

N. C. GOVERNOR PLAYS CRITICS OF STATE BOAT LINE

Morrison Gets Down to Elements in the Broadside

HENDERSON, Jan. 12. - Firing broadside after broadside into the critics of his shipping proposals, Governor Cameron Morrison, in an hour and ten minutes' address last night poured hot shot into the critics of progressive moves of every kind in North Carolina; taught freight rates in the language of the school boy and won converts for his plan to build a commercial future for the state. He was the chief speaker at the annual meeting of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce, and was heard by an audience that packed the auditorium where he spoke and which sat spell bound under the passionate plea for his program. He said he was interested in a great many things for his state, and every man must be interested in the things that make for progress if he would win the esteem of his family and his associates. "Those fellows who oppose everything always try to look like the wisest people in the community, but if they ever propose anything that smacks progress, it is at a time when they know there is no chance of getting it over," he said. "North Carolina has been moving on," he said, "and must continue to do so. But there are still those who are trying to show the worthlessness of everything progressive anybody tries to do." He further stated that he wanted the intellectual people of North Carolina to study the proposition and to help it along. North Carolina has gone forward in every way except in the development of her commerce, and he wondered why such was the case with the greatest seaboard and inland waterways system on the Atlantic coast. The state has done less to develop such natural resources than any other state, and it is claimed and bound to Virginia and other states that enjoy water competition in their transportation structure, he added. North Carolina has achieved wonders in other activities and is so utterly weak here because of the unfavorable transportation rates she enjoys, yet some would fear his plan out of existence, the governor said, while others are so wise they know that it won't work. If his plan will not work, let these critics produce a better one, he challenged. "They ought not to criticize unless they have a better plan. One thing North Carolina has overproduced," declared the governor, "is critics," and added, "there are so many of them around Raleigh it makes things unpleasant." The governor challenged his critics to show a country or a state in the union, with such natural water advantages as North Carolina has, without a basic freight rate. Some of its critics, the executive charged, had called his plan mysterious, as though it was as strange as the first ancient steamboat ever built, and the running steamboats is a new thing. They want him to start up a school in the state to explain the workings, which is the only answer as to why some individual had not done the things before, he asserted. He wanted North Carolina free from Virginia and everybody else, but as long as the immense waterways are left undeveloped, the state will be without a means of transportation to market at cheap rates, the products of its farms and factories, and will continue to be the vassal of other states which have developed their water resources. "The way to get the rates is to develop water facilities," he stated, wondering if the state must wait for an individual to act, and one who will not be bought off by competition. "I don't want to wait any longer," he shouted, "and don't see any reason for waiting! Boat lines have failed before because they didn't go after business but they didn't go after it." The governor declared he had proposed to the legislature a state owned and controlled steamboat line which he wanted to see kept in operation until it was had from the railroads. He declared he was not an enemy of the railroads, and drew applause when he cited the protection he gave them for their property at Salisbury and Rocky Mount last summer. He stated that he wished them no harm but wanted his state to have an equal chance in the great industry of commerce. "Is fairness to the railroads," the governor said, "they were not wholly to blame." He laid it to the universality of the

1923 PROMISES BIG THINGS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Rapidly Growing Public Sentiment Demands Observance

Watchman, what of the night in the temperance sphere? What is the outlook for 1923? Taking the whole situation into candid consideration, it must be said the future is full of encouragement for the drys. The slight, scattered reverses, there may have been; but the line as a whole has undoubtedly advanced without the least sign of lull or sagging. The dry morale is unsurpassed. The general public is showing a growing interest in the temperance problem. A determination to "finish the job" is manifesting itself. The people are demanding better law enforcement, and they are getting it. This was clearly shown in the campaign and election of the past year. In that campaign the liquor interests sought to stampede the dry force by a multiplicity of anti-prohibition organizations and a lavish outlay of money. The wets were never better marshalled - never more hopeful or determined than in the campaign of 1922. Some dry leaders seriously questioned whether the wets will ever equal the array they put into the field at the last election. In that contest the drys more than held their own. Should the liquor men make another trial the temperance forces will do better. The courts are handing out stiffer sentences. As an instance of this a Pennsylvania bootlegger the other day drew two years in jail and a ten thousand dollar fine. Courts throughout the nation are taking similar action. This attitude of the courts promises no good for the illicit booze peddler in 1923.

WANTS EASTERN TRAINING SCHOOL

Representative Fountain Introduces Bill in the House

Establishment of the Eastern Carolina Manual Training and Industrial School for Boys, with an initial appropriation of \$50,000, was proposed in a measure introduced in the house last Thursday morning by Representative K. T. Fountain, of Edgecombe county. The measure is designed to relieve the congestion existing in the Jackson Training school at Concord, where the population has more than doubled in a year. Legislation passed at the 1921 session of the general assembly empowering any county to erect a building at the Concord institution is partially responsible for the necessity that Mr. Fountain and many members of the general assembly see for a new school. Half a dozen counties have put up buildings at Concord, and the population of the school has increased from 132 to 296. Authorities of the school declare that it should not be made larger.

ROBERSON-BOOKER

News was received here Monday night of the marriage of Miss Louise Roberson to Mr. W. H. Booker at Tarboro. Miss Roberson is a popular young lady of Williamston, and Mr. Booker is a former Williamstonian, but who is now Linotype operator in Tarboro, both having many friends here who extend them their best wishes for a long and happy married life. A more definite and informative announcement will be published in Friday's issue of The Enterprise, as we were unable to get full details for this issue. The whole rate fabric of the country, declaring it a matter of the application of certain principles. "Why, then, was his plan opposed?" he asked, adding that he "didn't want the people of North Carolina to decide the question upon the prejudices of a little handful of newspaper boys at Raleigh." "The same bunch of critics today assailing the steamship line attack the road program, but that has been done, and is being done," he asserted. The plan is not a subsidy, he concluded, and if the steamship line does make money, the funds will go into the state treasury, if it loses money more than it gained by industry in the state the thing can be dropped. It is the best investment the state could make, he declared.

COTTON CAN BE GROWN IN SPITE OF BOLL WEEVIL

Georgia Farmer Tells of His Successes During Last Year

At the Augusta Cotton conference in Augusta, Ga., recently Mr. L. D. Hill, a good Georgia farmer spoke on the boll weevil situation very enthusiastically, giving his experiences with the weevil in trying to grow cotton and his successes, which were somewhat better than those experienced by his neighbors and friends throughout the cotton belt. In concluding his address Mr. Hill had the following to say: "New gentlemen, in conclusion, I will tell you how to make a crop under boll weevil conditions. It is so simple that some of you will not appreciate it. Prepare your land thoroughly, planting the best land that you have; fertilize liberally; don't plant too soon, as cotton is a tropical plant and will not grow in the winter time. "When your cotton is up to a stand and is large enough to chop out, chop it out spacing it not less than 24 inches in the drill. Then apply, with a little mop on the end of a stick, one gallon of Hill's mixture to each acre every ten days, (there is no use to catch weevils or pick up squares as this preparation will give you ample protection), and you will make as much cotton under boll weevil conditions as you ever made before the boll weevil was in your territory. The smallest child can put out this poison as successfully as a grown person, and the farmer does not need a college expert to show him how to poison his crop. "I trust that my efforts will stabilize the production of cotton in the south, and, a return to our normal production, our southland will soon be prosperous once more, and that the only crop that the south has a complete monopoly of, which is cotton, will be grown in quantities equal to the demand and at a remunerative price."

GOOD BANK STATEMENTS

The banks of the county in their statements of the 29th of December, which was the day of the call for statements by the Corporation Commission, show the business condition of the county to be much improved. The banks all seem to be getting on easy street again, and the banking business may be depended upon to be one of the great factors in the commercial development of the county. Stock in small banks in the south has not been such in demand recently, but it may be depended upon to come to the front again very soon.

YOUNG BOY HURT BY FALLING TREE

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Whitley Was Seriously Hurt

Emmet, Jr., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Whitley was painfully and seriously hurt last Friday about 1 o'clock on the school campus at the graded school. On Thursday afternoon Mr. E. S. Courtney had a large oak tree taken up and on Friday he had a colored boy cutting off the limbs, and some little boys with the little Whitley child among them, were playing in the hole left by the tree roots. The little boy had crawled out of the hole just about the same time that the man cut a large limb off the tree which caused the tree to flop over and a large root protruding from the tree caught the little fellow under it and pinned him down to the ground with the root across his shoulders. A leg was pinned under him when he was thrown and it was broken, and he was also severely bruised on his back and shoulders. At first it was thought he had been hurt internally but after careful examination by Drs. Rhodes, Saunders and York, it is thought that he is not dangerously hurt, but he is suffering considerably with the broken leg and bruises. His many little friends hope that he will soon be able to get out with them again.

RAILROAD WITHOUT A FATALITY IN 4 YEARS

CHICAGO, Jan. 14. - Not a passenger has been killed by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad in the past four years, Vice President E. P. Bracken said last night in a statement showing that 695,500 trains had carried 65,463,223 passengers over the road's 9,239 miles of track in that period of time.

ROBERSONVILLE BANK IS AGAIN MADE SOLVENT

Farmers Bank & Trust Co. of Robersonville Is Reopened

The Farmers Banking and Trust company of Robersonville has come to the front, reopened and are now doing business with the full confidence of the State Banking department, according to a public statement by Chief State Bank Examiner Clarence Latham, also the confidence of the officers, directors, stockholders and customers of the bank. The auditor told the writer that no sign or indication of wrong dealings appeared and it is very gratifying to all the friends of the institution that it has reopened. The same officers are in charge with the addition of Mr. Evan E. Settle, who is active vice president. Mr. Settle is from Ayden and is known as a reliable banker and a fine citizen, and we welcome him to our county, and we feel sure that he will succeed with his new work with the backing of such fine citizens as patronize the institution that he represents.

Family Reunion of Mrs. Burroughs' Children

Sixty Seventh Birthday Honored by Day of Homecoming of All of Her Children

At the home of Mrs. S. G. Burroughs, 303 South Church street, Rocky Mount, N. C., her children and grand children gathered January 5th, 1923 to celebrate her sixty seventh birthday.

A rarely beautiful day of sunshine and spring-like warmth was a fit setting for the occasion - marked only by the recent bereavement in the family of the eldest brother, Eli, who was detained until late in the afternoon.

After spending a morning of exchange of greetings and delightful memories recalled by again coming together in as days past, we were invited to the dining room where the sixty seven candles ornamenting the birthday cake cast over all a soft glow of bright light in the darkened room. Sincerely and sadly each took his place at the table laid for all; each striving bravely to suppress unbidden tears that would come from the empty chairs of loved ones who can never again fill them.

In the absence of the eldest, Eli, next in line was Samuel, who was asked to preside over the ceremonies.

After presenting gifts and flowers sent by friends, dinner was served, which, being composed of the best dishes prepared by each member of the visiting families - those in which they were most talented and expert - could not help being unusually good.

Those present at the dinner were: Mrs. S. G. Burroughs, Mrs. D. J. Davis, Hilton Village, Va., Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Blount, Wilson, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Etheridge, Hobgood, N. C., Dr. S. D. Burroughs, Norfolk, Va., Mr. H. H. Burroughs, Winston-Salem, N. C., Miss Ethel Davis, Hilton, Va., Miss Dorothy Burroughs, Rocky Mount, N. C., Miss Minnie and Master Wilson Outerbridge, Rocky Mount, N. C., and Miss Sadie Leigh Blount and Master Tom Blount, Wilson, N. C. In the afternoon came Mr. E. O. Burroughs, of Bethel, N. C., and on Sunday was joined by Mrs. Burroughs and their sons, Robert, Edward, Herbert and William.

Friends also called during the day and offered congratulations and the event passed off quietly bringing much happiness to all, especially to our beloved mother, for whom we wish many happy returns of the day.

Her Children.

A LETTER RECEIVED FROM REV. J. T. WILDMAN

We are in receipt of a letter from Brother J. T. Wildman who is in the Tarboro hospital and who has been right ill, but he said he trusted that he would be well soon, as he was getting more to eat than he had been having for the past two weeks.

He wants all his good friends in Martin county to know that he is ill and wants to get back to them as soon as possible and to continue his work for His Master until he "crosses over where I shall live forever."

He says that many friends have been nice to him and he wants to wish all his friends a Happy New Year through the columns of The Enterprise.

A visitor from Mars might suppose that the three "B's" in our colleges are Root, Rans and Riot.

HASSELL AND BENNETT BEGIN BUSINESS TODAY

Attractive New Stock at Hassel & Company's Old Location

The firm of Hassell and Bennett, opened here today in one of the J. L. Hassell stores on upper main street. The members of the firm are Mr. A. Hassell, formerly with J. L. Hassell and company and one of the oldest and best merchants that Williamston ever produced, and Mr. L. C. Bennett, one of Williamston's most popular young business men. Mr. Hassell and Mr. Bennett, who was a salesman for J. L. Hassell and company for many years are well known by the people of the entire community and county and will be welcomed by their friends at their place of business. They spent several days last week on the northern markets and have purchased a general line of merchandise that will appeal to every one and at their opening today they will have a special sale of aluminum ware and attractive china in several standard patterns. Both of these gentlemen have served the public as salesmen for several years and know what will please the people and they will appreciate your visit and looking over their store and seeing the values they are going to give to the people of Williamston and Martin county. In a few weeks they will open a millinery department on the second floor and this will be managed by Miss Ann Pope and Mrs. Bennett. They will carry a good line of hats in both medium and high class grades. Through the columns of The Enterprise the members of the firm invite you to call on them whenever you are in town. For the benefit of their friends, both in town and in the country there will be arranged, an attractive little sitting room which they invite you to use while in town.

PERSONAL NEWS OF SANDY RIDGE

Misses Lillian Griffin and Luvenia Hopkins were the guests of Miss Louallie Riddick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Manning spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Godard.

Rev. A. V. Joner was a splendid helper at Mr. J. H. Riddick's hog-killing Tuesday.

Misses Katie Mae Cherry and Roland Godard spent Saturday night with Miss Gladys Roberson.

Mrs. T. A. Peel is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. Sam Beacham was the guest of Miss Louallie Riddick Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Green and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Manning motored to Washington Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Williams was the guest of Miss Fannie Roberson Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Williams entertained a number of friends Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Godard were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones Sunday.

Miss Roxie Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Louallie Riddick.

MRS. P. B. CONE HOSTESS

Mrs. P. B. Cone was hostess to a number of her friends at her pretty home on Church street on Thursday evening of last week at a bridge party. The house was attractively decorated with the season's green, and food drinks were served the guests during the game. And then a salad course was served at the end of the evening, followed by a demi-tass.

Mrs. Cone had as her guests: Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Mr. Mrs. K. B. Crawford, Mrs. Churchill of Chicago, Mrs. F. U. Barnes, Mrs. H. M. Stubbs, Mrs. W. H. Biggs, Mrs. B. A. Critcher, Mrs. Titus Critcher, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Miss Anna Crawford, Mrs. F. W. Hoyt, Mrs. Clayton Moore, Mrs. Maurice Watts, and Mrs. Leslie Fowden.

PRESSING CLUB DESTROYED BY SAT. MORNING

House Breaking Becoming a Nuisance in Williamston

House breaking has become to be quite a nuisance in Williamston. It has only been a week or two since some one broke into B. R. Barnhill's garage and stole some material. Then last Friday night the same garage was broken into again. The windows were all fastened down and the robbers entered by breaking a pane at the bottom of the upper half of the window and unlocked the same, and pulled down the upper sash and climbed in. As far as the management was able to see nothing of importance had been taken however. The same night York's garage was entered in exactly the same way and a repeating rifle, a double barreled gun and lots of cartridges were taken. The same night D. Gray's pressing club was burned and it is thought that the same party who broke into the garages was the one who burned the pressing club. The loss was heavy, for Gray and Gray as they carried no insurance and they were equipped for cleaning, pressing, dyeing, laundering house keeping outfits, and they were doing quite an extensive business in all these lines. Many residents of the town had their "bests" in the cleaning shop being cleaned up for Sunday and there were a good many long faces seen around town on Saturday morning, but no one was missed on the streets Sunday. There seems to be no way to apprehend the culprits in the community as they go from time to time and are not caught. There must be a pretty good organization of them to get away with so much robbery. It seems of sufficient importance to claim the attention of the town authorities.

TO WORK VALUABLE IRON ORE DEPOSIT

Western North Carolina Men Open Mine At Murphy

MURPHY, Jan. 13. - Opening what is pronounced one of the finest iron ore deposits in the south, Heaton and Mahaffey of Murphy are installing the equipment to handle 200 tons of ore per day and it has been estimated that at this rate the deposit will produce for the next ten years. The deposit is on a tract of 1,800 acres, the larger part located almost in Murphy, formerly known as the Hitchcock property and now owned by Dr. S. W. Westray Battle, W. H. Garrett, L. M. Bourne, Dr. J. A. Sinclair and W. S. Shiffing, Asheville. The tract was at one time owned by Mrs. Coll. of Paris, France, and was acquired by the Asheville business men, who have leased the iron ore rights.

MRS. JAS. R. HARRISON DEAD

Mrs. Jas. R. Harrison died at her home near Bear Grass, Saturday from an attack of influenza followed by pneumonia. She was a Miss Pollard of Pitt county before her marriage to Mr. Harrison who she leaves with three small children to mourn the loss of a dear mother and wife. The funeral service was conducted by Elder B. S. Cowan on Sunday afternoon and the interment was made in the family grave yard.

HOUSE BREAKERS TO LEAVE STATE

And Pay Owner for the Damage Or Go To State Pen

NEW BERN, Jan. 12. - Entering a plea of guilty to charge of breaking into the home of two negro men at Vauceboro, Jesse and Hampton Fillingame, white, will be allowed to leave the state on condition they pay \$150 damages to the negroes under penalty of fifteen years in the state penitentiary according to the sentence of Judge Henry A. Grady in superior court. Earnest M. Green appeared for the defendants and was successful in getting Solicitor Jesse Davis to accept the plea before any evidence was brought out. After Judge Grady accepted the plea, testimony of the negroes showed that the Fillingames while under the influence of whiskey had broken down the door of the negroes' home and had driven them out of the house with shots from a gun.

COL. J. BRYAN GRIMES DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Secretary of State Passed Away After Valiant Fight

Col. J. Bryan Grimes, North Carolina secretary of state since 1900, died at nine o'clock Thursday night at his home on East Lane street at Raleigh, following a short illness of pneumonia. Although fifty four years of age when he died, he was at the time of his first election to the office twenty years ago, the youngest man heading any of the principal state departments. Active in the interest of agriculture, history and higher education, Colonel Grimes was one of the outstanding figures in the state and the lowered flag on the state capitol Friday signified the passing of a man who has done the state service. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, by a former marriage and three sons.

Coming from a distinguished family J. Bryan Grimes, was born in Raleigh, June 3, 1868, the son of General Bryan Grimes, one of the heroic officers of the army of northern Virginia during the War between the States, and Charlotte Emily Bryan Grimes, the daughter of John Heritage Bryan, a noted lawyer and a member of the United States congress.

His early life was spent at Grimesland in Pitt county, where, until he reached the age of 12, he received instruction at the hands of private tutors. At a later period, he was a student of the Raleigh Male academy, then under the control of Fray and Morson. He received further preparation at the Trinity school, a church institution at Chocowinity, and at Lynch's school at High Point, and later attended the University of North Carolina. In later life, some of his finest thoughts were given as a member of the board of trustees of this institution, to the development of the University.

After leaving the University, he prepared himself for a business career by a course in the Bryant and Stratton Business college of Baltimore, and which training he used in various enterprises until he assumed the duties of secretary of state.

In his administration of the office of the secretary of state, the work of the department has been broadened and systematized and throughout the state, that department is known for its promptness and courtesy in meeting the needs of the people it serves. The increase in the corporate business of the state, the growth of the automobile industry, has increased several times the amount of the work of the department since he went into the office in 1906, but the improvement of the office machinery has kept pace with the demands made upon it.

HARDISON MILL LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Roberson entertained a host of friends Saturday night, among whom were: Misses Gladys Peel, Kathleen Hodges, Elizabeth Phelps, and Messrs J. A. Ellis, J. E. Corey and Jos. G. Corey. After supper the friends enjoyed a pleasant ruck game and other amusements; then fruit was served.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Whitey spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Roberson.

Professor and Mrs. Geo. W. Smith were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mizelle Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Roberson spent Monday night with Mrs. J. N. Hardison and family.

Dr. J. D. Smithwick of Jamesville was here Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Rosa Griffin of Lilley's Hall has been spending a few days in this vicinity.

Misses Gladys Peel and Elizabeth Phelps and Messrs. J. E. Corey and J. A. Ellis attended the show in Washington Wednesday afternoon to attend to business.

Miss Estelle Coltrain entertained a number of friends Thursday night among whom were: Misses Mary Belle Hardison, Nettie Ellis, Naomi Hardison, Irene Manning, Connie Roberson, Addie Perry, Gladys Roberson, Jesse Manning and Mattie Coltrain.