

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TO COME HERE

BRANCH LINE WILL BE BUILT TO THIS CITY.

Mr. E. C. Duncan Told Mr. George W. Best That This Will Be Done.—Our People Will See What They Will See.

Mr. George W. Best, of LaGrange, who is spending some time here with his daughter, Mrs. B. P. Benson, brings interesting information concerning the Norfolk Southern railroad and Concord. Mr. Best states that he was talking with Mr. Duncan about a month ago and that Mr. Duncan said the main line of the Norfolk Southern would not come by Concord, but that after it was completed, it was probable that a branch line would be built here.

This is an interesting bit of railroad talk so far as the people here are concerned. There is no doubt that a branch line would be welcomed here, although there will be hardly as many thrills over it as was wasted by the people over the false promises made by the officials over the coming of the main line.

Mr. Best is a well known citizen of LaGrange and the fact that the information concerning the branch line comes through him makes it all the more interesting.

Maine Republican Again.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 1.—After an interval of two years, during which time the entire affairs of the State have been in the hands of the Democrats, the Republican party resumed sway in Maine today with the inauguration of William T. Haines, Republican, as governor, and the assembling of a Republican legislature. The first work of the legislature will be to elect a successor to United States Senator Obadiah Gardner, a Democrat appointed by Governor Plaisted to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator Frye. The contest for the toga promises to be an interesting one.

The ordinary course of events in the Maine campaign would go to ex-Congressman Edwin C. Burleigh, who was endorsed for the senatorship in the Republican primaries last June. But an element of doubt is added to the situation by the presence of a number of Progressives among the Republican members of the legislature. The senatorial primary was held before the organization of a third party and now the Progressives claim that they are in no way bound to respect the results of the Republican primary. Senator Gardner entertains a hope that he may be re-elected through a combination of the Democrats and Progressives. Mr. Burleigh, on the other hand, is confident there are enough Republican votes on joint ballot to bring about his own election.

Democratic Governor in Michigan.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 1.—This has been a gala day for Michigan Democrats. They turned out in force to do honor to the first Democratic governor the State has had in twenty-two years, Woodbridge M. Ferris. Thousands of visitors were in the city, including large delegations from Detroit and other cities. The scene of enthusiasm which followed the new governor's appearance at the front of the stand, which was erected on the east porch of the capitol, in view of thousands, was one long to be remembered. Chief Justice Moore administered the oath of office to Governor Ferris. A salute of 17 guns fired by the First battalion field artillery marked the conclusion of the ceremonies, following which Governor Ferris and Chase S. Osborn, the retiring governor, held a reception for the State officials and members of the legislature.

Governor Sulzer Inaugurated.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—William Sulzer was inaugurated as governor of New York at noon today. In accordance with the expressed wish of the new governor all military display was dispensed with and the induction ceremonies were of the simplest character. Governor Sulzer took the oath of office in the assembly chamber in the presence of the State officials and members of the legislature. Visitors from many parts of the State filled the galleries. Following the oath of office came the address of the retiring governor and the response of the latter, both brief. As soon as the inauguration ceremonies were concluded the two houses of the legislature adjourned to their respective chambers and proceeded to the work of organization.

Senator Overman Sitting Up.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Overman is now sitting up every day. His physician has recommended a month's rest for him but he does not want to leave Washington. Mrs. Overman will return Monday from Baltimore and may persuade him to change his mind.

THE PARCELS POST.

Uncle Sam's Contribution to Reduce the High Cost of Living.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Uncle Sam's scheme to assist Mr. Ultimate Consumer in coping with the high cost of living went into effect today. The parcels post was inaugurated throughout the nation; the federal government began its competition against the express companies.

Telegrams from postmasters to the Postoffice Department here today indicated that the general public has taken hold of the parcels plan with enthusiasm. The first day's business promises to be of an enormous magnitude.

Uncle Sam's "express business" is expected to aid in cheaper marketing of food products and to lessen transportation cost in small packages—the sort of matter in which the express companies have heretofore had a practical monopoly, because of the high postage rate. The United States is one of the last of the world's great nations to adopt the parcels post. The plan has been in operation in European countries for several years.

As with express packages the rates under the parcels post plan depend on the distance the mail matter is sent. Packages weighing four ounces or less will be sent at the old flat postage rate of one cent an ounce, to all sections of the country. The largest package mailable under the parcels post is eleven pounds.

The minimum rate under the new plan will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound to any point not exceeding fifty miles from the office of mailing. The local rate, which is five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound, applies to all parcels the delivery of which does not involve their transportation on railway lines—and this means on rural routes or local carriers' rounds.

The rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones, into which the Postoffice Department has divided the country, the maximum rate being twelve cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent or to any of the possessions of this country. All parcels must not be more than 6 feet long or 6 feet in girth.

A mailable parcel may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50.

The United States has been divided into units, thirty miles square. There are eight zones surrounding each unit, the last zone including the Philippine Islands and the farthermost places on this continent. An eleven pound package to the islands will cost \$1.32.

The parcels post is far more comprehensive than the average person thinks. It is possible under it to send almost any kind of package other than explosives, poisons, fire arms, intoxicating beverages, or obscene matter.

Among the mailable matter are: Butter, eggs, vegetables, lard, fresh meats, groceries, medicines, pastes, salves, seeds of fruit, nursery stock, candies, confectionery, yeast cakes, soap, flour, meal, millinery, toys, musical instruments, salted, dried and smoked meats, ink powders, pepper, snuff and paper.

Of instructions in wrapping packages, the Postoffice Department puts particular stress on the shipment of eggs. Each egg must be wrapped separately and surrounded with excelsior, cotton, or other suitable material, and packed in a container made of double corrugated pasteboard, metal or wood in such manner as to place each egg on its end and to prevent them from striking together or against the side or top of the container. They must be so closely wrapped that even in case one should break there would be no leakage out in the other mail.

Parcels post packages are stamped and mailed just as other mail matter—the only difference being that special stamps must be used. Packages prepaid with ordinary stamps will be carried at regular mail rates, any difference being collected from the addressee. The parcels post stamps are all green and measure one by one one-half inches—a new size in government stamps. They are obtainable in nearly all denominations up to \$1—the subjects of the engravings being:

- 1-cent, "Postoffice Clerk."
- 2-cent, "City Carrier."
- 3-cent, "Railway Postal Clerk."
- 4-cent, "Rural Carrier."
- 5-cent, "Mail Train."
- 10-cent, "Steamship and Mail Tender."
- 13-cent, "Automobile Service."
- 20-cent, "Aeroplane Carrying Mail."
- 25-cent, "Manufacturing."
- 50-cent, "Dairying."
- 75-cent, "Harvesting."
- \$1.00, "Fruit Growing."

In order that the postmaster in every city and his patrons may see exactly what the charges are for packages, every postoffice has been furnished with special "zone" and "unit" maps showing the exact scale of charges for packages sent to any destination from that particular office. Preparation of these maps has kept the Department busy for several days.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

Christmas Presents to Miss Bones.—Several Person Notes of Interest.

Mr. Junie Goldston, who is attending Leakeville Business College, is spending the holidays in Concord with his mother, Mrs. J. L. Goldston. Mr. Carl Phillips, of Lenoir, S. C., spent a few days last week in Concord with his father on McGill street.

Mr. T. R. Peninger and daughter, Helen, have returned to their home in Sharon, S. C., after spending several days in the city at the home of Mr. S. C. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bangle and Miss Neta Watkins, of Charlotte, spent the holidays last week in this city with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watkins.

Mr. Presley Tyson and daughter, Dora, of Mt. Gilead, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with Mrs. J. L. Goldston.

Mrs. W. T. Linker and Miss Bertha Linker returned yesterday from China Grove, where they have been visiting Mrs. Linker's father, Mr. W. T. Howell.

Mr. Marshall Goldston spent Saturday in Bessemer City with friends. Mr. Jas. A. Fowler returned yesterday from Haw River, where he had been visiting his brother, Mr. Jno. A. Fowler, for a week.

Mr. C. E. Stratford, of Charlotte, spent Saturday in the city with friends.

Messrs. W. A. Wilkinson and Vic Widenhouse left yesterday for Amity where they will spend several days bird hunting.

Mr. J. E. Hulon, who has been living in Concord for nearly a year, has given up his work here and gone to Buie's Creek to attend school.

Mr. G. P. Pooty has returned to Concord after spending a week in Hickory with his parents.

Mr. R. D. Mabry and daughter, Miss Myrtle Mabry, returned to Concord yesterday, after spending several days in Albemarle with relatives.

Mr. Chas. Kizzah returned to his home in Spray yesterday, after spending a week in the city with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Kizzah, on North Union street.

Mr. Wm. B. Morgan, of Burlington, spent Saturday here with his father, Mr. A. W. Morgan.

Mr. Julius Baker, of Rockingham, spent last week in Concord with friends.

Mr. John Bowden, of Raeford, spent Friday and Saturday in Concord with Mr. George Ballard.

Several of the overseers at the Locke Mill were presented with handsome Christmas presents by their held. Mr. J. F. Brown, spinning overseer, received a handsome emblem ring, which was presented by Rev. W. M. Robbins; Mr. A. C. West received a highly prized gun case. These two gifts were presented by Supt. W. P. Holt. Mr. Jno. A. Goodman received a watch fob, which was presented by Mr. P. B. Raiford, Sr.

Mrs. J. H. Kizzah is spending this week in Spencer with her son, Mr. John Hatly.

No More Rushing the Growler.

Washington, Jan. 1.—With the beginning of the new year the inhabitants of the District of Columbia are resolved that they will no longer indulge in the practice of "rushing the growler." The good resolution, however, is not due to any conscientious scruples, but to a drastic regulation adopted by the excise board of the District of Columbia. The new regulation, which went into operation today, forbids any saloonkeeper to sell anything not to be drunk on the premises "except in original packages." The latter classification is interpreted by the board to mean bottles and the human stomach. The members of the board specifically state that it is their design to abolish the "bucket trade."

The White Squaw.

There is probably no character in history that has been more abused, burlesqued and falsely presented than the American Indian. It has remained for Della M. Clarke in her romantic American drama, "The White Squaw," to show the Aborigine as he really was and is. Miss Clarke has not written an "Indian play," but a story for the stage as sweet and wholesome as a clover field in bloom and she has made the Redskin a part and parcel of it. "The White Squaw" will be seen at the Concord opera house on next Friday night, January 3, by an excellent company among whom are: Clara Greenwood, Dorothy Quincy, Clinton P. Ferry, Max Fisher, W. F. Kohman, and Wm. Barber.

Dates for Confederate Reunion.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 31.—General Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief, Adjutant-General Siekle and other officers of the United States Confederate veterans, met here today with local committee and selected May 27, 28 and 29, as the dates for the annual Confederate reunion here in 1913. The visitors were honor guests of the chamber of commerce at a luncheon.

Mr. Jack Wadsworth is spending the day in Charlotte.

"LET'S SEE WHAT'S IN IT"



WEDDING LAST EVENING.

Miss Pearl Barrier Becomes the Bride of Mr. Oscar Sappenfeld.

Last evening at 7:30 o'clock a very pretty and impressive ceremony took place at the home of Mr. D. F. Barrier on South Union street, when Miss Pearl Barrier became the bride of Mr. Oscar Sappenfeld. The ceremony, which was witnessed by the immediate families of the young couple and a few intimate friends, took place in the north parlor and was performed by Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church. Just before the ceremony Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, a gifted vocalist, rendered a solo in a beautiful way. The bride entered on the arm of her father, Mr. D. F. Barrier, and her sister, Mrs. S. K. Neal, was dame of honor. Mr. W. A. Sappenfeld, brother of the groom, was best man.

After the ceremony punch and other refreshments were served in the south parlor. Here the presents were displayed, there being a large collection, which attested the popularity of the young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Sappenfeld left last night for Florida, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will be at home in Charlotte after January 15.

RECEPTION THIS EVENING.

Mrs. J. W. Cannon to Receive at Her Home on North Union Street at 8 O'clock.

Mrs. J. W. Cannon will receive this evening at 8 o'clock at her home on North Union street. Each New Year's evening for several years Mrs. Cannon has received at her elegant home and the receptions have always been attended by large numbers and have been of surpassing interest socially. The following will receive this evening:

Messrs. J. W. Cannon, M. L. E. T., J. F. C. A. and J. W. Cannon, Jr., D. E. Coltrane, E. C. Barnhardt, D. I. Best, A. J. York, W. E. G. Robinson, W. R. Odell, B. E. Harris, C. J. Harris, J. C. Wadsworth, Richmond Reed, S. J. Ervin, J. F. Goodman, A. R. Howard and R. S. Young and Misses Jenn Coltrane, Ellen Gibson, Elizabeth Coltrane, Anna Branson, Mary Branson Coltrane, Laura McGill Cannon, Miss Rae, of Charlotte, Miss Julian, of Thomasville, Blanche Brown, Ashley Lowe, Marie Caldwell, Myrtle Pemberton and Alice Brown.

Widow Wants Another Soldier With Pension.

Washington, Jan. 1.—A Wisconsin soldier's widow in a letter to Commissioner of Pensions Davenport expresses the wish today that his bureau had combined with it a matrimonial agency through which she might recruit another soldier husband.

"I wish you were compelled to find me another nice old soldier," she writes, "with good and good pension, for I guess I'll have to find another to make me happy. My husband said he could not have suited himself better if he'd hunted the whole United States over."

"God gave me a dandy disposition but left the fine looks out. I never scold, grumble or find fault and that is true and I was born that way. If you was a matrimonial agency I'd send my description but you're only a commissioner and a dandy one too."

Dynamiters Begin Sentences.

Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 1.—The train carrying the thirty-three union officials convicted in the dynamite conspiracy arrived at the federal prison at 7 o'clock today, and the prisoners began serving their sentences.

Leavenworth, Jan. 1.—The prisoners started to learn the book of prison rules. Each man was attired in prison garb and given a number. An all night vigil was kept by guards on the special train.

Threatened Strike of Hotel Workers Falls.

New York, Dec. 31.—The strike of the International Hotel Workers' Union, called this afternoon in this city, died with the old year tonight. Tired from the busiest moment of the year when hotels and restaurants were overflowing with the New Year's Eve crowd it sputtered a bit during the early evening and finally fizzled out altogether.

Less than 500 men, the hotel keepers estimated, quit work. In three famous hotels where 10,000 persons kept midnight vigil there was not the slightest indication of a strike; in nearly all the Broadway and Harlem restaurants the usual force smaller places some slight inconvenience was caused, but the total was trivial.

King George Causes Some Disappointment.

London, Jan. 1.—Considerable disappointment was felt today because King George failed to knight Johnston Forbes Robertson and raise James Bryce to a peerage.

Sulzer Inaugurated.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Short and simple ceremonies marked the inauguration of William Sulzer as the forty-second governor of the Empire State today.

Mrs. L. E. Doper is spending the day in Charlotte.

MT. PLEASANT POSTOFFICE.

Three Candidates for the Position.—Office in the Fourth Class.

A political rumor from Mount Pleasant is to the effect that there will be three candidates for the postoffice, Rev. Paul Barringer, Messrs. C. G. Heilig and John R. McAllister. All three of the men are well known citizens of Concord's neighbor on the east, and should they become actively engaged in the contest it will likely be interesting indeed. Mount Pleasant is a fourth class office and under the order recently issued by President Taft the postmaster there is under civil service. The wise ones politically do not place much faith in the belief that the order will become effective, the claim being made by them that one of the first acts of the Democratic Congress will be to knock the order from Washington to Armageddon or some other place of lost renown.

NEW YEAR WELCOMED IN NEW YORK.

Hilarious Scenes Last Till an Hour After Daylight.

New York, Jan. 1.—There was a protracted welcome of the New Year by roysterers, who an hour after daylight still occupied tables in lobster houses. No less than three million persons were on the streets, in cafes and theatres to welcome the New Year. Amusement places and eating houses were packed. Eighty thousand and joined in singing in various squares. It was the most joyous welcome ever witnessed here.

New York, Jan. 1.—There was much rowdiness. According to police records there were five stabbing affairs and four shooting affrays. One negro was killed by a policeman. There were thirty-five cases of acute alcoholism at Bellevue Hospital. There were three hundred arrests for rowdy conduct.

Big Pension Plan in Effect.

New York, Jan. 1.—By far the most far-reaching plan yet adopted by any American industrial corporation for the pensioning of its employees is that put into effect today by the Bell telephone system and affiliated interests. A fund of \$10,000,000 for pensions, sick benefits and life insurance has been made available for the employes of the several companies, and their families and dependents, amounting altogether to more than a quarter of a million people. The fund is to be provided by annual appropriations by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Western Electric Company.

While out hunting near Lands, Tom Overcash, young son of Sam Overcash, of Salisbury, was accidentally shot and seriously injured by Willie Correll, a member of the hunt party. The entire load from a shotgun entered Young Overcash's hip, making a wound that it is feared will prove fatal.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IS FELT TODAY

OCCURRED AT 1:30 O'CLOCK AND WAS A DISTINCT SHOCK.

Houses Were Shaken All Over the City, and Windows Rattled Nearly Everywhere.—No Damage Was Done Here So Far as is Known.

The earth quaked today about 1:30 o'clock, the shock being felt here about that time. Windows rattled, tables shook and floors creaked, it being severe enough to be felt in large buildings as well as the smaller ones and residences. The shock was felt for only a short space of time.

At first the quaking was not understood, but it was so general as to easily determine the cause. While severe enough to be felt no damage was caused. The two linotype operators in this office report the severest shocks, both declaring that the machines almost turned over on them. Other machines, however, including typewriters, which weigh several thousand pounds less, were not moved from their accustomed places.

NINE DISTINCT RAPS HEARD FROM ENTOMBED MEN.

Half a Hundred Frantic Women and Children Had an All Night Vigil at the Mine Entrance.—Air Being Pumped into the Mine.—Tons of Debris Blocks the Entrance.

Tamaqua, Pa., Jan. 1.—Nine distinct raps from the miners entombed in the east Lehigh colliery caused a return of hope early today to hundreds of half frantic women and children, after "an all night vigil at the mine entrance. The rescuers hope to reach the entombed miners by four o'clock this afternoon. Air is being pumped into the mine, but it is unknown if it is doing any good. The men were entombed when water from an abandoned mine cut off escape shortly before noon yesterday. Tons of debris blocks the entrance.

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May the new year be the best, biggest and the happiest of your life, may you prosper as you deserve, with not one cloud to mar the brightness of your days.

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Yours for business.

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SURPLUS	\$3,000

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