

## THE FIGHT FOR LOWER FREIGHT RATES

### SHIPMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA IN RALEIGH TOMORROW.

Representatives from nearly every town in the State expected to be present. Railroads refused to accept Gov. Craig's Proposition and of the Rate Commission.—An Early Settlement of the Controversy Hoped For.

Raleigh, May 14.—To draw the exact lines of battle in the fight for equitable freight rates the shippers of North Carolina, banded together under the name of the Just Freight Rates Association, will meet in Raleigh tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Permanent officers of the association will be elected at this time and further plans of organization will be discussed and adopted. Representatives from almost every city, town and hamlet in North Carolina are expected to be present and definite action looking toward an adequate adjustment of the freight rate controversy will be taken. The meeting will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives.

The railroads have refused to accept the propositions made by Gov. Craig and the rate commission and have recommended that three suits now before the Interstate Commerce Commission be fought out and these suits be made a basis for settlement of the rate question. The State has taken no action on this counter proposition and it is the plan of the Just Freight Rates Association to map out a campaign to be waged in conjunction with the Governor and the rate commission, which shall bring about an early settlement of the controversy between the shipper and the railroads.

The Just Freight Rates Association was organized in Charlotte on the evening of May 7, when representatives of 21 cities met at a call of the Charlotte commercial organizations. A plan of organization was adopted and temporary officers elected, after which adjournment was taken to meet in Raleigh tomorrow. The object of the association as stated in the plan of organization is "to wage an active and vigorous campaign throughout the State of North Carolina, for the purpose of informing the people as to existing conditions with reference to freight rate discrimination as practiced against this State by the railroads, and to create sentiment favorable to an equitable adjustment of the same."

The entire question will be thoroughly threshed out at tomorrow's meeting and it is believed probable that a resolution will be adopted urging Governor Craig to call a special session of the Legislature to take some action to compel the railroads to grant the demands of the State for lower freight rates.

Governor Craig has assumed the association that he will use every agency and every power of his administration to compel the railroads to "do justice." He declares, "They shall not deposit our people and enrich themselves. The sovereign State is not going to surrender to the domination of the railroad companies. The people are all powerful in demanding their rights. They should organize everywhere for aggressive co-operation with the commission."

"While I am Governor the fight will never end until we get justice."

### Alumni Banquet at the Collegiate Institute.

The annual banquet of the alumni of the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute will be held on the evening of May 27. The following has been sent by the committee in charge to each alumnus:

You are cordially invited to be present at our annual banquet to be given on Tuesday, May 27th, at 8 p. m. We want every alumnus present for the consideration of reasons in favor of the institution. Let us join together on this occasion for mutual benefit and feeling and more perfect organization of the Alumni. The cost of the banquet will not exceed seventy-five cents per plate.

Can you be present at this date?

### COMMITTEE.

The customs court has decided that European nations are entitled to the free entry of wool pulp and paper under the most favored nation's clause of their commercial treaties with the United States because the free entry is granted to Canada as the only operative clause of the Canadian reciprocity agreement.

Mount Pleasant, N. C., and J. L. McCulloch, of Charlotte, are visitors here today.

## CONFEDERATE REUNION.

### Chattanooga Making Elaborate Plans For Entertainment of the Visitors.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 14.—The approaching Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans in this city, May 27-29, 1913, is the semi-centennial of the famous battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and the "Battle Above the Clouds" on the heights of Lookout Mountain. To people of the Southland, the topic of greatest interest at this season of every year is the reunion of these old Veterans in gray. But this year the event is of wider interest because the Reunion is held for the first time since 1895, on the ground hallowed by the valorous deeds of both North and South. Hence there will be an attendance of survivors and descendants from all over the country.

Chattanooga is making elaborate plans for the entertainment of the Veterans and other visitors. There will be approximately 12,000 veterans who will be lodged and fed free of all charge, during their stay of four or more days. For this purpose, the War Department has loaned us 1,400 large tents and the necessary cots, on which the freight alone, which we pay, will amount to over \$4,000. Our Commissary will be a large tent, occupying over an acre and a half of ground. In this, we will serve during four days, a total of 144,000 free meals.

We have raised \$53,000.00 for the entertainment of the Veterans property, not including \$26,000 extra raised by merchants on our mail business streets for one and a half miles of "Great White Way" that will remain permanently. Miles of decorating material will ornament our factories, stores and residences by day and eleven thousand feet of electrical festoon will add to private illuminations at night.

Aviation meets, carnivals, etc., will provide amusement for our visitors, who are expected to number 150,000. A railroad rate of one cent per mile will enable people to visit our celebrated hydro-electrical projects, which aggregate 148,000 horse power, our wonderful mountain resorts overlooking the beautiful Tennessee River, and the battlefields where the casualties of 47,000 broke the records of any war, ancient or modern.

This semi-centennial reunion will provide many spectacular features of interest to tourists, the most touching of all being the parade of the survivors of Lee and other illustrious Southern leaders.

The Chattanooga reunion will be the crowning event of the lives of the survivors, who are now passing away so rapidly. For many, if not most of them, it will be their last pilgrimage to the ground they made sacred by their heroic deeds fifty years ago. They will find the famous battle grounds beautified by lavish government expenditures in the way of monuments in marble and bronze, made accessible by electric cars and gridirons by over one hundred and ten miles of model automobile roads, built by Uncle Sam's engineers. The roads include the celebrated Great Road along the top of Missionary Ridge and are supplemented by a million dollars' worth of asphalt-macadam and short boulevards lately built by Hamilton county.

They will find, instead of a straggling village, a beautiful modern city, comprising, with suburbs, slightly over a hundred thousand people, all anxious to do them honor.

The remarkable low railroad rate leads Chattanooga Manufacturers and jobbers to expect many of their distributors, suppliers and customers to visit them during the thirty day period these rates are in force. Such people will find a welcome that will set a new mark for Southern hospitality.

## "THE ROSE MAIDEN."

### A Delightful Concert—Choral Club Was Greeted With a Packed House, And Drove It.

A packed house greeted the Concord Choral Club, the Asbury Orchestra of Charlotte and assisting soloists in the opera house last night, when "The Rose Maiden" was given. Judging from the applause and favorable comment, the concert was a decided success, of course, it being understood that none of the participants pretended to be operatic singers. The people of Concord could have no better shown their appreciation of the efforts of the club and its members, than in the way it received those who assumed the soprano solos.

Mrs. J. B. Wamble in the duet, "Soon as the Mountain Summits," clearly proved that Concord need never seek elsewhere for a soprano who can understandingly and feelingly render music of the higher type; Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, another of the Choral Club's leading sopranos, again made a score for Concord in her solo, "Bloom on My Rose," while Miss Jessie Patterson very beautifully rendered the soprano part in the duet, "I Know a Rosebud Shining," leading up to the "Wedding" chorus.

Miss Elisabeth van Poole, of Rowan, took all the contralto solos, and judging from the hearty and sustained applause following her solos, the Club can congratulate itself on having such an able and sympathetic assistant in the concert.

Mr. John W. Fox, of Charlotte, took the baritone solos, and certainly captured the audience in his rendition of the beautiful "Where Gloomy Pine Trees Rustle." Mr. George H. Newcomb had all the tenor solos, and although he did not seem to impress the audience as well as the other soloists, one has only to see the score to realize that most of the hard work fell to his share, and this being coupled with a slight indisposition, your critic can only say that Mr. Newcomb deserves all credit for his work.

As far as the work of the Club as a unit is concerned, no praise is too high or fulsome; considering the fact that all members of the Club have willingly given of their best, both in time and energy, to say nothing of the money spent in procuring the very best director obtainable in this part of the State in Prof. Harry J. Zehn, of Charlotte, Concord people owe a very great debt of gratitude to them all.

The Asbury orchestra, of Charlotte, certainly added a great deal to the proper rendition of the beautiful cantata, and great credit reflect upon Mr. T. H. Asbury, leader of the orchestra and his able assistants.

The Club undertook quite a responsibility, financially, in launching the concert, but fully depended upon, and believed in Concord people to support it in their efforts to give the best, and only the best in music, and right well have they done so, for the gross proceeds will be about \$120.00, enough to clear all expenses.

This ends the first year of the Club's existence, and all being well, next fall the rehearsals will begin again, and at least two concerts given in 1914. The aim of the club at this time is to give some big oratorio, such as Handel's "Messiah," or Haydn's "Creation."

### Meeting of Choral Club.

The final meeting of the season of the Choral Club will be held next Tuesday night in the lecture room of St. James Church at 8 o'clock. The report of the season's work will be given by the treasurer, Mr. F. H. Ball, and other business transacted. Let every member of the Club be present.

### Dr. Grier Again Taken to the Charlotte Sanatorium.

Friends of Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, who has been seriously sick for several months, will regret to learn that his condition is worse. Dr. Grier will go to Charlotte this afternoon, and will again enter the Charlotte Sanatorium for treatment. Dr. Grier will undergo an operation as soon as his condition will permit.

### The Usual Daily Suffragette Outrage.

London, May 14.—Leaving a card on which were the words, "We hope this is not a poor widow's home," suffragettes burned an occupied cottage at Sand Gate. Three bombs were found in a train at Kingston on the Thames. The trial of the militants and chemist Clayton has resumed.

Former Congressman John S. Wise, of Virginia, died Tuesday at the summer home of his son, United States District Attorney Henry A. Wise, of New York, near Princeton, N. J.

Mr. W. J. Cook, of Charlotte, is a visitor here today.

## IS WANAMAKER TO BE PROSECUTED?

### ALLEGED UNDERVALUATION OF IMPORTS OF OVER \$100,000.

Officials Refuse to Deny or Confirm the Report.—Mr. Bryan Confers With President Wilson.—Bryan is Pleased with the Reception of His "Peace Policeman," the Battleship Friendship, and Says He Has a Sister Ship, "Fellowship."

Washington, May 14.—Officials of the department of justice and the treasury refused to confirm the reports that criminal prosecution is contemplated against the millionaire, John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant, for alleged undervaluation of imports of over a hundred thousand dollars.

Secretary Bryan conferred with President Wilson today. He said, however, that the conference had no connection with the California-Japanese matter, which is now in status quo until the reply of Governor Johnson is received.

Mr. Bryan is pleased with the reception of his "peace policeman," the battleship friendship, as announced at the peace banquet. He said he would launch a sister craft, "Fellowship," and he believed the twin vessels would accomplish the elimination of all danger of war between the United States and other nations.

### HORSE TRADERS' DAY.

Cases Resulting From Horse Trades Take Up Whole Day of Court.

Yesterday was "horse traders' day" in Cabarrus court. Case after case resulting from trades was called up and the result was that the entire session of court was taken up with the trial of this particular kind of cases.

N. B. Wallace alleged that W. C. Carter misrepresented a horse to him in a trade and asked for \$100 damage. The jury gave him \$35.

J. L. Shoat & Co., sued G. W. Morris, alleging that the defendant Morris alleged that he defendant owed them an account and that they held a mortgage on two mules held by him. Morris claimed that he had purchased the mules and the plaintiff took them away from him for a period of seven days on claim and delivery papers and that he was denied the use of them in making his crop for that period of time and was therefore damaged. The jury awarded Morris a verdict of \$20.

W. A. Joyner sued John May, colored, for \$18. The plaintiff alleged that this amount was due him for the use of a horse by the defendant in making a crop. May, it developed, purchased a horse from the plaintiff at a sale and gave a mortgage on the animal. Three months after the purchase the plaintiff took out claim and delivery papers and made an effort to secure possession of the horse. May however, gave bond for the value of the horse and continued to use it to cultivate his crop. The plaintiff alleged that the work of the horse was equal to \$18 and sued for that amount. The jury, however, decided in favor of May.

M. J. Corl sued George Green for \$50. The suit arose from a misunderstanding as to the amount the defendant was to pay for a horse the defendant purchased from the plaintiff, the former claiming that the purchase price was \$25 and the latter \$50. The jury decided in favor of the plaintiff.

W. E. Litaker sued James Wilkinson for the recovery of a horse he traded the defendant, alleging that the latter misrepresented the horse in a trade. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

### Joseph E. Dickerson in Custody of Marshal.

Asheville, May 13.—J. E. Dickerson, who was convicted of conspiracy, together with Major W. E. Breece, in connection with the failure of the First National Bank of Asheville over 15 years ago, was this morning delivered into the custody of the marshal in the United States district court to serve the sentence of two years in the federal penitentiary imposed for the offense and unless uplift is given by President Wilson he will be taken to Atlanta tomorrow afternoon to be placed in prison.

Major W. E. Breece, who was also ordered to appear before Judge Bays in the district court today and be delivered into custody, was not present. He was represented in the court by his attorney, W. W. Zuckert, of Brevard, who stated that his client is too ill to leave his home, and that it is believed that he is now on his death bed.

## VISITS TRAINING SCHOOL.

### Judge James L. Webb Pays a Visit to the State's Institution for Wayward Youths.

Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, spent Monday night at the Jackson Training School, the guest of Superintendent Walter Thompson. Speaking of his visit there Judge Webb expressed himself as highly pleased with the institution. The management of the school has done remarkably well, he said, in erecting the excellent buildings at such a small cost, the grounds are in fine shape and the landscape work is especially good.

While at the school Judge Webb met with the boys and made a talk to them. After he had concluded the boys gave a little entertainment of their own. Fiddles and banjos were produced and the youthful wards of the State gave a musical entertainment of their own production in honor of their distinguished guest. In order to make the Judge feel perfectly at home a Cleveland county youth at the school came out and gave a clog dancing exhibition, which Judge Webb apparently enjoyed throughout.

Continuing his remarks concerning the school Judge Webb said that the greatest need there was for more room. "I understood that arrangements are now being made for 30 more boys but I also understood that there are already applications for more than this number. There are many boys throughout the State," he continued, "who should be at the school. Many of them are homeless, others are the sons of wayward fathers and they are allowed to wander into wrong doing without a restraining hand. They usually get into trouble for stealing some small article and on their first offense they are usually allowed to go free. After a time they usually get back into trouble. It is necessary to punish them and without a training school the State is forced to imprison the youths together with older and hardened criminals. Of the boys sent to the training school many will reform, others possibly may not. But every boy should be given a chance, and we will feel better if we give them a chance."

### DEATH OF MRS. T. S. FISHER.

Death Came After a Protracted Illness at Her Home in Mount Pleasant.

Mt. Pleasant, May 14.—Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, Mrs. Thornton S. Fisher passed from her labors on earth to her reward above. Death came after a protracted and serious illness, and was not unexpected by friends and relatives. She had for many years been a devoted and consistent member of St. James Reformed Church, where the funeral services will be held today at 2 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. B. L. Stanley.

Mrs. Fisher was 62 years of age. She leaves, besides her husband, Mr. T. S. Fisher, five brothers, Dr. John Moore, of Texas, A. W. and W. J. Moose, of Mt. Pleasant, Howard and G. D. Moose, of Stanley county; three sisters, Mrs. Adam Peck, Mrs. Albert Shoe and Mrs. Palmer, of Stanley county.

Mrs. Fisher was twice married, her first husband being Mr. Alex. Sides.

### TWO MEN KILLED AND SEVERAL HOUSES WRECKED

In a Dynamite Explosion in Maryland—Shock Felt Forty Miles.

Cumberland, Md., May 14.—Seventeen hundred pounds of dynamite and sixty cans of powder exploded in the Lockhart coal district. Two men were killed and several houses were wrecked. The shock was felt forty miles.

### Jack Johnson Refuses to See Any One.

Chicago, May 14.—Found guilty of white slavery, and under close surveillance of federal officers, Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, looked himself in his home and refused to see any one.

### Freighter in Distress.

New York, May 14.—A freighter of the Chesapeake, New York and Baltimore Transportation line, is reported in distress off Barnegat, N. J. She carries a crew of forty-five. Revenue cutters are speeding to her aid.

President Wilson hopes to make a definite statement of the administration's attitude in the currency during the present week but will not send any message to Congress on this subject until the House committees are organized which will be about June the third.

There will be no liquor saloons in the Panama canal zone after July 1, the Isthmian canal commission has passed a resolution to grant no license after that date.

## PROPERTY IS OFFERED

### To the Graded School Board for the New High School Building.

The trustees of the school property on Corbin street, which was for years used as a high school, have agreed to deed the property to the city for the new high school building, which will be erected out of the money to be realized from the \$20,000 bond issue. The trustees, it is understood, hold this property in trust with the provision that it shall be used for the purpose of conducting a high school. The offer has not yet been formally made to the school board, but it is understood that the trustees, of whom Mr. Charles McDonald is chairman, will do so in a short time.

Under the provisions of the bond issue the city is to erect four additional rooms at No. 2 graded school, build a high school building of six rooms and put in a new heating system at Central school. There is no provision in the bill as to where the high school building will be erected, but it has been the prevailing opinion that the ground at the extreme end of the graded school property adjoining Mr. R. K. Black's lot would be utilized. If the school property on Corbin street is offered, however, it will add a new phase to the school situation.

### BUREAU TO HAVE CHARGE OF INCOME TAX.

Creation of a New Bureau for This Purpose.—Theft of Battleship Plans.

Washington, May 14.—The creation of a new treasury department bureau to have exclusive jurisdiction of the income tax is being planned by Secretary McAdoo. It will be controlled by the internal revenue collector.

Despite reports to the contrary, naval officials are greatly perturbed over the theft of the plans of the battleship Pennsylvania and have redoubled their efforts to catch the thief. Plans of the electrical wiring stolen it is said possibly relate to secret fire control system. The possible connection of the Japanese with theft is emphatically denied.

Navy officials admitted this afternoon that the plans of the battleship were probably stolen by some one connected with the department.

### Volcanic Ashes Regulate Change of Temperature.

Washington, May 14.—Clouds of volcanic ashes regulate the change in temperature, in this country, according to the report of Prof. G. C. Abbot, of the Astrophysical observatory of the Smithsonian Institute, after a series of experiments in Algeria.

Great clouds of minute ash particles whirled into space by crater eruptions, the professor claims, drape themselves over the sky like a veil and retard the passage of heat thrown off by the sun. This accounts for the rapid variation in temperature on different days.

There isn't any sun, the scientist claims. The great disk is merely a "variable star," Prof. Abbot declares. The light and heat it exudes is absorbed by the atmosphere much like a sponge until the air is soaked with it.

Prof. Abbot spent the past summer at Mount Wilson, Cal., completing his observations.

### Trinity Commencement.

The Trinity College commencement will embrace June 1 to 4. The following will be the programme:

Sunday, June 1, 8:30 p. m., Baccalaureate Address—President William Preston Few, LL.D.

Tuesday, June 3, 11 a. m., Baccalaureate Sermon, the Reverend George Peck Eckman, D.D., New York city.

Tuesday, June 3, 1 p. m., Alumni Dinner Address—the Reverend Charles Carroll Woods, D.D., St. Louis.

Tuesday, June 3, 8:30 p. m., Graduating Address—Rear Admiral Robert Edwin Peary, U. S. N., Washington City.

### Conferring of Degrees.

For Deputy Fish Commissioner.

Washington, May 14.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield has recommended to President Wilson the appointment of Dr. Leslie Jones, of Virginia, as deputy fish commissioner.

Congressman Foss, of North Carolina, urged the President to appoint of Albert Atkinson, of Washington, on the excels commission.

Want the Federal Road Money.

Raleigh, May 14.—A delegation from Lenoir county asked the Governor for the remaining twenty thousand of the forty thousand dollars appropriated by the government for road work in North Carolina.

Mr. C. W. Johnson, of Charlotte, is a business visitor here today.