

FINLEY TO N. C. EDITORS.

RAILWAYS AND PRESS ALLIED

Mr. Finley, at Asheville, Discusses Mutual Interests of Press and Railways and Their Aid in Community **Development.**

Asheville, N. C., July 24 .- At the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association in Asheville to-day President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, delivered an address on "The Relations of the Press and the Railways and the Value of their Cooperation in Community Development."

Mr. Finley pointed out the natural basis for co-operation between the press and the railways growing out of the substantial identity of their interests in community development and prosperity, bringing to the newspapers additional subscribers and advertising and to the railways increased traffic and making it logical that the press and the railways, in their respective fields, should work in close co-operation for community development. He recognized that, while the newspapers and the railways were thus natural allies in community development, it did not follow that there should not be fair criticism of the railways, and said:

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"Fair and just criticism is a proper function of a free press, but criti cism of the agencies which provide the transportation facilities of the community should take account of the economic conditions under which those agencies must work and should aim, in respect to a factor so essential to community development, to be helpful and educational rather than being along lines tending to create unreasoning prejudice.

'Personally, I am a great reader of the newspapers. I appreciate at its full value the work they are doing and ' recognize in their editors, in many cases, the spokesmen of their communities. I do not ignore what is said in the newspapers relative to our policies. I always take note of newspaper criticism on matters that it may be within our power to remedy and all such matters are given attention so far as it may be practicable to do so."

Referring to the fact that a railway can not win the support of public opinion through the exercise of political influence or in any other way except by the intelligent and effective performance of its functions as a carrier and by its responsiveness to fair criticism, Mr. Finley pointed out that its position can only be secure when the economic conditions surrounding its operation and the importance of its functions to development and to the enlargement of opportunity are appreciated by the people of the community, and that this appreciation was dependent upon enlightened citizen. ship. He spoke of the moral responsibility of the press in this connection

most effective co-operation between th press and the railways for community development, Mr. Finley expressed the opinion that such co-op-eration was essential to the fullest development and prosperity of any com munity because intelligence and trans portation were fundamental factors in development, it being the function of the press to disseminate the first and of the railways to provide the second. He outlined the work which the Southern Railway Company is doing to aid in the development of the ter ritory traversed by its lines, express-ing the opinion that it could be said, without boastfulness, to be more prehensive than similar work being done by any other railway organization in the United States. He said:

"In our work for community development it is our policy to co-oper-ate closely with individuals and organizations. That it may have been more effective in some localities than in others has seen due largely to local conditions, tucluding the degree of co-operation that we have received. We believe that it has been particularly effective in Western North Carolina where we have participated in the organization and activities of the Greater Western North Carolina Association, the single purpose of which is the development of this part of the State. We should be very glad to participate in other territorial movements or in a State-wide movement of the same kind, if carried on directly under the auspices of the State or through a responsible organization

similar to that in this region. "In all of the development work that we are doing, we look upon the newspapers of the Southeast as our helpful allies. With very few exceptions we have found them ready, at all times, to publish information relative to our work and to give space in their columns to matter that we have sent them from time to time which we believed might be helpful to their readers. They have very generously given space to the publication of our views on subjects relative to the upbuilding of the Southeast. Many of the newspapers have gone farther than this and

have commended our policies edi-

torially." Suggesting methods in which the press could be of aid in community development, Mr. Finley spoke of the publication of matter that would be helpful to the people already living in the Southeast, emphasizing the importance of farm papers and of devoting space in the daily and weekly papers to information as to the best farm methods. He suggested that each newspaper should be a booster for the Southeast as a whole and for its own particular community, not exaggerating or overstating advantages and opportunities, for the truth about the Southeast was good enugh. He suggested that newspaper men acting as correspondents of papers published in other localities should embrace every proper opportunity to incorporate in their news letters and despatches matter that would serve to attract favorable attention to their communities Speaking of the exceptional opportunities for community development in the Southeast, Mr. Finley said:

"It is a field in which intelligently directed efforts are sure to bring results. In no State are the opportunities greater than in North Carolina. In no State has progress with in recent years been more rapid. The members of this Association have been among the most effective workers for community development in the past and I know that your efforts will be continued. I wish each one of you the largest measure of success and assure you of the hearty co-operation of the Southern Railway Company in community development.'

RAILROADS MAKE RATE REDUCTION

RAILROADS ARGEE TO MODIFIED 25 PER CENT FREIGHT RATE REDUCTION.

IS SUBMITTED TO CRAIG

The Corporation Commission of the State Will Report the Proposals to

the Governor Without Recommend-

ing Acceptance.

Raleigh .- Returning to Raleigh from the four-days' conference with rallroad traffic managers at Old Point Comfort, the members of the corporation commission gave out a statement to the effect that the conference has not resulted in such complete agreement aas to freight rate reduction as that the proposed adjustment will be presented to Governor Craig with recommendation that it be accepted, but that it did result in such concessions that the commission will present the result to the governor for his consideration. The commission's statement says:

"At the last conterence in the office of the governor the commission insisted that the proportion of through rates represented by the rate from the Virginia cities should be reduced 25 . per cent, and presented a basis for working out the new rates that would approach that average.

"At the conference this basis was finally accepted by the carriers with some modifications, resulting in a scale of proposed rates to the Winston and Newbern zones of 20 per cent less than present rates as a general average of the class rates and with the larger percentage of reductions on the classes in which the heaviest traffic is handled, so that it is expected that the reductions as applied to actual traffic moving will closely approach 25 per cent. The most important commodities in volume handled from the West are grain and grain products and under the scale now agreed to by the carriers the classes under which they are handled would be reduced 28 per cent.

"The same reduction in cents on the 100 pounds would apply to other zones except right near the northern and southern state mes and west of Statesville, rates to those points being worked on a somewhat different basis. The railroads did not concede the position of the commission that Statesville rates should be the maximum for all points west of Statesville.

"The results in detail will not be announced until they are presented in formal report to the governor and the market in a few weeks, and will as there are a number of important matters connected with it yet to be worked out, it will be some days before it can be rounded out as a whole for the final report.

Provide For Forest Reserves.

The department of agriculture is steadily and systematically providing for the vast forest reserves in western North Carolina at the headwaters of North Carolina streams. The long- Gilead, Biscoe, Star and Troy are comtalked of Appalachian forest reserve ing to the front in school equipment.

FOR GOOD ROADS BONDS SUPPLY VACANCIES A \$200,000 Issue Was Voted For Edge

combe .--- Half For Road and Half For Bridges.

Tarboro .- Returns from practically every voting precinct in Edgecombe county give a majority in favor of the bond issue, authorizing the county THERE IS CAUSE FOR DEBATE commissioners to issue a hundred thousand dollars for good roads and Relative to Vacancies in the State a like amount for permanent bridge work at once. Complete returns will General Assembly .- Possibly Five not be available for several days, Places to Be Filled Since Adjourn though two hundred majority is assured.

As much of the bonds are needed will be issued at once and a competent road and bridge engineer will the extra-ordinary session of the genbe employed to superintend and lay eral assembly only two months disout the roads of the county. A hightant, the executive department took way commission composed of five the initial step in paving the way for men will probably be chosen to hansitting when Attorney General Bickdle the funds and attend to the road ett was requested to give to the governor's office the legal requirements building.

There are three hundred miles of roads in the county to be made into clay roads in the future, beginning with most used ones and taking in tributaries.

There was some determined opposition and though the result was never in doubt, supporters were pushed to get their vote out. Ideal weathed contributed to the size of the vote cast and practically the entire registered strength was voted before the polls closed. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt and Editor

Varner, of Lexington, made telling speeches in the county prior to the election, greatly assisting the supporters of the movement. Ex-May W. O. Howard of this city, was a large factor in carrying the election and worked hard for the issue.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The following charters were issue by the secretary of state: The Sugar Loaf Gin and Oil Company, of Youngsville township, Franklin coun ty, for the purpose of conducting a general ginning and compressing cot ton business; authorized capital. \$10. 000 with \$6,500 subscribed by I. W Mitchell, J. R. Pearce, J. H. Timber lake, J. B. Perry, J. B. Allen, J. W Winston, W. C. Young and C. C Cheatham, of Youngsville, Wallace Fisheries Company, of Morehead City is the name of a new corporation to engage in the manufacturing of fish ing oil nad fertilizer and fish scraap Authorized capital stock, \$25,000, with \$15,000 preferred stock.

Tyhpoid Vaccine For The State.

The state laboratory of hygiene will soon be making typhoid vaccine for the state at greatly reduced prices. This vaccine, until recently sold at abnor mally high prices, but it has now been reduced so that the vaccine itself costs about \$1.50 per person. In the interest of humanity, economy and public health, the laboratory will make it and sell it at cost. The first of the product will probably be on sell at cost price. This will probably not be over fifty cents for the vaccine, and perhaps even less. At that price the average man will feel able to protect himself and family from the disgraceful scourge of typhoid.

Education in Montgomery County. Montgomery county in education stands equal to any other in the state which has no large cities. Mount

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Short Paragraphs of State News That Has Been Condensed For Busy People of State.

Scotland Neck .--- T. W. Russell has been awarded the contract to build the new postoffice building on Main street and will begin work as soon as he can get the material on the ground. Mr. Russell says he expects to have it completed by the first of October.

Burlington.-F. L. Williamson, the recently appointed postmaster of this city, has received his commission and has entered upon the duties of his office. C. H. Cates will be the assistant postmaster and Robert Riddle has been added to the clerical force.

Charlotte .- The report of Dr. F. O. Hawley, superintendent of the city and Mrs. W. O. Bibble, city biologist, of water taken from the city water supply, the samples being taken from the pipes July 22, 23 and 24, shows that the water was well purified mechanically and biologically being free from the colon group of bacteria and containing a very small count of total bacteria per cubic centimeter.

High Point .--- Gertrude Johnson, the colored woman who stabbed Hattie Hearn through the heart with a pair of scissors has been sent to jail to await the action of the Guilford county grand jury. The altercation took place on a back street and there was much conflicting testimony and about the only thing certain was that the dead woman came to her death by the scissors in the hand of the prisoner.

Salisbury .--- R. O. Kizer, superintendent of public instruction for Rowan county, is now visiting the various school committees, advising with them as to the election of teachers for the approaching school term, of the 14 townships four have chosen teachers and 10 others will do so as soon as the details can be arranged and meetings be held with the county superintendent.

Charlotte.-In speaking of the proposed co-operative creamery which is being planned at Cornelius, Mr. R. W. Graeber, county demonstration agent for Mecklenburg stated that fine propress was being made and that some 200 cows were on the list as producers of the raw material with about 150 more needed. He was of the opinion that the others would be secured in the near future.

Monroe .- The Union county branch of the State Just Freight Rate Association was formed here recently with S. O. Blair, president; T. P. Dillon, vice president and F. G. Herndon, secretary and treasurer. This action was taken following strong speeches by E. R. Preston and W. S. Creighton of Charlotte, who, before a large audience, summed up the losses to the state from discrminatory rates.

Raleigh .-- The constitutional commission, which completed its work July 17 and made its report July 18 to Governor Locke Craig, has been issued. It is in pamphlet form and will be sent to people over the state with a view to acquainting them with the work of the commission and giving them an opportunity to vote intelligently upon such matters as are treated if these get by the general assembly. The printing is done by Uzzell & Company, of Raleigh.

Washington.-George W. Waters was recently recommended for post master by Representative Small, as a result of a Democratic preferentia

CALLS FOR ELECTION TO BE IS SUED SOON .- ATTORNEY GEN-

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ment of the Legislature.

Raleigh .- With the convening of

governing the issuing of calls for

elections of representatives and sena-

tors to fill vacancies created since

the adjournment of the regular ses-

sion of the legislature. The attorney

general will file with the executive

department the requested information

and within a short time the calls for

The number of vacancies occurring

since the adjournment of the legisla-

ture in March is not positively known

as yet and some that have been class-

ified as vacancies is still a matter of

uncertainty and is a topic for debate.

Resignations creating vacancies have

not been filled with the governor in only two instances; that of Speaker

George W. Connor and A. D. Watts,

the former appointed to a judgeship

and the latter to the post of internal

revenue collector of the western dis-

The three offices that give cause for

debate whether vacancies will have

to be supplied are in the cases of

Representative G. L. Gibbs, of Pamli-

co county, recently appointed oyster

commissioner Senator J. P. Cook, of

Cabarrus county, appointed to the

office of secretary-treasurer of the

North Carolina Railroad Company,

and Senator W. T. Woodley, of Rowan

county, elected steward of the Cen-

The impression prevails in the gov-

ernor's office that there are other va-

cancies that will turn up before the

call for elections have been issued. due

to appointments to other offices in

the state since the adjournment of the

Hold Institute at Fair Grounds.

Oxford. - The Farmers' Institute

was held at the Granville county fair

grounds. A large gathering of leading

farmers and business men of Oxford

enjoyed the occasion. The program

of the day was successfully carried

out. Speeches were made in the ag-

ricultural hall by W. J. Shuford, on

Farm Co-Operation; Dr. W. W. Gain r,

on Tobacco; Dr. J. A. Morris, on Ex-

perimental Work, A bountiful basket dinner was served, after which Mrs.

Chas. McKimmon gave a demonstra-

tion of bread-making. Mrs. A. L. Cape-

hart, assisted by the Tomato Club

girls gave demonstration of canning

First Annual Convention.

Wilmington .--- The first annual con-

vention of the University Chapter of

the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was

held at the Seashore hotel, Wrights-

ville Beach several days ago with a

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and of its power, by presenting fully and fairly, the economic situation of the railways and the interest of all of the people in their prosperity and efficlency, to bring about that mutual good understanding which is indispensable to effective co-operation.

As, in an economic sense, production is not complete until goods are put in a position for consumption, Mr. Finley spoke of the railways as creators of value and as an indispensable part of the producing equipment of every community and of every farmer and manufacturer in it and said that unjust criticism directed against farmers and manufacturers would be fust as logical as against the railways.

Speaking of the right of the railways, just as of any other business enterprise to present their cause, fully and freely, before courts, administra. tive tribunals, legislatures, and the bar of public opinion, Mr. Finley said: "Enlightened public opinion in

the United States will not justify the relegation of the railways to the status of the Jew in England in the Middle Ages, when, as we read in Madoxe's History of the Exchequer: Josce Quartebuch gave forty marks that his son Hekelin might be dealt with according to justice': and 'Jurnet of Norwich gave 1,800 marks that he might reside in England with the King's good will.'

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"The railways are asking for no ecial favors. They ask only that their importance in the development of the country and that the interest which each individual has in their efficiency shall be frankly recognized. They ask that differences which may arise between them individuals or communities shall be subjects of full and free conference to be adjusted in accordance with sound business principles. or that, failing such adjustment hey shall be adjudicated by the ribunals constituted by law." the condition which ed to

Good Roads in Durham.

Durham-The county road force has completed that part of the central highway in Durham county and when Orange county connects with this road leading out of West Durham there will be a good road from this city to Greensboro. One gang of the convict force is now working on the Durham end of the Quebec and Miami road, which is known as the Oxford road. It will take something like three months to get a four-mile gap in this road put into the proper condition for travel.

Held On Serious Charge.

Greensboro-W. C. Tise, a Winston-Salem business man, and his stenographer, Miss Lillie Tess, are under bonds of \$400 to appear in police court and answer to charges of immorality. Some time ago the woman came to Greensboro and took apartments and to her a child was born. After the birth, man, woman and child left in an automobile. The child was left with a woman in the suburbs of Winston-Salem, where it died. Investigation when a burial certificate was requested furnished the clue.

To Start Drainage Work.

Fayetteville .- The Breatt Engineering & Construction Co. of Wilson has been awarded the contract to do the excavating work in connection with the drainage of the swamp lands of Flea Hill township. The work will be begun as soon as the commissioners of the drainage district sell the bonds. The property will be assessed according to the classification of the lands which will be made before the sale of the bonds. The Brett Company was given the contract at 6.37 necessary to the cents the cubic yard.

to the United States, are being brought in United States district court at Greensboro. Suits to quiet the title to more than 2,000 acres have already been brought and District Attorney Holton has others to bring soon.

Verdict of Second Degree Murder,

After being out for 21 hours the jury at Asheboro returned a verdict of second degree murder against Lurton English for the killing of John Armstrong at Archdale, Randolph county, March 24, and the prisoner was sentenced by Judge Long to 25 years imprisonment. Counsel for the defense gave notice of appeal and was allowed 15 days to prepare papers.

Special Election in Iredell.

His appointment as collector brought about the resignation of Col. A. D. Watts as state senator from Iredeli, making it necessary to hold a special election prior to the coming extra session of the legislature. There is already talk of the coming election in political circles and Dorman Thompson has made it clear to his friends that he will be a candidate for the place. So far no opposition to Mr. Thompson has developed. He is a leading attorney at the Statesville bar and is an excellent gentleman.

Officers Capture Illicit Still.

Deputy Collector George P. Crutchfield returned from Hillsboro, where he and a deputy sheriff raided a big still in Orange county. G. Gates, a white man who was in charge of the still, was placed in Orange jail. A negro who was about the still jumped in Little river when he saw the officers and made his escape. The zettle was of 300 gallons capacity. There were seventeen fermenting oxes with 3,000 gallons capacity. he still had a capacity of 150 gallons nd was working night and day.

is soon to be a reality. Several suits Each has, ,or will have in the near to quiet titles, so that the title to future a handsome school building. property purchased will be assured There is being held in Troy for two weeks an institute for the training of teachers who are to go out and teach this coming winter. Mr. R. W. Allen, who was here two years ago is now here, and is instructing the teachers who are to teach the grades from the fourth up.

> To Change Location of College. The Industrial Christian College, located at Dawson, Greene county. will probably be moved to Snow Hill The proposition made by the arrange ment of the institution was immediately approved by the people of the Greene county town, and if the prop er financial inducement is offered the change will likely be effected in a short time.

Elect Teachers For Durham

The Durham county teachers for this township were elected Mr. Hol land Holton was elected principal of the West Durham school, and Mr. T. ... Holton of the East Durham school Mr. George Carrington was made prin cipal of the Lakewood Park school. Mr. Carrington is a graduate of the university with last jeir's class. He is a native of Durham. An important addition to the teaching force of the high schools of the county this year will be that of the domestic science teachers.

Farmers' Institute 'in Caswell.

The Farmers' Institute was held re cently in the court house at Capt. J. D. Fletcher, Durham county's demonstrator, easily captured the audience with his wit and commonplace talk. Col. John S. Cunningham spoke with reference to the fertile lands of Caswell and her splendid opportunities advising diversification and rotation of crops. Mr. J. W. Johnson, of Raleigh, urged the growing of hay and the grasses. A number of ladies were gathered in the body of the court house.

large attendance." A number of ladies were at the beach to attend the social events indicent to the meeting of the fraternity, these including a banquet, sailing and fishing parties and a souvenir dance was held aat Lumina. It was decided to meet annually Wrightsville Beach.

Celebrate Moore's Creek Battle. Wilmington-The annual celbration

of the Moore's Creek battleground, Currie, was attended by upwards of 2,000 people from this section of the state, many going from Wilmington, Fayetteville and other towns on the A. & Y. division of the Coast Line. In connection with the celebration the Confederate veterans held a re-union and the feature of this was an address by Dr. John M. Faison, congressman from the Third district.

As To Use of Some Fines.

Raleigh .-- Although the constitutional commission did not succeed in such tax reform as would give the cities and towns the benefit of the fines and forfeitures collected by it, leaving them for the county school funds, the Attorney general writes Dr. J. Y. Joyner as to the recovery and use of some fines. The case came up from Charlotte. A citizen was sued for exceeding the speed limit with his automobile and the city brought action for recovery of the penalty.

Panama Exposition For This State Wilmington, A meeting will be held soon of the committee of 50 business men appointed by Mayor Moore upon recommendation of the shamber of commerce to take under consideration the feasibility of the proposition of Dr. Russell Bellamy and his New York associates to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal with a big exposition in this state, probably at Wilmington, in 1916. The exposition would be nation-wide. Mr. J. Allan Taylor is chairman of the committee.

primary held there recently. Mr. Small has returned after a week's visit to his home. The nominations of the following postmasters were confirmed by the senate: A C. Link, Hickory; L. T. Sumner, Ahoskie; D. Earl Best, Warsaw; John F. Saunders, Troy; Daniel L. Windley, Belhaven.

Durham.-The board of health met in adjourned session and elected Dr. S. Spaulding Stirrett meat and milk inspector. He will take charge of his new duties in Durham on or before August 1. He is now located in Charlotte and comes to Durham highly recommended. He has had practical experience in the management of dairies and has also been connected with some of the best markets of the country.

Greensboro,-R. T. Amos. of High Point, has brought suit against the Southern Railway Company for \$1,000 damage sto his automobile and \$1,000 additional as punitive damages on account of the collision of a frieght engine with his car in High Point a few weeks ago. Greensboro.—"I want to see the

teachers of North Carolina become effective leaders in the communities in which they live," remarked President Foust of the Normal College, in announcing the close of the summer session and the Home Makers and Rural School Conference.

High Point .-- The Southern Railway Company was fined -500 by Judge W. R. Edwards in the city police court here, after being convicted of the offense of running freight trains on Sunday contrary to statute and the peace and dignity of the state.

Statesville .-- A great crowd is expected to attend the annual county Farmers' Union picnic at the state farm near Statesville. Dr. D. H. Hill, president of A. & M. College, Raleigh, and Mr. W. J. Shuford, manager of the big co-operative creamery at Hickory, will be the principal speak ers of the occasion.