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## DIRECTORY.

### DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

#### LOCAL TRAINS:

N. Bound.	S. Bound.
Between Florence and Weldon, No. 78.	No. 23.
1:20 P. M. Leaves Wilson	2:05 P. M.

Between Wilmington and Norfolk: No. 48.	No. 49.
1:00 P. M. Leaves Wilson,	2:10 P. M.

'Shoo Fly' Wilmington to Rocky Mount:

No. 40.	No. 41.
10:23 P. M. Leaves Wilson,	6:20 A. M.

#### THROUGH TRAINS:

Between Florence and Weldon: No. 32.	No. 35.
11:35 P. M. Leaves Wilson,	11:18 P. M.

LOCAL FREIGHT—NORTH BOUND:  
Leaves Wilson 7:05 A. M.

#### COUNTY OFFICERS.

##### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

W. W. FARMER, Chairman.  
PERRY RENFROW, J. J. BYNUM,  
W. D. P. SHARP, WM. WOODARD, JR.

J. W. CROWELL, Sheriff,  
ROBT. WHITEHEAD, Deputy.  
J. D. BARDIN, Clerk of Superior Court.  
W. M. WELLS, Register of Deeds,  
W. T. FARMER, Treasurer,  
F. W. TAYLOR, Standard Keeper,  
DR. C. E. MOORE, Coroner,  
JAMES W. TAYLOR, Surveyor,

#### TOWN OFFICERS.

##### ALDERMEN:

J. D. LEE,	1st Ward.
P. B. DEANS,	2nd "
U. H. COZART,	3rd "
GEO. HACKNEY,	4th "
J. T. ELLIS,	5th "

JNO. F. BRUTON, Mayor;  
JNO. R. MOORE, Town Clerk;  
W. E. DEANS, Collector,

#### POLICE:

D. P. CHRISTMAN, Chief.  
EPHRIAM HARRELL, FRANK FELTON,  
JAMES MARSHBOURNE.

#### CHURCHES.

St. Timothy's Episcopal church, Rev. J. C. Wingate, Rector; morning services 11 o'clock, evening 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School at 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday and Friday, 5 o'clock P. M.

Methodist Church, Rev. T. N. Ivey, Pastor; services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School, 5 P. M., J. F. Bruton, Supt. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30.

Disciples Church, Rev. D. W. Davis, Pastor; services on Second, Third and Fourth Sundays at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. Sunday School at 3 o'clock, P. M., Geo. Hackney, Supt.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Thomas, Pastor; services on the First, Second and Third Sunday in every month and at Strickland's church every Fourth Sunday. Sunday School at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Baptist Church.—Service as follows: Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at 8:30 p. m. Rev. J. A. Rood Pastor, Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday-School at 5 p. m. D. S. Boykin, Supt.

Primitive Baptist Church, preaching on 2nd Sunday by Elder Jas. Bass; on 3rd Sunday by Elder Jas. S. Woodard; on the 4th Sunday and Saturday before by the pastor, Elder P. D. Gold. Services begin at 11 A. M.

#### LODGES.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117 A. F. & A. M. are held in their hall, corner of Nash and Goldsboro streets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights at 7:30 o'clock P. M. each month. J. D. Bullock, W. M.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 27 are held in the Masonic Hall every 2nd Monday night at 7:30 o'clock P. M. each month.

Lat Williams, H. P.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7 are held in the Masonic hall every 4th Monday night at 7:30 o'clock each month.

W. H. Applewhite, E. C.  
Regular meetings of Wilson Lodge, K. of H. No. 1694 are held in their hall over the First National Bank every 1st Thursday evening at 3:30 o'clock. P. M. B. F. Briggs, Director.

### Railroad Rate War.

WASHINGTON, September 1.—The Seaboard Air Line to-day filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission a new tariff of passenger rates, to go into effect Friday, September 4, making a lower rate in passenger fares than was in effect by the tariff previously filed, which as a result of Judge Simonton's order was withdrawn August 8. The new tariff makes the rate between Norfolk and Atlanta \$8, against \$9 under the tariff withdrawn, with a corresponding reduction to points north of Norfolk. The Seaboard has not yet filed amended freight tariffs.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., September 1.—Vice President St. John of the S. A. L. today, in the course of an interview on the subject of Judge Simonton's recent decision dissolving the temporary injunction against the Seaboard Air Line, said there was no reason why the Seaboard should not return to rates in effect previous to the issuance of the restraining order. Referring to intimations that the Southern State Freight Association is preparing a tariff on the basis of a 50 per cent. reduction to Seaboard competitive points, ignoring the long and short haul clause of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the Commission, he said, will enforce in its own way a law which demands that no higher rate shall be made for a shorter than for a longer haul, and that the Seaboard would obey this feature of the law in tariffs to be issued, as in the past.

"The present disturbance in rates," said Mr. St. John, "results from the Southern's efforts to destroy our revenues and business. We shall defend our property and our rights from attack, from whatever source it may come and we will continue to oppose to the millions of their bankers the sturdy, unwavering loyalty of the merchants, shippers, farmers, manufacturers, producers, and the good people of all the territory tributary to our line in whose interest the conflict is waged, as well as our own."

### Fusion in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 1.—The Democrats and Populists of this State yesterday agreed to unite on the electoral ticket. The committee of thirteen appointed to confer, and about twenty other representatives of the party, met with Chairman Holt, of the Democratic State Committee, and several of the Democratic nominees for State officers, and after various propositions had been made, back and forth, it was agreed that the electoral ticket shall be divided between the two parties.

### A New Trial After Being Twice Sentenced.

RICHMOND, VA., September 2.—Circuit Judge Coleman sitting at Farmville to-day granted a new trial to Mary Abernethy, twice convicted of being implicated in the murder of Mrs. Pollard, of Lunenburg, and sentenced to be hanged. The ground was that the evidence did not justify the verdict. It is thought now that the case will be prosequed, and that Mary Barnes now serving a term in the penitentiary, she having been convicted of complicity in the crime, will be pardoned.

### The Drought in Virginia.

PETERSBURG, VA., September 2.—The protracted drought in the counties of Southside Virginia has wrought great destruction to crops of all kinds. In some localities there has been no rain of consequence for more than six months. Farmers say that not half a crop of corn or peanuts will be made and the cotton crop will be short. The smaller streams are fast drying up and in some places wells are being dug dry.

WASHINGTON, September 1.—The treasury gold reserve at the close of business to-day stood at \$104,000. The days withdrawals amount to \$104,000.

### Armenians Massacred.

CONSTANTINOPLE, September 1.—The number of persons killed in Sunday's rioting at Hasskein is estimated at two hundred. The owners of the houses which were looted in that town are returning, and have succeeded in getting some of their lost goods restored to them. Much of the plunder were found in Jewish houses.

Over one thousand persons were massacred in the Psmatra district, three hundred Armenians having been drawn out of their houses and murdered by one Khan alone. The Kurdish porters in the Custom House killed their Armenian comrades during the late rioting, and horribly mutilated their bodies.

The foreign families residing here continue to hang from their windows the flag of their various nationalities. Baron de Calice, the Austrian ambassador, has had several interviews with the Sultan, who repeats his assurances that ample measures have been taken to ensure quiet. The Porte will have a large amount of indemnity to pay to foreigners whose houses and offices have been broken into and looted by the mobs.

### Li Hung Chang.

NEW YORK, September 1.—Li Hung Chang passed a busy day, and apparently one profitable and pleasant to himself. The first formal event was the presentation to him of an address by the Foreign Missionary Boards expressing the appreciation of the favor which the Chinese Government has for many years shown towards the missionaries. To this Li made a formal reply, complimenting the Missionaries in terms of high praise.

The American Missionary Societies united in presenting the addresses represented the following Churches; Methodist Episcopal (North and South), the Baptist (North and South), Presbyterian (North and South), Congregational, Protestant Episcopal and Reformed, all together aggregating in Church membership 747,200.

The Merchant's Club gave a reception to Li this afternoon and later on the Vic roy drove through Chinatown.

### Alabama Convention.

MONTGOMERY, September 1.—Congressional conventions were ordered by the Democratic State Committee to be held to-day in all the districts. As far as heard from, the following candidates have been nominated: Second District, Jesse Stallings, without opposition; Third District, Henry D. Clayton, no opposition; Sixth District, John H. Bankhead, on first ballot; Ninth District, Oscar Underwood, by acclamation.

The Fourth District Convention met last week and after over nine hundred ballots adjourned until the 11 inst.

The First Congressional Convention is deadlocked. There are four candidates, two sound money and two free silver. The sound money men have 28 votes and free silver 23. Adjourned until to-morrow.

### Bryan's Visit to Chicago.

CHICAGO, September 1.—The troublesome question as to whether W. J. Bryan will remain in Chicago from September 4 to 7, and address the union working men on the latter day, which Labor Day, according to a promise he made during the convention, was settled yesterday by the receipt of a telegram from the nominee, stating he would speak here Labor Day. Mr. Bryan will arrive September 4 and no arrangements have yet been made for speech-making in or out of Chicago between that and Labor Day. The time will probably be spent at headquarters in conferences and in resting.

The New York Herald heads a subscription list which it proposes to start to pay the expenses of Mr. Henry Watterson in his nomination by the Democrats at the coming convention with \$5,000.

### A Big Fire at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 3-1 a. m.—The extensive factory of S. R. White & Sons' Company, manufacturers of agricultural implements, located on East Water street, was burned to-night. The flames are still raging and the entire fire department and fire tugs have turned their attention to saving adjacent property.

At midnight the fire had spread to the Union stock yards on Nebraska street containing several hundred cattle, and the animals were rescued, but the entire block between Water and Nebraska streets, is doomed. In this square is located the iron foundry of W. Anderson, which strenuous efforts are being made to save. Fears for the safety of the steamship wharves of the Old Dominion and Clyde Lines are entertained.

Rumors are rife that two men perished at the stock yards, but they have not been confirmed, and no lives are believed to have been lost.

The loss will easily approximate \$250,000, and the fire is not yet under control. The fire has caught across Nebraska street, and the Hotel Gladstone is in danger.

### Pickpockets.

CLEVELAND, O., September 1.—The pocket-picking gang still cling close to Candidate Bryan. They secured six pocket-books from persons who accompanied him on the train from Ripley, N. Y., to Cleveland, yesterday. At the Lake Shore station they reaped a rich harvest from the crowd there assembled to greet the nominee. One of them was detected in the act of extracting a purse and was mobbed by those near by. He was knocked senseless by a blow from a cane and taken to a police station.

### Texas Crops.

AUSTIN, September 1.—State Commissioner of Agriculture A. G. Ross yesterday issued a crop bulletin covering 120 counties in the agricultural portion of the State. It puts the average yield of lint cotton at only 90 pounds per acre; corn, seven bushels; wheat, nine bushels, oats, 17 bushels. The increased acreage in cotton is put at 15 per cent. The report says it is doubtful if Texas has experienced a more general and a more damaging drought in the past thirty years during the crop season.

### Election Officials Decline to Serve

BALTIMORE, September 2.—Over 100 democratic election officers in this city, who have announced their unwillingness to support the Chicago nominees, have been excused by the supervisors of elections and their places filled with Bryan adherents. For the first time in the history of the city, colored men will serve this year as election officials. Three colored republican registrars have been appointed and several negro ballot clerks are also to be chosen.

### Fire at Winston.

WINSTON, September 1.—A fire broke out in Masonic Hall, over Mith's drug store, at 2:30 this morning. Damage by fire and water to the drug stock Justice & Barover's bookstore. Schwaller's dry goods store and O'Hanlon's drug store, all in the same block, will aggregate \$50,000.

### Committee Meeting.

RALEIGH, September 1.—The Populist Central Committee is called to meet at 10 o'clock next Friday morning, to call a meeting of the State Committee. The Republican State Committee will meet next week to take Dockery down.

Low prices of pig iron related considerable speculation and sales of over 50,000 tons of iron.

## STATE NEWS.

Mr. Thos. J. Strickland died at his home in Mingo on the 19th instant, aged 21 years.

The A. and M. College re opens this week. Some of the students have been here for ten days and others are arriving on almost every train.

At his residence seven miles from Raleigh, Mr. Thomas Norwood, of Wake county, died yesterday morning of heart disease, aged 60 years. He was one of the most highly respected and best known farmers in the county.

At Mine Fork last week Constable Stephen Deyton took a gun from one of the women who was trying to shoot some one, and set it down, putting his hand on the muzzle, and the woman kicked the lock, firing the gun and shooting his finger off.

Near Stanley Friday evening as two Irish peddlers were crossing the railroad near Porter's Station, they were struck by the train, almost instantly killing their mule and broke their wagon to pieces and very dangerously injuring one of the men. The train was in a cut and could not be seen by the men as they drove on the crossing.

Revenue Raider C. W. Means and U. S. Marshal James Butler made a big raid into Polk county Wednesday night and captured an extensive blockade plant in the Bud Denton neighborhood, near Landrum. Three men at the still, were bagged. They were Joe Gibbs, white, and Henry Whiteside and Bud Carson, colored. They were brought here and jailed. The still, cap and worm and 1,500 gallons of beer were destroyed.

A special from Weldon says: Miss Agnes McGee, one of Weldon's most popular young ladies, made a narrow escape from death or serious injury yesterday afternoon. She was driving across the bridge over the bayou in Mush Island, when her horse became frightened and backed the buggy and occupant over the bridge. Horse and all went crashing to the bottom, a distance of thirty feet, but strange to say, Miss McGee was uninjured. The horse also escaped injury, but the buggy was badly broken.

A telephone message to Raliegh from Berry O'Kelley, the Methodist colored merchant, said that a colored woman had been murdered at Cook's Mill, in House's Creek township. Later he received a letter from Robert Horton, who lives in the neighborhood, saying that Mehaly White, a colored woman living near Cook's Mill, had been murdered by a negro named Jim Booker, who also goes under the alias of Jim Chavis. He added that the body "was lying just where it fell." As soon as the murder was committed Brooker ran off through the woods.

Dr. J. J. Mott, chairman of the National Executive Committee of the "Silver Party," says: "The gold standard people are making a desperate fight for McKinley in this State, they are going to put up a campaign. It would be suicidal for the friends of silver who are in so overwhelming a majority in the State to divide their forces as to allow McKinley to secure the electoral vote of this State. The silver men see that the gold standard men are calculating on a division of the silver vote, and they know that they must get together. I believe that it will all be arranged in the next few days, say within two weeks. McKinley will hardly be allowed to take off the electoral vote of North Carolina.

There are living in ( ) two old ladies, sister and brother, years, who make a living by planting and they allow the friends of silver in the ( )