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NORFOLK SOUTHERN MAY COME HERE

ONLY FOURTEEN MILES OF LINE TO BE BUILT.

A Matter in Which Our People Are Greatly Interested—The Statement Made That One Official Says The Line Will Be Built—Merchants' Association Will Take the Matter Up—High Point Wants the Road to Come There.

Will the Norfolk Southern extend its line to Concord?

This is a question that has been causing much comment and considerable attention from the people here since the new extension of the Norfolk Southern was built. From time to time the question arises, word comes that such a step is contemplated by the officials of the road. Such word is eagerly received and intensifies the hope for the realization of Concord's greatest need — another railroad.

The news that the extension of the line here is more than a mere rumor as it comes from authentic sources in several instances. Soon after the line was extended to Charlotte a well known business man of eastern North Carolina, who visited here, stated that Mr. E. C. Duncan told him that it was the intention of the management of the road to extend the line to Concord.

A few days ago a well known business man of the city, formerly a railroad man, who is a close friend of one of the chief officials of the Norfolk Southern stated that the official told him the road was contemplating making the extension of the line to Concord.

To date the organizations here have not taken the matter up with the officials of the road but, it is understood, that they are not only willing but anxious to do so. President Kestler, of the Merchants' Association, states that he is certain the association will take whatever reasonable steps are necessary to co-operate with the road coming to Concord. Mr. Kestler added that he would write President Hix a letter tendering support of a movement to bring the road here.

The Norfolk Southern is only about fourteen miles from Concord. A line that distance would connect the two with the entire system of Norfolk Southern and tributary and connecting systems.

High Point is after the road as evidenced by the following dispatch from that place:

"There is probability of bringing the Norfolk Southern Railroad, which is 22 miles away, into this city. The business men are very much enthused over the matter and it is being discussed all over town that the city can go after it and bring it here."

If it is worth the effort of High Point business men to try to get the road to extend 22 miles to that thriving town certainly it is worth the effort of the business men here to get an extension 14 miles to Concord, which would be the largest, wealthiest and most important town between Charlotte and Raleigh connected with the road.

Sewing Party.

Misses Lola Query and Geneva Parks entertained a few friends at a sewing party at the home of Mrs. J. V. Query, on Georgia avenue, in honor of Mrs. C. A. Boger. Those present were: Mrs. C. A. Boger, Mrs. Jones Pharr, Mrs. Dr. Spencer, Mrs. Jno. A. Barnard, of Pioneer Mills, Misses Edna Correll, Florence Parks, Frances Alexander, Mary and Adline Morrison, Clara Belle Houston, Mary Bingham, Esther Grier. A delightful salad course was served.

Baby Show at The Main.

The Main Theatre wants you to get ready for the Baby Show that begins on next Monday afternoon, 26 inst., for contribution to the white sale. This canvass has to be made previous to the days of the sale, Thursday, 29th, so that the goods can be priced and placed preparatory to the white sale.

King's Daughters.

Some one of the King's Daughters will call at the home of each member of the circle Monday afternoon, 26 inst., for contribution to the white sale. This canvass has to be made previous to the days of the sale, Thursday, 29th, so that the goods can be priced and placed preparatory to the white sale.

BANK AT OAKBORO.

Mr. J. A. Little, of Locust, is Cashier.—Oakboro's Growth.

Oakboro, Jan. 21.—The Bank of Oakboro was organized today with a capital stock of \$10,000, the following directors being elected: H. P. Efrid, C. E. Hill, C. C. Furr, Dr. S. E. Vaughan, J. A. Parker, C. G. Howard, H. B. Marsh, Rev. C. J. Black, George Dry and C. R. Covington.

These directors elected the following officers: C. B. Covington, president; H. P. Efrid, vice president; J. A. Little, cashier.

These men are all strong business men of wide experience and sound judgment. The president C. B. Covington, is well known in banking circles, both in North and South Carolina, being one of the organizers of the Bank of Chesterfield 11 years ago, and served efficiently as cashier of the Bank of Marshville. Mr. Efrid is a merchant, well known throughout the State as a man of good business methods. J. A. Little is well known and popular in the community and in business circles, a man of experience and ability, and should make an excellent cashier.

Under the management of these men and situated in the thriving town of Oakboro, there is no reason why this bank should not prosper and be among the leading banks of the county and State. Oakboro is one of the Norfolk Southern Railway and is growing rapidly. It was formerly known as Furr City, C. C. Furr for whom it was named, being one of the pioneer settlers. It will eventually cover what is known as Big Lick, making the two one. The fertile land and timber surrounding the town make it one of the most desirable points in the State to establish a town.

Arkansas Wants Convention.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 21.—Arkansas delegates to the twelfth annual convention of the Hardwood Manufacturers' Association, which opened here today, planned to put up a determined fight to have the next year's meeting held in some Arkansas city. They said today since this year's convention is the first held in the south since 1917 when Memphis was the scene of the gathering, there should be a second southern convention next year. Many consumers and manufacturers of hardwood lumber from Western and Middle Western states attend today's closing sessions. The convention closes tomorrow.

Standard Receptacles for Poisons.

New York, Jan. 21.—Resolutions seeking from the legislatures of all states laws requiring drug manufacturers, wholesale and retail, druggists to adopt a special form of receptacles for bichloride or mercury and other poisonous drugs and medicines, boxes and capsules for the various poisons and drugs, it was argued, would do away almost entirely with accidental deaths by these poisons. There was every indication today that the resolutions would be adopted and the officials of the Association ordered to send them to the legislatures of all the states in the union.

Suit Against Telephone Company for Divulging Messages.

A rather novel and interesting civil action has been brought in New Hanover Superior Court at Wilmington by G. J. Hart, formerly a clerk in the office of the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railroad, against the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. The plaintiff seeks to recover of the defendant \$5,000 as damages not only for financial loss but for suffering in mind and body for the alleged intercepting and divulging of the contents of a private telephone message over the lines of the defendant company, which resulted in his summary dismissal from a position that paid \$100 a month.

Jackson-Hunsucker.

Mr. W. L. Jackson and Miss Ina Hunsucker were married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. A. Hunsucker, 190 West Buffalo street. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends and relatives of the couple. Rev. G. A. Holderby, pastor of Kerr Street Methodist Church, officiated.

The Methodists of Charlotte are planning the erection of a large church in the Elizabeth-Myers Park section of the city. The idea is that the church shall be large enough to answer the needs of that section for years to come.

SEE KING BAGGOT AT THE PASTIME TODAY.

FROM NATIONAL CAPITAL TODAY

OROZCO IS REPORTED TO BE APPROACHING TORREON.

Has a Thousand Men to Assist in the Federal Defense.—It is Said That the Federals are Prepared for a Prolonged Attack.—Gen. Villa Will Have 15,000 Rebel Soldiers When He Attacks Torreon, and is Confident of Capturing It.—To Assault Mexico City Next.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Fear of further involving this country with Japan caused the House immigration committee to postpone indefinitely hearings on the Baker Asiatic exclusion bill, which it was said that Secretary Bryan had requested. State department officials intimated that the new treaty with Japan would be the solution of the California land question. Secretary Bryan insisted that there is no sinister meaning in Baron Makio's promise of "another way" of settling the matter would be resorted to.

The House judiciary committee buckled down to work today on the administration anti-trust programme. Three tentative bills are expected to be introduced this afternoon and hearings will begin next week. There is considerable rivalry between the interstate commerce and judiciary committee over which committee shall have the credit for introducing the bills.

The House mines committee indicated emphatically today that they would probably make a favorable report on the bill to reserve radium-bearing lands. They forced J. M. Flannery, head of the radium trust, to admit that he was against the plan because it might hurt his business. Flannery refused to add any information to his statement that a millionaire had offered \$15,000,000 for radium treatment except to deny it was either Phipps or Frick.

THE CONFISCATION OF LIQUOR IS NOT LEGAL.

So Declares Judge Peebles in Charging Grand Jury.

Goldboro, Jan. 21.—The January term of the Wayne county Superior Court, which did not convene until Tuesday morning on account of the general observance of Lee and Jackson day, adjourned for the term in the afternoon of the same day on account of the continue prevalence of smallpox in the city and county. In his charge to the grand jury, explanatory of the law relative to the illicit sale of whiskey, Judge Peebles said: "Mr. Davis has seen fit to write a letter in which he criticized my stand in refusing to order the confiscation of illicit whiskey seized by officers. In my opinion, the confiscation of liquor is clearly against the federal and State constitutions, in that it is taking property without due process of law and I shall not issue any such orders until the Supreme Court has ruled on it." He stated that while he was holding court at Monroe, two barrels of whiskey were seized by officers, but the matter was not heard in his court and handled by the city officials instead.

EXAMINERS DECLINE TO MAKE STATEMENT

Findings Relative to Cause of Fatal Wreck Near Davidson Will Be Forwarded to Washington.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 21.—Examiners Archer and Cash, representing the Interstate commerce commission, who conducted an investigation in this city today to determine the cause of the wreck at Davidson on Sunday night, decline to make any statement with reference to their findings. It is known that the officials of the Southern railway who attended the hearing are satisfied that the report of the investigation will show that the wreck, which resulted in the death of Engineer Curlee and Fireman Wilson, was caused by the railroad spike placed on the track by the 8-year-old boy, Rufus Hall. The evidence taken by the examiners here will be forwarded to the department in Washington, from which official statement of the findings of the commission will be made in a few days.

It is not thought that there will be any prosecution for the reason that no malice attended the deed. The hearing lasted for several hours.

AUTO ACCIDENT.

Mr. Frank Mauney's Car Turns Turtle—Mrs. Mauney Hurt.

A Ford automobile, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mauney, of Kannapolis, turned turtle late yesterday afternoon on the Kannapolis highway a short distance beyond the residence of Dr. W. L. Ezzell. Mrs. Mauney sustained a number of bruises but her condition is not considered serious. She was taken to her home at Kannapolis immediately after the accident. Mr. Mauney, who was at the steering wheel, escaped uninjured. The windshield, hold and steering gear of the car were damaged.

The report of the accident which reached here stated that Mr. Mauney drove the car to the right of the road to pass an approaching car and, keeping his eye on the passing car, failed to see an iron pipe used in constructing the gas line to Kannapolis and the car struck it, skidding out of the road and turning over.

The Cabarrus garage was notified and sent a car to the rescue. Mrs. Mauney was taken to Kannapolis and the wrecked car was brought to the garage here and is being repaired today.

Mr. Mauney is a fireman on trains No. 37 and 38 and runs out of Spencer but makes his home at Kannapolis.

INTERESTING RELICS.

Dr. H. C. Herring, Collector of Curios, Gives Interesting Account of Old Battleship.

In the year 1865, as the Confederate steamer Beauguarde was about to cross the bar at the mouth of Cape Fear river on her way up to Wilmington to discharge her valuable cargo of supplies for the Confederate army she was signaled from shore that Fort Fisher had fallen and was in possession of the "yankees." Her course was at once changed and she was run ashore at Carolina Beach. Every one deserted her and her valuable cargo. A few days later a storm caused her to settle in the sand so deep that experts declared there was no possibility of raising her. She remained undisturbed until the storm of 1898 when she was broken up and whole boxes of pork and tallow candles were washed ashore. The pork was not damaged and the candles, burned with a bright light. Dr. Herring has some of the candles, musket cartridges and caps used during the war.

WINSTON-SALEM YOUNG MAN GRAVELLY ACCUSED

W. G. Jones is Under Arrest Charged With Setting Fire to Dwelling in Order to Get Insurance.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 21.—W. G. Jones, a well known young man, was arrested this evening on a warrant sworn out by Deputy Insurance Commissioner Scott, alleging that on December 24 he set fire to a dwelling in which he had furniture stored; that he insured the goods of little value in two companies for policies aggregating \$1,750, claiming he was living in the house, and a few days later the dwelling rented by him and valued at \$4,000 and its contents were destroyed. Scott claims a clear case of fraud. Jones was formerly in the mercantile business but is now in jail. The hearing will be held Friday.

Organize to Fight Prohibition.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 22.—Organization of the Indiana Retail Liquor Dealers' Association was perfected here today at a meeting of retail liquor dealers from all parts of the State. The objects of the new organization are to fight the prohibition movement in Indiana and to support the national organizations that are opposing the movement for a nationwide prohibitory law.

Virginia Sunday School Workers.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 22.—Local committees are at work on elaborate plans for the entertainment of the coming annual convention of the Virginia Sunday School Association. The convention will be held in this city during the third week of February and will be attended by prominent Sunday school workers from all parts of the State. A number of officers of the international organization will be here to address the sessions.

John Oliver, of Reidsville, whom Senator Simmons refused to appoint postmaster, has been offered a job under the census bureau by Senator Overman. Oliver is in Washington to confer with the junior Senator and to see whether he will accept the place.

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A BIG BATTLE IS HOURLY EXPECTED

NEW TREATY TO SOLVE CALI- FORNIA QUESTION?

Hearings on Adriatic Exclusion Bill Postponed Indefinitely at Secretary Bryan's Request.—House Judiciary Committee Buckles Down to Work on Anti-Trust Programme.—Bill to Reserve Radium Bearing Lands to Be Favorably Reported.

Mexico City, Jan. 21.—A battle is hourly expected at Torreon. General Orozco is reported to be approaching the city with a thousand men to assist in the federal defense. The latest reports said that the federals are in a position to defend themselves against a prolonged rebel attack.

General Villa will have fifteen thousand rebel soldiers when he opens the attack on Torreon, according to advices from Chihuahua. The federal force will be less. Villa announced today that he is confident of capturing Torreon and would then lead his men in an assault on Mexico City.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL TODAY.

Norfolk & Western Testifies in the Freight Rate Hearing.

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—Insisting that an application of the reduced rates in the Justice act to the company's business in this State would cut the intrastate freight revenue 29 1/2 percent and would amount to confiscation and unreasonableness, General Counsel Lucius H. Coker opened the case for the Norfolk & Western before the special intrastate freight rate commission today. He explained that his company paid only three percent on its stock and is satisfied if intrastate freight business barely breaks even, if not actually done at a loss. General Auditor Cox and General Freight Traffic Manager Thomas were introduced as witnesses through whom figures were submitted to prove the contention of Mr. Coker. The commission will now take three weeks' recess to allow counsel for the State to prepare for the cross examination of witnesses for the railroads who are to return for this purpose.

THROUGH CANAL IN SEVENTY DAYS

The Near-Opening of the Waterway Announced by Official.

The Panama Canal will be in condition to pass vessels all the way across the isthmus within the next seventy days, unless some unexpected obstacle is encountered. That is the judgment of a high canal official, heretofore refusing to make any definite promise in regard to the completion of the canal, and even now declines to fix the date more definitely.

The only remaining obstacle to prevent the passage of vessels at this moment is the Curacha slide, which blocks the cut at Culebra, and the few additional slides of relatively minor importance in the same locality.

The dredging is progressing very satisfactorily on these slides. As soon as a channel of sufficient width and depth is established it will be possible to pass vessels through from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Death of Mrs. Emmaline Safrif.

Mrs. Emmaline Safrif died this morning at 7:30 o'clock at the home of her nephew, Mr. J. T. Sapp, on McGill street, where she had made her home for a number of years. Mrs. Safrif's death followed an illness of several years' duration. She was 72 years of age and was a member of the Baptist Church.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. G. A. B. Holderby, pastor of Kerr Street Methodist Church. The interment will be made at Oakwood cemetery.

Charles Hamilton, Aviator, Dies.

New York, Jan. 22.—Charles J. Hamilton, aged 34, one of the leading aviators of the country, died suddenly at his home here today. Hemorrhage was the cause of his death. He attracted wide attention to flying from Governor's Island to Philadelphia and return in less than a day four years ago.

Some of the manuscript sent to newspaper offices are so bad they ought first to be sent to the house of correction with their authors.

WOODMEN MEETING.

Cabarrus Woodmen Plan a Large Meeting to be Held January 27.—Messrs. Lewis and Royster to Speak.

For several weeks the Woodmen in Cabarrus have been busy soliciting members and have secured about 300 members and have secured about 300. This class will be initiated Tuesday night January 27.

The order plans to have a great time. Sovereign Manager E. B. Lewis will give these prizes, the first to the camp securing the largest number of members in 30 days from December 1, to January 1. The degree teams will drill for two prizes, one a beautiful silver set of the order, the other a sword. Gen. B. S. Royster, of Oxford, one of the best speakers in North Carolina, and a man who is well posted in Woodcraft, being a delegate to the Sovereign Camp at its meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., last June, will speak, and there will be other speakers also.

All candidates are expected to be present and be instructed in the work of the order. The meeting will be held at the graded school in order to accommodate all the woodmen of the various camps who will attend.

TO REPLACE CHARLOTTE AS PASSENGER TRAIN TERMINAL

Spencer to be Made Point for Changing of Crews—Order Effective About February 6.

Spencer, Jan. 21.—Under a recent decision following a vote taken by the Order of Railway Conductors on the Southern Railway, this is to be made a terminal point for passenger trains. It is stated the vote was polled recently and that a majority of the conductors voted for the terminal to be changed from Charlotte to this place; that the matter was then placed in the hands of the general committee on behalf of the Order of Railway Conductors, which committee ruled that the change must be made. The Southern officials being favorable to such a change, it now remains only for the order to become effective.

The date has not yet been set, but it is expected that the new rule will become effective about February 6. All train crews, including conductors, flagmen, brakemen, and auditors, will be changed here very soon. Engine crews are already making changes at Spencer.

Under the new arrangement passenger crews will run from here to Washington and from here to Atlanta, instead of taking Charlotte as a starting point as formerly.

RAISING THE ILL FATED SUBMARINE.

The Public May Never Know the Details as to How She Was Lost.

Plymouth, Eng., Jan. 22.—While not even the most sanguine relatives have the slightest hope that any of the eleven men of the ill-fated submarine "A-7" are alive, their fate will not be officially known until the vessel is placed in dry dock. When the work of raising the submarine was undertaken the admiralty ordered that no attempt to open her be made until she was safe in the naval dock, away from the public gaze. The public may never know the details, if the admiralty discovers a state of affairs it thinks best to keep secret.

The task of raising the sunken boat began by a specially equipped salvage lighter. It is very slow and difficult, and it is estimated that it will be impossible to raise the boat before night.

BUNN-KINDLEY.

Dr. J. J. Bunn Weds Miss Lucile Kindley, of Mount Pleasant.

Dr. J. J. Bunn and Miss Lucile Kindley, of Mount Pleasant, were married last evening at 8:30 o'clock at St. John's Lutheran parsonage. Rev. C. R. Pless officiated. Dr. and Mrs. Bunn will make their home at Mount Pleasant.

The groom is a son of Dr. J. F. Bunn, of Concord. He recently located in Mount Pleasant for the practice of medicine and is meeting with fine success in his profession. The bride is a daughter of Mr. W. A. Kindley and is an attractive and popular young lady.

Big Fire Sale at Parks-Belk Co.'s.

The Parks-Belk Co. will place on sale tomorrow (Friday) a large quantity of damaged goods from the Belk Bros' Charlotte store, which recently had a big fire. Their part of these goods arrived this week and will go on sale tomorrow. They will also continue the reduction sale on their regular stock. See big ad. in both The Times and Tribune today.