

## CABARRUS ENLISTS IN STATE ORGANIZATION

### OF THE JUST FREIGHT RATE ASSOCIATION.

Meeting Held at the City Hall Last Night.—Hubert Ramsaur Organizing Secretary, Explains the Purpose of the Organization and Reviews Freight Rate Legislation in North Carolina.—Temporary Organization Formed and Officers Elected.—Another Meeting Tuesday Night.

The Cabarrus branch of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association was organized last night, a meeting being held in the city hall, where a temporary organization was perfected. Mr. Hubert Ramsaur, of Fayetteville, organizing secretary of the State association, was present and explained the purpose of the organization and told of the work it was making an effort to accomplish.

The meeting last night was not attended by a large crowd, the small attendance being attributed to the fact that the meeting had not been advertised. Mr. Ramsaur did not arrive here until yesterday afternoon, and after it was decided to hold a meeting, there was not sufficient time to notify a large number of business men.

Mayor Hartwell called the meeting to order last night and a temporary organization was perfected. Mr. G. Ed. Kestler was elected president and John M. Oglesby secretary and treasurer. Mr. Ramsaur then spoke of the work and purpose of the State organization.

Mr. Ramsaur reviewed the work that has been done in this State to secure better and more equal freight rates, taking up the work of the committee appointed by the legislature composed of Messrs. Justice, Council and Broughton and their conferences with the railroad officials. The attitude of the officials at these conferences was one of evasion, he declared, and as a result nothing was accomplished. He declared that the railroads contended that freight rates could not be understood unless a man had been trained in the traffic departments.

Mr. Ramsaur spoke of the approaching extraordinary session of the Legislature, which was recently called by Governor Craig to take up the work of securing better freight rates for North Carolina. It will be at this session of the legislature that the business men of North Carolina will secure just rates, the speaker declared, and it is important that they investigate and see what legislation they want and not let the railroads dictate it. We should use all the power to secure an equal adjustment of freight rates and secure them quick.

Comparing the rates that apply in North Carolina with other points the secretary said that the rate on a barrel of flour from Ohio to the Virginia cities, Roanoke, Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk and Lynchburg, was 25 cents and from these cities here, 200 miles was 50 cents. Mr. Ramsaur took up many examples, citing one to the effect that the Southern would ship goods from Louisville via Salisbury to Tennessee at a lower rate than would to towns in North Carolina. The rates, he declared, were not so intricate as the railroads would lead the people to believe. It is simply a single rate to Virginia and a double rate to North Carolina.

"Discrimination against North Carolina in freight rates is injuring the farmers, bankers, merchants and every other class of people in this State, and is one of the greatest barriers against the progress of the State," he declared.

"When the special session of the legislature meets we want to be there and show that no interest can control that legislature except that it be for the best interest of the people of North Carolina."

The local association decided to hold a meeting next Tuesday night for the purpose of completing and extending the scope of the organization and the secretary was instructed to invite a speaker here to address the meeting on freight rates.

## SAD OUTCOME OF WRESTLING BOUT.

Stick of Dynamite in Hip Pocket Explodes.—Inflicts Serious Injury. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 22.—Martin Funk, aged 18, was blown to pieces and his brother, Rowland, was seriously injured during a wrestling bout today. Martin had a stick of dynamite in his hip pocket and when he fell heavily on the wooden floor of the tent it exploded.

## AUTO-BICYCLE COLLISION.

Automobile Driven by Lee Crowell, Jr., Collides With James Propst's Bicycle.

James Propst, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Propst, is confined to his home today, badly bruised and shaken up as a result of a collision with Mr. J. L. Crowell's automobile. The accident took place on the Kannapolis road, opposite the county home last evening about 9 o'clock. The machine was being driven by Mr. Lee Crowell, Jr., and Young Propst was riding a bicycle. A train was passing at the time and the glare of the big head light on the engine is probably responsible for the accident, which occurred so suddenly that neither the driver of the machine or the rider of the bicycle had an opportunity to attempt to warn each other.

Young Propst received a number of painful bruises. The bicycle was demolished and the car was damaged. Mr. Crowell picked the injured youth up and brought him to his home in the machine, where he received the attention of a physician.

## Cardinal Gibbons Nears 80th Year.

Baltimore, Md., July 22.—Cardinal Gibbons will enter upon his eightieth year tomorrow, having been born July 23, 1834. He was ordained and began his priestly labors as curate at St. Patrick's Church, Falls Point, Baltimore.

The Cardinal continues to live a busy life, despite his advanced age and is in good health. His vitality has caused expressions of amazement and his vigor is attributed to his systematic method of living. In addition to carrying on the work of his high office regularly, he has found time for the performance of many ceremonies and to assist at commencements, celebrations in honor of priests and sisters, first masses of young priests, weddings and other exercises. Last month he was present at a dozen or more commencements in different parts of Maryland and in the latter part of the month ordained nearly fifty students to the priesthood. Almost every day he has a walk for an hour or more, and this doubtless accounts in part for his good health.

## Fell From Telephone Pole and Was Killed.

Salisbury, July 21.—A. R. Meisemer, a young white man, aged 23, was killed here at noon today by falling from a telephone pole a distance of about 35 feet. Meisemer was an extra lineman for the Southern Bell Company and had been up on a pole at Main and Kerr streets repairing a connection. Starting down the pole, he slipped or in some way lost his hold and fell. His head struck the rock curbing and was badly fractured, the wound proving fatal in less than an hour. The injured man was rushed to a sanitarium, but nothing could be done for him. He was unmarried and the son of J. A. Meisemer, of the Ebenezer Church neighborhood, to whose home the body will be taken.

## Rat Poison Explodes.

Davidson, July 21.—Mr. Munroe Jetton met with a very painful and serious accident last evening in his drug store. He was opening a tin box of rat poison, to spread out some of the preparation, when, as the top flew open, there was a fearful flaring up of the phosphorus that blinded him and left him almost helpless.

He was apparently dazed by his experience and was unable to summon aid for an hour or more.

## Mr. Dennis Making Good.

Charlotte Chronicle. Our friend Wichard, the founder and also the manager-editor of The Greenville Reflector until recently, did a good turn for his town and paper when he secured Henry Arnold Dennis to relieve him of the editorial work. The paper shows up well for the increased force and Mr. Dennis is easily making good as an editor.

## Extraordinary Oats Crops.

Yorkville, S. C., July 21.—Latham Brothers, of Hoodtown, this county, recently threshed 928 bushels of oats raised on nine acres of land. It is estimated that the product of several of the nine acres was not less than 125 bushels to the acre.

## District Conference at Mt. Pleasant.

The district conference of the Salisbury district was opened in the Methodist Church at Mt. Pleasant this afternoon at 2 o'clock with a large attendance of delegates. Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, will address the conference tonight on "Christian Education." Bishop J. H. McCoy will preach to the conference tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

## AN OUTBREAK IS FEARED IN MEXICO

### AMBASSADOR WILSON TO HURRY HOME.

Irresponsible Quotation is Cause.—Denied by President.—Smoot Continues Speech Against Tariff Bill. Secretary Bryan Toasts Newspaper Men.

Washington, July 22.—An anti-American outbreak in Mexico is feared as a result of irresponsible quotations attributed to the president and denied by him concerning Huerta's strength. Ambassador Wilson has been asked to hurry here as fast as possible for a conference.

Senator Smoot continued his speech against the tariff in the Senate today. He expects to talk today and tomorrow. Following the policy agreed upon, very few Democrats will debate the measure, leaving to Republicans any blame for delay in passing measure because of long drawn-out debates.

### TO INTERVENE IN MEXICO.

Resolution Asking President to Issue Proclamation for Peace.

Washington, July 23.—Representative Murray, of Oklahoma, introduced a resolution today providing that the President issue a proclamation to all factions in Mexico requiring them to restore order, and if at the end of thirty days order was not restored, authorizing him to intervene. The resolution bitterly assails Huerta as an assassin and says there is no law nor order in Mexico at present. The President cancelled all engagements today to study the Mexican situation. He had on his desk all information of latest dispatches.

### Lightning Tears up House, but Negro Slumbers on.

Spencer, July 21.—On Sunday afternoon the home of Bertha Moore, colored, on the outskirts of East Spencer, was struck by lightning. An opening two feet wide and 12 feet long was torn, and a negro man who was asleep in the building at the time was not awakened by the bolt which created consternation among the colored citizens.

### Cardenio F. King's Career Has Ended

Bridge water, Mass., July 21.—A spectacular career was ended under pathetic circumstances today when Cardenio F. King, once widely known as a financier and newspaper publisher of Boston, died a convict at the State farm here in the very hour that friends, aware of the approach of death, were making desperate efforts to obtain his pardon.

### Senator Overman is too Busy to Discuss Senatorial Politics.

Washington, July 21.—When asked if he had anything to say in regard to the announcement carried in North Carolina newspapers yesterday that E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, would be a candidate against him for the senate next year, Senator Lee S. Overman said that he was so busy with his duties here in Washington he did not have time to enter into a discussion of the senatorial contest. He said that he would be a candidate to succeed himself and that at the proper time he would enter the race.

### Boosting W. C. Hammer for District Attorney.

Washington, July 21.—J. A. Hartness, of Statesville, is here to see the two North Carolina Senators. He is reported to be boosting lawyer Hammer, of Asheboro, for district attorney. Friends here of Senator Overman say they do not expect Governor Glenn to enter the senatorial race and that Mr. Overman will win easily over Justice.

### Statesville Citizen Dies at Supper Table.

Statesville, July 21.—While sitting at the supper table last night T. E. Vincent, a well known tobaccoist of Statesville, suddenly dropped dead without warning. Mr. Vincent had been complaining since Thursday, but was able to be up and about, and his condition was not considered serious.

### Mulhall Given Counsel to Assist in Examination.

Washington, July 22.—Declaring that the hearing was becoming a political battle, Mulhall asked and received permission of the Senate lobby committee to employ counsel to assist him in the examination.

All you have to do is to whisper scandal and its echo is heard by all.

## FOREST HILL NEWS.

Personal and Local Items of Interest From That Section of the City.

Mr. Marshall Mills, of Danville, Va., spent several days here last week with his brother, Mr. Frank Mills.

Mr. W. B. Morgan, who spent last week in Concord with relatives, has gone to Haw River, where he has accepted a position as overseer of weaving at the Holt-Granite mills. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Mills, of Mooresville, spent Saturday night and Sunday in Concord at the home of Mr. L. C. Cook.

Mr. C. G. Ridenhour and Miss Mamie Stuart spent Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte with Mr. George Ridenhour at the Presbyterian hospital.

Mr. R. D. Mabry returned to Concord last Thursday from Charlotte, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Presbyterian hospital.

Mr. Scott Walters, of Rock Hill, is spending this week in Concord with his mother, Mrs. David Corzine.

Mrs. T. J. Smith and children returned to Concord last Friday from Waynesville, where they have been visiting Mrs. W. A. Stone.

Mr. Jno. Trogon has returned to his home at Hope Mills, after spending several weeks in Concord with friends.

Messrs. W. A. Wilkinson, C. W. and Vic. Widenhouse, Vic. Scarborough and D. W. McLemore spent Sunday on the highway, visiting friends at Mooresville, Cornelius, Statesville and Charlotte. The party made the trip in Mr. McLemore's car.

Miss Mag Patterson is visiting relatives in China Grove this week.

Mrs. Walter Basinger and children have returned from a three weeks visit to relatives in Greensboro.

Misses Grace and Hazel Sherman, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. C. W. Sides for two weeks, returned to their home in New London Sunday. Mr. Sides and daughter, Miss Lillian, accompanied them.

Messrs. W. A. Wilkinson and D. W. McLemore are spending today in Charlotte.

### To Exterminate the Mosquito.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 22.—If plans of the County Mosquito Extermination Commission are successfully carried out Atlantic City and vicinity will soon be freed from the mosquito pest, which has long given the New Jersey coast an unenviable reputation. Tomorrow the commission will receive bids for the excavation of 200,000 square feet of small ditches to drain meadows between the city and the mainland. Twenty thousand dollars will be expended in the work of draining the meadows, which are the breeding places for the mosquitoes.

### Mrs. Pankhurst Gets Off New Stunt.

London, July 22.—In jail Mrs. Pankhurst has continued the hunger strike, and has introduced a new stunt by refusing to walk.

All the women arrested in the London pavilion yesterday during the suffragette riot accompanying the re-arrest of Mrs. Pankhurst, were convicted today and were given choice of fourteen to twenty-one days in jail or a fine. They chose imprisonment.

### Catawba Tot Wanders Off and is Found Dead in Creek.

Newton, July 21.—Saturday afternoon just after a hard rain that visited nearly every section of Catawba county, Rachel, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Punch of the Fairgrove Church section, wandered about 200 yards from the house and was drowned in Clarks creek. The little girl had been in the habit of playing in the creek with her brothers and sisters during the dry weather when the water was low. A little wagon which she had carried with her was found on the bank where the children had been in the habit of playing.

### Secretary Bryan Treats Newspaper Men.

Chicago, July 22.—Secretary Bryan indicated that there were other things on his favorite menu than grape juice when he went to the dairy lunch. He treated the newspaper men to canteen lunches. He said he would be back in Washington on Friday.

### Biplane Turns Turtle and Falls.

Mourmelon, France, July 22.—A soldier, riding as a passenger, was instantly killed when a biplane turned turtle and fell. The officer who was guiding the machine was unhurt.

Announcement is made that the Southern conference of the North Carolina Lutheran synod will meet in St. Peter's Church, near Rockwell, Thursday, July 24. The conference is composed of 24 ministers and representatives from 34 congregations in this section of the State.

## 33 CONVICTS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

### SLEEPING IN SECOND FLOOR OF CAGE.

Near Jackson, Mississippi.—Fire Started on First Floor of Stairway.—Escape Cut Off.—No Fire Protection and Prisoners Die in Sight of People Unable to Render Assistance.

Jackson, Miss., July 22.—Thirty-three negro convicts, who were sleeping on the second floor of a wooden cage, at Oakley convict farm, near here, were burned to death last night. The fire started on the first floor at the stairway landing, cutting off all escape. There was no fire protection, and the prisoners died while farmers stood by unable to respond to their screams of anguish. A lot of hay stored in the building made it more combustible.

### Dying Boy Would See His Pet Dog.

Asheville, July 21.—Making a plea to see his pet dog before he died, 11-year-old Alvin Aiken, the son of Dr. John P. Aiken, a prominent citizen of Asheville, regained brief consciousness from an attack of lockjaw and shortly afterwards passed away.

The death of the boy was tragic in the extreme. While attempting to jump to the limb of a tree in a neighbor's yard several days ago, the boy missed his hold and fell backward, his left arm being twisted under his body. The bone was broken and projected through the flesh, causing blood poisoning, which in turn developed into lockjaw. For two days he lingered between life and death half conscious of the fate that awaited him. The best medical attention possible was rendered him, three injections of antitoxine being injected, all without avail. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon.

### Reunion of Clines.

Newton, July 21.—A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Rhoda Cline, near old St. Paul's Church, Sunday. Mrs. Cline has reached the age of 86 years and is quite active for a woman of that age. About 200 relatives and friends gathered in the grove near the house and spent the day in listening to the older folks tell of times gone by.

### Roumania Will Accept Peace Terms.

Vienna, July 22.—A Buchares dispatch said that Roumania is willing to accept the peace terms proposed by Bulgaria. In an official note Bulgaria suggests that the negotiations take place within her boundaries. It is reported that Greece and Serbia have agreed to negotiate with Bulgaria and peace is believed to be in sight.

## THE BIGGEST AD. EVER.

Parks-Belk Co. Have Four Whole Pages in This Paper Today.

What we believe to be the biggest ad. ever run by a mercantile firm in North Carolina appears in this paper today. It occupies four whole pages, and appears in both The Times and The Tribune. While these papers before carried some heavy advertising, we have never before had more than two pages from any one firm in a single issue. This is the ad. of the Parks-Belk Co., announcing a big Remodeling Sale. They are having a large addition built to their already big store, and the inside generally will be remodelled. They want to move as many goods as possible out of the way so as to make room for this work. The business of this wide-awake firm has taken such advanced strides since they opened up here, less than two years ago, that this step of enlargement is necessary.

This great sale will last only nine days, as the contractors are about ready to go to work. The sale begins Thursday morning, July 24, at 8:30 o'clock.

### DEMONDES UNWELCOME

Declares Chief Boger.—Will Lock the Soiled Doves Up.

Chief of Police Boger today issued an ultimatum against the class of feminine vagrants who have been frequenting Concord recently to the effect that on their arrival here they would be arrested and he would insist on a jail sentence. Speaking further of the soiled doves of society Chief Boger said:

"This is one of the hardest problems the police have to contend with. The crusade waged against them in Charlotte and other towns where they were allowed to seek another climate has caused them to be dumped on other communities and Concord has been selected by a number as a place of refuge. I don't believe in sending undesirable characters on other communities and I am going to insist that such offenders against society be sent to jail."

### EVERY DAY THIS WEEK IS Bargain Day at PARKS

Summer Merchandise in odd lots must be closed out in some cases at a great sacrifice.

Shirt Waists in white, worth up to 65, slightly soiled	25c
\$1.50 Values in Ladies' Waists, high and low necks, your choice this week for	88c
\$1.25 Misses' Middies, Sale Price	88c
60c Misses' Middies, Sale Price	43c
Odd lot Ladies' Dresses that sold up to \$1.50, your choice	89c
All Children's Dresses at cut price	25c, 39c, 48c, to 89c
Big Sale on all Laces and Embroidery.	
Laces at	1c yd. and up.
Ladies and Misses Muslin Underwear at a great sacrifice, Sale Price	8c, 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c and up.
Wonderful Corset Bargains	25c, 39c, 50c, 69c
Summer Parasols must go. Children's 35c Parasols	19c
Children's 75c Parasols	34c
Ladies \$1.50 Parasols	98c and up.
A Dozen More Ladies Fine Dressy Dresses that sold up to \$7.50, no two alike, your choice	\$3.89
All Millinery at Half Price and less.	
Visit every section of our big store every day this week for Special Summer Bargains.	

## H. L. Parks & Co.

### The Quality Store