

Support Pledged Here To Proposed Railway

At Mass Meeting at Court House Concord and Cabarrus Citizens Show Willingness to Support Proposition

FORMER GOVERNOR MORRISON HEARD

Committee Is Named to Cooperate With Similar Committees Appointed in Cities Adjacent to Concord.

"I believe, and I have reason to believe that if the people would concur with James B. Duke in the matter of the interurban railway, that is, if they would do anything within reasonable bounds such as helping him while he is constructing it and patronizing it afterward, he would certainly build such a road."

This statement was made by Ex-Governor Cameron Morrison Monday night in his speech at the court house to a large audience composed of representative citizens.

After the ex-Governor put the matter before the mass meeting there were a number of brief talks by local men in which an endorsement was placed on the movement, and a resolution, drawn up and presented by G. Ed Kestler, was passed unanimously, heartily endorsing the project and pledging "co-operation, good will, aid and influence to Mr. Duke."

In beginning his speech, Mr. Morrison declared that the object of his visit was to make a statement rather than to make a speech. He expressed surprise at the large number of persons who had come to hear him.

"Some of us have been interested," he said, "in getting an interurban railroad extended to our section of the state. We have learned, or think we have learned, that Mr. Duke would consider the matter if he knew the people wanted it and would give co-operation."

"This is a thing which would help the state as much as anything we could do. The original plans for the interurban which Mr. Duke started were to continue it from Charlotte northward. However, the war came and other things kept him from extending it as he had first had in mind."

"Such a railway would connect the towns in this section and make trade and intercourse easy. There is only one railroad here but an interurban would connect Concord directly with the seaboard at Charlotte, with the Southbound (partly owned by the Atlantic Coast Line) at Lexington, and the Norfolk & Western at Winston-Salem. That's the whole story. It would connect the towns and connect all the Railroad systems."

Mr. Morrison then proceeded to outline the plan of organization which had been followed in Charlotte last Saturday and in Salisbury and Lexington earlier in the day. He asked that a committee be appointed from each of the civic clubs which would confer with the central committee in Charlotte and when the opportunity presented itself, to bring the sentiment of the communities before Mr. Duke.

Committees were appointed by Mayor Clarence Barrier, who was chairman of the meeting, as follows: From the Rotary Club, J. F. Dayvault, L. D. Coltrane, A. D. Odell, A. R. Howard and Maury Richmond; from the Kiwanis Club, B. E. Harris, T. N. Spencer, W. A. Foll, T. D. Maness and F. M. Youngblood; from the Chamber of Commerce, G. L. Patterson, C. F. Ritchie, F. C. Niblock, H. B. Wilkinson, and L. T. Harrell; from the Merchants Association, W. A. Overcash, J. E. Davis, J. L. Petrea, O. A. Swearingen and A. B. Pounds.

These committees were asked to bring the matter of the railway before their respective organizations and to see that a permanent committee was appointed which should be prepared to meet at Charlotte when called upon to do so.

The resolution brought before the meeting by G. Ed Kestler was as follows: "Whereas, Mr. J. B. Duke, the great financial genius and benefactor of our state, has plans to build an interurban electric line through Cabarrus county, and

"Whereas our great agricultural, manufacturing and business interests would be greatly benefited by said line, and

"Therefore, Be it resolved, in a mass meeting of citizens representing all our people and all our interests, that we heartily endorse this project, that we pledge our co-operation, goodwill, aid and influence to Mr. Duke to aid in its construction.

"That we appreciate this opportunity of publicly expressing our views on the matter, and we stand ready to work, cooperate and do anything honorable to further the building of this line here.

TO EDUCATE PEOPLE AS TO OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

Part of Campaign to Send Speakers to the Various Summer Schools.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, N. C., July 14.—As a part of a campaign of accurate, yet popular, education in the natural resources of North Carolina, a policy stressed in the address of Governor A. W. McLean, before the North Carolina Forestry Association at Asheville, the North Carolina State Department of Conservation and Development will send speakers to the various summer schools in session throughout the State.

The State Forester and the Assistant Forester have a number of engagements to speak on forestry subjects, particularly fire prevention, as the first means and aid to reforestation. In addition, a series of engagements will be filled by Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey, State Geologist of the Department, in which he will deal, in condensed form, with the geology of the State and then emphasize the most practical plans of realizing commercially upon the knowledge. Giving a resume of State geology in broad outlines, Dr. Stuckey will catalog the mineral resources and the locations in which they are found, but will devote the major part of his talk to a discussion of the non-metals, which in the last twenty years have materially contributed to the State's wealth. These are the granites, the clays, the kaolins, the feldspars and mica—all of which have not only been subjects of remarkable development but promise important expansion.

Dr. Stuckey stated today, that, although North Carolina is one of the most remarkable markets of all States or countries in the inclusive variety of samples of minerals, its hope of actual return from mineral wealth lies not in the realm of precious metals or gems but in low priced resources in deposits pending themselves to the production in large quantities of products that meet business needs.

Gold, Dr. Stuckey pointed out, has in times past been an important mineral in the State and it is possible that there will be a significant revival at some time in its production. "Gold, however," said the geologist, "depends to an extent upon discovery, and when discovered, the mine in time, 'peters out.' Other valuable metals and gems occur in pockets which are stumbled on by chance and, giving an immense value at times, are sooner or later exhausted.

"An instance is the Hiddenite, a gem peculiar to this State and of great value. Since its discovery in a limited area, it has been exhausted commercially and, although there is undoubtedly Hiddenite somewhere near the original discovery, there is no way to prospect for it, except by chance. In the non-metals, however, there are abundant sources of known supply, which need only intelligent development, adequate capital and a disposition within the state to make use of home products by home industry to multiply the great advances already made in their exploitation.

THE PRESIDENT FINDS PLENTY OF WORK TO DO

The Presidential Office Does Not Permit Any Extended Vacation. Swampscott, Mass., July 14.—President Coolidge is finding a steadily growing calendar. His reflection in leaving Washington that the Presidential office does not permit of any extended vacation is proving true.

This afternoon Mr. Coolidge will receive the executive council which served with him during his term as Governor of this State.

Late this week he has an engagement to receive the new minister from Egypt and to entertain also the Polish minister of foreign affairs who will be a guest at luncheon. J. Hays Hammond, a close friend of the President, who is spending the summer at Gloucester, will be a guest at the same time.

ELKS AT PORTLAND

National Convention Formally Opened For Business This Morning.

(By the Associated Press) Portland, Ore., July 14.—The Elks national convention became formally opened for business this morning with the opening of the grand lodge at the public auditorium.

Fifteen thousand Elks and their families were registered from all sections of the country. Philadelphia was the first big delegation to reach the city yesterday. The Quaker City was the biggest outpouring of any point east of the Rockies.

To prove financially successful in the first year of their existence is not a common thing among minor baseball organizations nowadays but such good luck appears to be in store for the new Middle Atlantic League. Attendance records for the first half of the season are all that could be desired by the promoters of the new organization, which has clubs of live towns in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia.

to us. This July 19, 1925." Mayor Barrier, in his remarks introducing Governor Morrison, brought the house a hearty laugh when he announced that the mass meeting had been called for the purpose of listening to the remarks of Governor Aycock. He corrected himself pretty by saying that he had been thinking of famous governors and that the names Aycock and Morrison stood out among them.

FIRST PICTURES OF EVOLUTION JURY



The "fundamentalist jury" in the far-famed Dayton (Tenn.) evolution trial, photographed immediately after being sworn in. The jurors, eleven of whom admitted being devout church members, are shown in this picture in the following order: Left to right at bottom are W. G. Taylor, J. H. Bowman, J. R. Thompson, W. G. Day, R. L. Gentry, R. F. West, Upper row: J. S. Wright, J. B. Goodrich, J. W. Riley, J. W. Dagley and W. F. Robinson. The twelfth juror, W. T. Smith, had been called away just before picture arrangements were completed. Standing at the left is Sheriff R. B. Harris and at the right Judge J. T. Raulston.

CAVE DWELLER VISITS CITY FOR FIRST TIME

Lived in a Cave in the Midst of a Forest For Thirty Years.

(By the Associated Press) Omaha, Neb., July 14.—Henry F. Morris, who has dwelt in a cave in the midst of a forest south of Omaha for thirty years, has paid his first visit to this city and civilization since the days "Buffalo Bill" conducted his wild west show here.

An Omaha newspaper brought the hermit to Omaha where he found cause for wonder and also alarm in the automobile, the elevator and the motion picture. His experiences were perplexing. He did not understand how "a voice could travel without wires," let alone the complicated mechanics of the telephone and the fast moving pace of the present day world after 30 years of seclusion, led him to wonder if the new ways were the best.

HEARINGS ON NICKLE PLATE MERGER TO BE RESUMED

Before the Interstate Commerce Commission on July 20th.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, July 14.—Hearings on the Van Swearingen Nickel Plate railroad merger plan will be resumed before the Interstate Commerce Commission on July 20th.

The commission in setting the date did not indicate a decision on the protest of O. P. and M. J. Van Swearingen against the course of cross examination which opponents of the merger had been allowed to take.

The hearings were suspended last month when backers of the plan sought a decision as to whether the business operations of O. P. and M. J. Van Swearingen and associates should be opened to further the inquiry. It is expected the decision of the commission will be announced when the hearings are again put underway.

MISSOULA BETWEEN TWO FOREST FIRES

Both Are Burning Furiously and Are Beyond Control.

(By the Associated Press) Missoula, Mont., July 14.—Libbey, Mont., is between two forest fires, both burning furiously and out of control. A hundred and sixty men are fighting desperately to check the flames.

One of the conflagrations is five miles north of town and had burned over 400 acres. The other conflagration is 6 miles south of the village and jumped to the control lines established Friday. A dozen fires are burning in Missoula forests. Several were started by lightning.

Farming Population Again Drops in 1924

Washington, July 14.—The farm population of the United States decreased approximately 182,000 during 1924, according to estimates based on a survey of 25,000 representative farms made recently by the department of agriculture. This is a drop of 61 per cent during that year, the estimated farm population, January 1, 1925, having been 31,134,000, compared with 31,310,000 January 1, 1924.

The movement from farms to cities, towns and villages in 1924 is estimated at 2,075,000; the movement to farms was 1,390,000, making a "net" movement from the farm of 679,000, or 2.2 per cent. An excess of births over deaths of 497,000 reduced the loss to 182,000. In 1922 the loss of farm population was 460,000.

With Our Advertisers.

Clark & Co., of Salisbury, will make loans on well located business property and desirable residences in Concord. See ad. in this paper.

The Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. is now moving into its new store on Church street next to the Cash Feed Store. Read the new advertisement of the Cabarrus Savings Bank.

STATE DEFICIT \$9,438,531.61

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, July 14.—The deficit in the general fund of the State of North Carolina at the close of the fiscal year of June 30, 1925, was announced today as \$9,438,531.61.

This is less than the budget commission estimated the deficit would be at that date, the tentative figures named last January being \$9,515,787.63.

KNAPP STILL A FUGITIVE

The Thrill Slayer Evades Searchers.—Airplane Search Futile.

(By the Associated Press) New York, July 14.—Phillip Knapp, army air corps deserter, sought as a thrill slayer, still was a fugitive from justice today despite a search that extended to several New York cities and to Alexandria Bay, in the Thousand Island group.

An airplane from Mitchell Field has searched the region around Plattsburgh without obtaining clues.

Knapp in Batavia. More than twelve residents of this city today were positive that Phil K. Knapp, army air service deserter and sought as "thrill" slayer, was in the city Sunday and part of yesterday. They ventured the opinion that he may be hiding in this vicinity while searchers are combing the Canadian border for him. He is wanted for the murder of a taxi driver. Attired in military uniform the stranger answered the description of Knapp to the minutest detail, it was said.

He attempted to borrow funds to take him to Buffalo from the night ticket agent at the New York Central depot.

SNOW IN VIRGINIA

Followed a Thunderstorm at Blackburg and Lasted Five Minutes.

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, July 14.—While many sections of the country continued to sweeter under a tedious heat wave the weather man varied his offerings in a light fall of snow at Blackburg, Va., the white shower following a thunderstorm and lasting five minutes.

The freak brought no comfort to the parched summerlands of the middle west and Rocky Mountain regions where the thermometer apparently were in a race to overstep the century mark.

National Fete Day in France

Paris, July 14.—The French national fete is being held today throughout the country in traditional manner. In the capital nearly all business is suspended and the streets are filled with pleasure-seekers. In accordance with custom, one of the chief features of the day's program was the great review of troops at Longchamps, attended by President Doumergue, the ministers of state, the foreign diplomatic corps, and many other notables. The President was greeted with enthusiasm by the assembled crowd, estimated at more than 100,000 persons.

Cities Along Proposed Way Are Aroused For the Interurban

Charlotte Observer. A symposium of views entertained in towns and cities to be tapped by the proposed extension of the Piedmont and Northern railroad from Charlotte to Winston-Salem, brought the electrifying news yesterday that the idea has been received with utmost enthusiasm throughout the zone to be served, should the line be built.

Former Governor Morrison yesterday spoke in Concord, Salisbury and Lexington, and in each of these places he gained warmest assurance that the business men and community leaders would immediately organize committees to co-operate with Charlotte, Winston-Salem and other places in presenting the matter to James B. Duke in Charlotte as an early date.

BILL OF INDICTMENT AGAINST JESSE WYATT

Raleigh Policeman Charged With Killing of S. S. Holt June 1st.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, July 14.—A bill of indictment against Jesse Wyatt, Raleigh suspended policeman, was presented to the Wake county grand jury this morning by Solicitor W. F. Evans. Wyatt is charged with the killing of S. S. Holt, lawyer of Smithfield, on the afternoon of June 1st.

The indictment, the second to be presented to the grand jury for its consideration, was the outgrowth of the killing of Holt as he was returning in an automobile from Raleigh to his Smithfield home. To Raleigh officer who suspected the car was transporting liquor, fired at it after he said it had not halted in response to his command. The officer was not in uniform and search of the automobile after Holt had been killed failed to reveal any liquor.

BOMB EXPLOSION IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT

Police Believe Explosive Was a Time Bomb.—Burned Hole in Bench.

(By the Associated Press) New York, July 14.—A bomb explosion today in Magistrate Farrell's division of the traffic court.

The explosion caused no serious damage only burning a hole in the bench under which it had been set. The police believe the explosive was a time bomb. It was placed near the magistrate's bench.

The explosion occurred just as the magistrate was sentencing a traffic violator to pay a fine of \$25. Nearly one hundred cases with a penalty had been disposed of.

The magistrate calmly banged his gavel for order while men and women scrambled through aisles to safety. The magistrate said he had no enemies and was at loss to account for the explosion.

COTTON CONSUMPTION

495,785 Bales Consumed in United States During June, Census Bureau Figures Show.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, July 14.—Cotton consumption during June totaled 495,785 bales of lint and 60,577 of lintless compared with 531,471 of lint and 61,187 of lintless in May this year and 350,021 of lint and 40,010 of lintless at June last year, the Census Bureau announced today.

Reposes for Years in Attic. London, July 14.—More than \$50,000 worth of unique stamps have been discovered under monastic circumstances in the attic of a titled woman's house in fashionable Mayfair. There are complete sheets of stamps which are of rare value. They were purchased for about \$100 in 1864 by the grandfather of the present owner's husband and had lain in the attic ever since.

It was only by chance they were discovered recently when the woman went to the attic and accidentally came across them. They are to be sold by auction.

When an optimist gets the worst of it he makes the best of it.

CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS CHINA AND ITS QUESTION

President Coolidge Hoped That Such a Conference Will Be Held in the Near Future.

(By the Associated Press) Swampscott, Mass., July 14.—President Coolidge hopes that conditions will be such that a conference will be held in the near future for a discussion of extra-territorial rights in China as well as Chinese customs.

The efforts of the American government to bring about such a conference, it was stated today, at the summer white house, are confined to an attempt to have the nine nations' signature to the Washington treaty participate and the United States has not entered into an agreement between Japan and Great Britain with regard to China.

Washington Encouraged Over Progress. Washington, July 14.—The Washington government is encouraged over the progress of its program for reaching settlement of the Chinese difficulties.

While there are no specific developments of import today, officials here are increasingly hopeful of an agreement to set up conditions provided for by the Washington arms conference to steady the customs revision in extra-territorial questions which are involved in the present disturbances in China.

THE COTTON MARKET

Rather Irregular With Reactionary Sentiment in Evidence After Yesterday's Advance.

(By the Associated Press) New York, July 14.—The cotton market was rather irregular today with reactionary sentiment in evidence after yesterday's advance. Liverpool cables were relatively easy and there were private reports of showers at a few points in the southwest but offerings were restricted by apprehension of boll weevil damage in the eastern belt and early fluctuations were comparatively narrow.

The market opened steady at a decline of 2 points to net advance of 2 points. October sold up to 23.18 in the first few minutes but later eased off to 24.08 and ended two or three points over yesterday's closing quotations at the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. July 23.88; Oct. 24.10; Dec. 24.25; Jan. 23.68; March 24.00; May 24.30.

Anti-Christians Sought to Prevent Resurrection.

New York, July 14.—Dr. Earl R. Bull, missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church in charge of the work in the Loo Choo islands district of Japan, reports that in his travels about the island of Amakusa, he recently came across a huge grave marked by a large stone boulder on which it is stated 11,111 Christians lie buried there.

The grave dates back to the year 1637, when the Japanese practically wiped out all the Christians who had been converted to that faith by Roman Catholic missionaries. The inscription over this grave tells that 23,323 Christians were slain, beheaded and buried. Their heads were buried in graves many miles distant from the rest of their bodies. Only one-third of the Christian heads were buried in this particular island.

When Dr. Bull made inquiries as to why the heads were buried in graves miles distant from the other parts of the bodies, he was told, "When the Catholic priests preached about the resurrection, they said the Christians would rise again. Fearing that it might be true, the officials of the persecuting Shogun determined that they would make it impossible for them to rise again by separating different parts of the bodies of the dead Christians. If their heads were buried in one township and other parts of their bodies in another township, they concluded that the resurrection was then impossible."

Favorable Trade Balance.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, July 14.—A favorable balance of \$1,420,631,497 resulted from foreign trade of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30th.

OVERRULES DEFENSE ON OBJECTIONS TO PRAYERS IN TRIAL

Judge Raulston Tells Clarence Darrow and Dudley Malone He Believes in the Power of Prayer.

EXCEPTION NOTED BY THE DEFENSE

Interest in Case Now Hinges On Judge's Decision on a Motion to Quash the Indictments in the Case.

(By the Associated Press) Court Room, Dayton, July 14.—An court was about to open in the Scopes evolution trial this morning, Clarence Darrow filed formal objection to opening the session with prayer in the presence of the jury.

Mr. Darrow said: "I do not object to any one praying in private, but I object to this court being turned into a meeting house."

Judge Raulston said: "I do not want to be unreasonable about anything but I am responsible for the conduct of the court. I overrule the objection."

Dudley Malone followed with a statement of his objections to the procedure, saying: "As one member of the counsel who is not an agnostic I desire to file objection. I respect Mr. Darrow's right to unbelief which is as sincere as my belief. But prayer in the case so far has been largely argumentative and we submit it should be excluded."

Attorney General Stewart declared that the same religious atmosphere was prevailing in the court room as had prevailed there before.

Judge Raulston remarked that he had followed his usual custom of opening court with prayer when it minister is available. He cautioned ministers called to pray here not to refer to this case in their prayers, he said.

"I believe in prayer," he said, "I pray myself and often invoke the blessing of God on my endeavors. I practice it off and on the bench. I therefore overrule the objection."

Rev. Mr. C. Stribling, pastor of the Dayton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, then offered prayer and Mr. Darrow entered an exception.

The formal opening of the court followed the prayer. Judge Raulston announced that he would have to ask indulgence in arriving at his decision on the motion to quash. A matter of several hours might be needed for him to get his opinion in proper shape, lack of lights in Dayton having interfered with his work last night.

The court then recessed until 1 o'clock. Judge Raulston's Decision Expected This Afternoon. Dayton, Tenn., July 14.—Clarence Darrow, of counsel for John T. Scopes, announced yesterday that he would resume argument today for a motion to quash the indictment against the teacher, but said when he came in court today that after going over his notes of yesterday's address he had decided that he made his position plain and would not continue today.

Judge John T. Raulston, presiding, after overnight study of briefs and authorities cited, was understood to be prepared to file his decision soon after court convened. Their refusal of the defense motion would prolong the trial of Scopes on the charge of violating the State law against teaching evolution theories in public schools.

Lizzie Is Pitching Ace On Young Negro Nine.

Kinston, July 14.—Lizzie, girl pitcher, is the ace of the hurling staff of a club of young negroes in a local suburb. Lizzie fans 'em with regularity and despatch. In a recent game she fanned seven batsmen and hit one.

For three innings the opposing team did not get a man on first. At last one did land safely on a scratch hit. Lizzie whiffed the next two up and caught the runner napping.

A gangling sixteen-year-old, with her hair done in kinks and a face as black as Egypt on a cloudy night, Lizzie twists herself into odd shapes and puts stuff on the pellet.

According to her 165-pound catcher, "that gal can hit an ant off a caterpillar's back at a hundred feet and never raise a hair."

Concord Theatre (THE COOL SPOT) LAST SHOWING TODAY The Village Masterpiece "The Beloved Brute" Also Public News and Assoc's Exhibits A Guaranteed Show TOMORROW Betty Compson in "RAMSHACKLE HOUSE"

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS Partly cloudy, probably local showers tonight and Wednesday.