead that are to occupy the two remaining niches on the first floor of the rotunda of the State house at Raleigh, arrived Tuesday and are ready to be placed in position for unveiling.

AN ELEGANT RECEPTION.

Given in Honor of Mr. E. S. Sanders and Miss Grace Brown by the Messrs. and Mesdames Brown.

The elegant reception last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Brown tendered to Miss Grace Brown and Mr. E. S. Sanders marked a fitting climax to the many social events that have preceded the wedding of honor guests, which will be solemnized at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

The reception was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brown and about one hundred guests called during the evening, the hours being from 8 to 10 o'clock.

The attractiveness of the home was greatly enhanced by the beautiful decorations, consisting of many elaborate designs of the season's decorations which were most appropriately displayed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Brown, Miss Grace Brown and Mr. R. S. Sanders, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Misses Blanche Brown, Blanche Gray, Hazel Elliott and Helen Alston composed the receiving line, being stationed in the hall. They were then ushered to the punch room by Miss Louise Means, where delicious punch was poured by Mrs. Fred Barkley, of Gastonia. Miss Maude Brown escorted the guest to the dining room, where they were seated with cranberry ice, turkey, beaten biscuit pickles, coffee, tea and mints by Misses Marguerite and Lucy Brown, Mary Bingham and Mary Fountain, tea being poured by Mrs. M. L. Brown and coffee by Mrs. James Gibson.

Not Liable For Rebates.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 18.—Judge J. C. Pritchard, of the Western North Carolina district, entered three orders in the United States Circuit Court today dismissing the suits of the State of North Carolina against the Seaboard Air Line, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern Railway instituted in 1907 to enforce the 2-cent passenger rate in that State. Pending a decision in the case, which went through all courts, purchasers of tickets at 3 1/2 cents a mile were given coupons rebating 1 1/2 cents a mile.
By the decrees entered today the railroads are not held liable for these coupons.
The order will be sent to Wilmington, Raleigh and Asheville to be entered.
While the case was going through the several courts the State and the railroads agreed upon a 2 1/2-cent rate, which now continues.

Senate Supports Taft.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Senate by a unanimous vote tonight formally ratified President Taft's notification to Russia of the termination of the treaty of 1832. The Lodge joint resolution reported by the foreign relations committee as a substitute for the Sulzer resolution that passed the House, 300 to 1, was adopted after an all-day debate over Russian discriminations against the Jews of America. The House tomorrow is expected to agree to the Senate measure.

30 Men Fight in City Park: One Dead and Two Dying.

New York, Dec. 19.—Twenty men, most of them masked or disguised, met in two squads in Thomas Jefferson Park on the water front here early today and began shooting with revolvers. When the police appeared, the men fled in every direction, leaving one dead and two in a dying condition.

Five men were captured, but refused to give an explanation of the extraordinary affair. All were foreigners and no names have been secured.

Highest Price for Butter and Eggs.

New York, Dec. 19.—Butter and eggs are selling here at the highest prices in ten years. Eggs bring 44 to 56 cents wholesale and 48 to 75 cents retail, while the price of butter ranges from 38 to 40 cents wholesale and from 40 to 50 cents retail. Reports from all producing sections indicate still higher prices within a month. Dealers contend that the threatened cold storage legislation is largely responsible.

Ensign Young Goes to Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Ensign Robert S. Young, who was sick and confined to a government hospital for several months, is well now, and has been ordered to the Philippines. During his illness here his mother, Mrs. Robert S. Young, of Concord, was with him much of the time.

A traveler who has been in China during the failures in which it is impossible for the audience to sympathize with anybody on the stage.

TO DIE FOR HORRIBLE CRIME.

Man to Die Friday for the Murder of Three Women, One of Them His Wife.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Only a respite from Governor Slaton can save from the gallows J. C. Hunter, the triple murderer whose fight for life has been the most remarkable in the criminal annals of Chatham county. For nearly two years Hunter has been confined in the Savannah jail while eminent legal talent has worked to have the verdict of death set aside. Three times he has been granted a respite when almost ready to mount the gallows. Meanwhile the case was carried to the supreme court of Georgia, which body by a unanimous vote refused to interfere with the verdict of the trial court. Hope that Governor Slaton might grant a respite is now practically abandoned and it is generally believed that the condemned man will be executed day after tomorrow.

Hunter's crime was the murder of three women in a house on Perry street in this city on December 10, 1909. One of the victims was his wife, from whom he was separated. The other victims of the man's jealousy were Mrs. Eliza Gribble, 70 years old, and her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Ohlander. The three women were literally hacked to pieces with an axe.

A peculiar feature of the case was the general assumption that the crime was that of a negro assailant. Following the statement of neighbors that a negro was seen to leave the house occupied by Mrs. Gribble and her daughter, where Mrs. Hunter was living temporarily, the police began to round-up negro suspects. Within twenty-four hours 150 negroes were taken into custody.

Hunter, the husband of one of the victims, was arrested a few days after the crime. At midnight he was taken to the morgue to look upon the dead face of his wife. He was asked if he desired to kiss her and did so. Throughout the terrible ordeal he showed no signs of fear or emotion other than sobbing.

Hunter's trial resulted in a verdict of guilty and a sentence of death. Then began the long legal battle to save the life of the condemned man. In February, 1910, Bingham Bryan, a negro, made his entry into the famous case, with the result that public opinion as to Hunter's guilt was considerably divided for a time. Bryan had been arrested in the general raid made on the negro quarters following the Perry street murders. Investigation of his movements brought to light nothing to connect him with the triple tragedy, but he was held in jail on a minor charge. Several months later he "confessed" to having murdered Mrs. Gribble, Mrs. Ohlander and Mrs. Hunter. According to his statement he entered the house bent on robbery and carrying a hammer as a weapon. Mrs. Gribble caught him in the kitchen. He said he struck her several times with the hammer before she died. Then, he declared, the daughter ran in, and after striking her down with his fist, he beat her with the hammer. As he was trying to leave the house the third woman came in and grabbed him. He said he caught her by the throat and choked her and struck her with the hammer.

Bryan's confession was made in detail and at the time was generally accepted as clearing up the mystery of the murders. For more than a year the negro was kept in jail while a legal controversy waged over the question whether he or the convicted husband of Mrs. Hunter was guilty of the three murders. The battle ended finally in the release of the negro and confirmation of the verdict of guilty found against Hunter.

"Lighthouse" for the Blind.

New York, Dec. 20.—President Taft and a blind woman, Miss Grace Keator, who is president of the new lighthouse for the blind in East Fifty-ninth street this afternoon. The ceremony marked the beginning of actual construction on a building unlike any institution in the world—a settlement house exclusively for blind people. Joseph H. Choate presided at the laying of the cornerstone. In addition to President Taft the speakers included W. I. Scandlin, the blind president of the Taft Man's Self-Improvement Club of New York, and Dr. John H. Finley, president of the College of the City of New York, who is also president of the New York Association for the Blind.

After a conference with President Taft, Attorney General Wickersham announced Tuesday that Charles W. Morse would not be pardoned and his case would not be considered unless his condition became more critical. He said Morse was in no danger of death, according to official reports.

Use our Penny Column—It Pays.

\$4,000,000 TO BE SPENT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

This for the Purpose of Connecting Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds.—Senator Simmons Confident Congress Will appropriate the Money.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The board of army engineers in its report made public today is full of interest and of great importance to the people of North Carolina. The board makes recommendations which call for an expenditure for improvement of waterways in eastern North Carolina of approximately \$4,000,000. It is recommended that the government purchase the Chesapeake and Albemarle canal which connects the North Carolina sounds with Chesapeake bay. Under authority of the provisions inserted in the last river and harbor bill by Senator Simmons, the Secretary of war is directed to contract for the purchase of the canal selected by this board, and the fact that the engineers have recommended the North Carolina canal, makes its purchase certain.

The board recommends that the canal be reconstructed at once so as to give a depth of 12 feet and bottom width of 90 feet. The total cost for this work is limited to \$2,733,000; but the depth of the canal recently cut from the North Carolina sounds to Beaufort is increased in depth from 10 to 12 feet at a cost of \$397,500. The board recommends that the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds be connected by a canal through Hyde county via the Alligator river and Rose bay route at a cost of \$2,216,000. When this work is completed it will give a depth of 12 feet at low water and would mean between 13 and 14 feet at high water from Norfolk to Beaufort at a total cost of \$5,441,500, which added to the \$550,000 cost of the canal at Beaufort already constructed will make a total expenditure of \$6,000,000.

Senator Simmons is very confident the present session of congress will appropriate the money not only to pay for the old Albemarle and Chesapeake canal, but also for the work recommended by the board. "When this work is finished," said Senator Simmons, "it will release from its land-locked condition about 3,800 miles of navigable North Carolina inland water and makes it navigable for interstate and international transportation and commerce instead of the present condition which is confined practically to local and neighborhood transportation."

The unbotting of these 3,000 miles of navigable water is of tremendous importance not only from a commercial standpoint, but from the point of railway rate regulation, as it will bring these navigable waterways into active and effective competition with the railways. Senator Simmons has been at work on this proposition for a long time, and the favorable report of the board of engineers is due to the activity of the junior senator, who has lost no opportunity to put before the board every bit of available information to aid them in a favorable report.

Call Meeting of Synod to Be Held Tuesday January 16.

Salisbury Post, 19th.
Dr. M. M. Kinard, president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, South, announces today a call meeting of the synod to be held in St. Mark's church, China Grove, Tuesday, January 16, 1912. President Kinard, it will be remembered, was authorized to call this extra session of the Synod by the executive committee which met in Salisbury yesterday.

The object of the call session is to determine upon the matter of rebuilding Mont Amoena Seminary and to consider the future of the institution.

Privett is Fined.

Monroe, Dec. 19.—Martin Privett was fined in the recorder's court here this morning in the sum of \$35 and the costs, which amounted to \$27.50. Privett appealed. The jury last night brought in a verdict of guilty and recommended the mercy of the court. Recorder R. L. Stevens reserved judgment until today. In placing the fine the recorder reprimanded Privett for his brutal attack upon a man in the dark while he was unarmed and intoxicated. The fact of Smith being in Privett's yard alone caused the light judgment.

Brown Mill Pays 5 Per Cent. Semi-Annual Dividend.

A meeting of the directors of the Brown Manufacturing Co., was held in the offices of the company here yesterday. A semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. was declared and ordered paid. Among the out-of-town directors here for the meeting were: Mr. E. H. Johnson, of Rockhill, and Messrs. C. W. Johnson and R. W. Stokes, of Charlotte.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mr. Lee Foil, of Mount Pleasant, spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Miss Mary Plastre, of Enochville, is a visitor in the city today.

Miss Ella Moose, of Mount Pleasant, spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Rev. L. D. Miller, of Mount Pleasant, is a visitor in the city today.

Miss Mary Fountain, of Alabama, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Gibson.

Miss E. C. Harmon, of Baltimore and New York, is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Gibson.

Mrs. Jas. McDonald, of Charlotte, is over for the holidays, with her daughter, Mrs. R. K. Black.

Mr. Archie Brown has returned from a two weeks' stay in Reidsville, where he sold a car load of horses.

Miss Ethel Hooks, of Dunn, will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Archibald.

Mr. Lloyd Dayvault, of Lane City, Texas, will arrive Sunday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends here.

Mr. John Foil, of Lynchburg, will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays here, the guest of his brother, Mr. W. A. Foil.

Messrs. Lester D. Coltrane, Jr., and Charles Wadsworth arrived last night from A. & M. College to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Dr. William H. Wadsworth arrived last night from Philadelphia to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wadsworth.

Dr. Gilman Glover, of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived last night to attend the Sanders-Brown wedding. Dr. Glover will be best man.

Mr. Lee McAllister, of Shelby, passed through the city yesterday en route to Mount Pleasant, where he will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. Foy Fisher, of A. and M. College, Raleigh, arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher, of No. 3 township.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Haywood returned yesterday from Raleigh, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Haywood's father, the late Dr. F. J. Haywood.

Miss Josephine Smith has returned from Richmond, where she has been for five weeks with her mother, Mrs. T. T. Smith, of Charlotte, who is in a hospital there.

Mesdames P. B. Means and Kate Noell have gone to Providence to spend the holidays with Mrs. Means' daughter, Mrs. W. R. Kimball. They will be joined there by Mrs. Laura Galloway, of Washington.

Pity For Filipinos Wasted.

New York, Dec. 17.—Filipinos are not a tight lacing people, don't hobble when they walk and aren't asking for anyone's pity, according to William F. Paek, governor of the mountain province of the Philippine Islands, who sailed yesterday for Manila. He has been visiting relatives at Centerville, Mich.

"Nobody need pity the poor inhabitants of the Philippines," he said. "Pity, like charity, ought to begin at home; for pity for the savages will be wasted. The Filipinos are neither a worrying nor a tight lacing people, and when they walk they walk, they don't hobble. It isn't fashionable to hobble down there."

"They don't ride in taxis because they haven't any, and going to the opera is a thing unheard of. Their faults aren't refined vices, and their faults are not excused because they are the faults of a fashionable set."

More Dynamite Unearthed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—Twenty-five sticks of high power dynamite were found by a gardener late to lay buried in shrubbery at the residence of Arthur Letts, owners of two of the largest department stores in Los Angeles.

After an investigation the police announced their belief that the dynamite had been placed in the yard by someone who wanted to get rid of it. There was nothing to indicate that any attempt was to have been made to blow up the Letts residence. No caps or fuses were found.

Two men who were seen loitering around the Letts mansion at noon are being sought by the police but the latter admit that the can containing the explosives had been buried for some time.

We have missed the comic section of the Congressional Record for the last few months and are glad to know that the sporting editors are all back on the job.

EXTENDING THE STREET CAR LINE.

Definite Routes Decided Upon.—Down South Union Street for Half a Mile.—From Locke Mill to Gibson Mill by Graded School No. 2.

After going thoroughly over a number of surveys of various proposed lines for extending the street car line the officials of the Company have definitely decided upon the following route:

To begin at the end of the present line on North Union street at the Locke mill and extend out Buffalo street by the oil mill and graded school No. 2 to North Kerr street. From North Kerr to McGill and down McGill to the railroad crossing at Depot street down South Union street for one-half mile.

The rails are already here and an order has been placed for 8,000 cross ties, several car loads of which have arrived. Two track men and two squads of laborers have been employed and the officials of the company say they will begin work immediately after Christmas.

At just what point the line will end on South Union street, generally referred to by the residents as the "big end of town," is not known, but it is the purpose of the company to extend it for a half mile in that direction.

On the section of track from the square to the corner of the Lutheran church T rails will be used. When sections of track outlined above is completed the company will have fully complied with the franchise as granted them by the city.

"Battle Abbey" Contract Awarded.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.—Announcement is made that the contract for the erection in this city of the Confederate Memorial institute, popularly known as the "Battle Abbey," had been awarded to a Philadelphia contractor, the lowest bidder. The building, which is to be completed within twelve months, will be the permanent repository for all Confederate mementoes.

John Bigelow Dead.

New York, Dec. 19.—John Bigelow, author, journalist, diplomat, known as the "Grand Old Man of America," died at his home here today from bladder trouble. He was 94 years old and until recently was in splendid health.

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