

JUST FREIGHT RATE ASSOCIATION IN MILITANT AND EPOCHAL SESSION

Declares That Discrimination Must End And Asks Governor to Call Special Session Of The Legislature.

Elizabeth City delegates to the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association returned home last Friday morning bubbling over with enthusiasm over their visit to Raleigh and altogether optimistic as to the prospect of a speedy adjustment of freight rates that will put an end to North Carolina's heavy handicap in the race for commercial supremacy. Mr. E. M. Stevens says that he has never attended any meeting at which there was as much rivalry so keen, feeling so friendly and spirit so militant. On every question there was hot debate, but after strong and open discussion sentiment crystallized and action in every instance was taken with unanimity that was as striking as it was gratifying.

Press comment from all over the State characterizes the meeting as one of the most epochal ever chronicled in the commercial history of North Carolina. It is believed that at this meeting was inaugurated a movement that shall not end until the object of the Just Freight Rate Association shall have been attained.

A big feature of the meeting was Governor Craig's speech. Craig is not an orator when he has nothing to say, as some men are; but when he is thoroughly aroused he speaks with a power that is seldom equalled, and his speeches always have the right ring—the ring of sincerity. Those who heard him at Raleigh say that he was at his best.

Of special interest to Elizabeth City and eastern North Carolina is the fact that when the permanent organization was affected a citizen of Elizabeth City was made vice-president. This was Mr. Noah Burfoot, a member of the firm of Flora & Company, and therefore in a position to be conversant with freight rate conditions in this section. The further fact that Mr. Burfoot was for many years in the employ of the Norfolk Southern Railroad in its freight department adds to his fitness for his position and makes more evident the wisdom of the association in nominating him. It is perhaps interesting to add that his nomination was due to the ready tongue of Mr. J. H. LeRoy, who put Mr. Burfoot's name before the association.

There was a sharp fight over the matter of electing a President of the organization. The leading candidates were W. R. Foreman, chairman of the temporary organization, and Fred K. Tate of High Point. Mr. Tate is the man who got for North Carolina a furniture freight rate that compares favorably with that of Virginia or any other State; and he is expected to know how to lead the freight rate association in its present fight.

The delegation from Elizabeth City also went before the Corporation Commission Thursday night for a hearing on the unsatisfactory passenger service given at Elizabeth City by the Norfolk Southern Railroad. It was pointed out that Elizabeth City is the only town of any size on the Norfolk Southern with only one railroad running through it and the representatives from Elizabeth City argued that the road had taken advantage of that fact to give Elizabeth City the poorest passenger service of any city on the line; whereas Newbern, Washington, Wilson and Kinston have three trains a day each way. Elizabeth City has only two.

The commission promised to investigate this matter and also the question of Elizabeth City's intra state freight rates.

The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock in the chamber of the House of Representatives. It was featured by one of the most eloquent and forceful addresses ever delivered by Governor Craig in advocacy of strong and determined action by the state maintenance of the sovereignty of the people. He referred to that noble discontent of which this and other meetings had been manifestations, and declared that nothing but justice was what the people wanted of the common carriers, justice was all that the people were resolved upon having and that nothing short of this would be tolerated.

"We don't want war with the railroads," declared Governor Craig; "but we would rather have war than an ignominious peace."

State Chairman Travis of the Corporation Commission followed Governor Craig, and commended the organization for what it had done and for what he gave the promise of doing. He urged that the fight be continued until the just demands of the people were secured.

Attorney General Bickett followed with a powerful plea for determined and concerted action. Mr. Bickett stated that he favored collecting from the railroads a fair percentage of what they collect from the people of the State as a means of securing justice, the details of which plan he has submitted to the Governor and to the chairman of the Corporation Commission and which had met with their hearty approval. He added that this plan had been invoked elsewhere, vigorously assailed and upheld by an unanimous decision of the United States Supreme court.

Following the three addresses by Governor Craig, Chairman Travis and Attorney General Bickett, Temporary Chairman, W. R. Foreman of Charlotte, who had called the meeting to order, stated that the next matter of business was the election of permanent officers. Mr. Frank Underwood of Fayetteville nominated Mr. Tate of High Point, while Mr. Dowd nominated Mr. Foreman. There were a half-dozen seconding speeches, after which the balloting began, each county being allowed as many votes as it had representation in the lower House of the General Assembly.

It very soon became evident that Mr. Tate was the choice of the meeting, so Mr. Dowd in very happy manner moved that the election of Mr. Tate be made by acclamation. This was speedily done.

For first Vice President, Mr. Foreman was nominated and elected for second Vice-president Mr. W. P. Gibson of Statesville, representing the Farmer's Union; for third vice-president, General Julian S. Carr of Durham; for fourth vice-president, Mr. Noah Burfoot of Elizabeth City. Cap. Alf. A. Thompson of Raleigh was unanimously elected treasurer of the organization, and under the by laws the president was empowered to appoint three secretaries, corresponding, organization and traffic. President Tate shortly after assuming the chair, (Continued on Next Page)

MANTEO NEWS

Manteo, N. C., May 17th.—R. C. Jones, Register of Deeds, issued three marriage licenses last Saturday.

Wednesday evening at eight o'clock at the Methodist parsonage Mr. Lennon Daniels and Miss Terrel Whedbee were quietly married by Rev. J. T. Raper, their pastor. Mr. Daniels is from Wanchese while his bride has lived at Avon. They will reside at Wanchese.

Rev. J. T. Raper returned Tuesday from Halifax county where he had been to attend the funeral and burial of his mother.

Mrs. Ellen Johnson, mother of Captain M. L. Johnson is quite sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Holland Dough of Skyeo.

On Sunday evening, May 11th, at 5:30 P. M., Mr. George B. Twine and Bonnie Rodgers, were married at the home of their pastor in Manteo. They will live at North End and all their friends wish for them a happy future.

Mrs. Fannie Frost is very sick at her home here.

Mrs. Marcie Daniels and her two children spent a few days this week in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. E. M. Twiford and family have spent the week at Edenton visiting relatives.

Attorney B. G. Crisp and wife spent last Sunday and Monday in Norfolk visiting their son, Alvin.

Miss Annie Jones returned last week from Elizabeth City.

Rev. O. N. Marshall and little son, John Harris returned Friday night from Gates county where they attended the Chowan Association last week.

Miss Iver Jemette spent the week in Elizabeth City visiting friends.

Another visitation of frost killed a good many sweet potatoes the other night.

Mr. Clarence Pugh from Wanchese was in Manteo, Tuesday.

Mr. Tillitt of Wanchese has moved his family to Manteo and accepts a position with Theo. S. Meekins.

Mr. John Midgett of Powells Point has accepted a position with Mr. A. H. Davenport. Mr. Midgett will serve the customers of Mr. Davenport's popular ice cream parlor.

Mr. Chancey Meekins who has a position in Norfolk with one of the steamboat companies, was here this week visiting his mother.

Mrs. Sam Doshier and Mrs. Evelyn Berry are back from Hatteras where they spent the week.

SCHOOL CLOSURES AT BELCROSS

School closes at Belcross Academy on next Wednesday and Thursday May 28th and 29th.

Rev. A. W. Price will deliver the commencement address to the pupils of the school and they will present the entertainment. On the program are two plays. "A Trip to Storyland" will be presented on the first night, and on the second "Graduation Day at Wood Hill School".

Professor F. M. Eason, who has had charge of the school for the year, reports a very successful session. Quite a number of books have been added to the library during the year, the school house has been painted, new patent desks have been installed and the work altogether is on the up grade.

Professor Eason has made a most enviable record as a teacher wherever he has been.

Miss Mattie Reid has resigned her position with Mr. W. J. Woodley.

HERTFORD HAPPENINGS

HERTFORD SENIORS GIVEN RECEPTION

Hertford, N. C., May 17th.—Miss Mae Wood Winslow entertained the graduating class of the Hertford Graded School, with a delightful porch party Friday night at her lovely home on Main street. The house was beautifully decorated and lighted with Japanese lanterns which hung around the porch.

When the guests entered, Miss Winslow and her sisters, Misses Katharine and Bessie Winslow, met them in the reception hall and then they were ushered up stairs to remove their wraps.

The guests then assembled on the porch at the punch bowl where Miss Eloise Nixon served them with punch. Each of the guests were given a card that contained the slangy sayings of each member of the class. Miss Londa Shamburger received the prize a beautiful silk and ivory fan, for guessing the largest number of names correctly.

At half past ten, delicious refreshments were served. After this the guests retired to the parlor where the class drew from a box, covered with crepe paper, a prize, which represented each one's hobby. At half past eleven the party dispersed for their homes.

Those who participated of Miss Winslow's hospitality were:—Mr. Phillips, Professor of the Hertford Graded School. Miss Fushia Marshbanks, Miss Harriet Nixon, and Miss Grace Strahl, all the teachers of the high school department.

Those who made up the graduating class were:—Misses, Mary Morris, Arnette Hathaway, Pencie Hunter, Susie Morgan, Beulah Bagley, Julia Chalk, Londa Shamburger, Evelyn White, Jessie McMullan, Nettie Gaither, and Ruth McMullan; Messrs, Robert Blanchard and Carrol Berry.

Those who were invited by the members of the class were—Misses, Susie Field and Mildred Edwards; Messrs. Simon Rutenberg Jack Edwards, Mark Gregory, William Butler, Jordan Ward, Charlie Campen, Henry Newbold, Thomas Sumner, Vivian Darden, Frank Brinn and Belvery Tucker.

COMMENCEMENT NEXT THURSDAY EVENING

Hertford, N. C., May 17th.—The Commencement exercises of the Hertford Graded School will begin Thursday night the 22nd, with a cantata by the primary grades.

Friday morning Miss Emely Skinner's music class will present a recital.

Friday afternoon the graduating class will have their exercises and Friday night Mr. J. Bryan Grimes will make an address and the diplomas will be presented.

Mr. George Newby is quite sick in his home on Church street Harry Willford was badly hurt last Saturday by a fall in the uncompleted part of the Willford Hotel.

WILL PREACH TO-NIGHT

Rev. T. T. Martin and his assistants, Mr. and Mrs. Schoolfield, arrived here yesterday. Mr. Martin is again to conduct a series of meetings in Blackwell Memorial church. These services will begin to-night.

Mr. Martin was here last year and large crowds went out to hear his preaching. Mr. and Mrs. Schoolfield have charge of the music in these services, and it is altogether worth one's while to attend these meetings if only for the sake of hearing Mr. and Mrs. Schoolfield sing.

EXHIBIT "NO. 2" A BOOMERANG

This Matter has Been Passed Upon by Bar Association and Mr. Aydlett Vindicated

The attack made by the Independent last week on Mr. Aydlett regarding the B. F. Smith Matter is a rehash of that paper's attack several years ago. The editor knows full well that Smith got mad with Mr. Aydlett and took the matter before the Bar Association of North Carolina, when Smith was given a hearing with all of his evidence. After hearing all of the evidence and not a small part as was in last week's Independent. Mr. Aydlett was completely vindicated as having done no wrong and it was so published all over this State. It is plain to every body why the Independent is trying to work up a sentiment against Mr. Aydlett. The public is tired of this continued tirade of abuse seeking to injure the reputation of leading men of this community. There ought to be some way to stop it. No good can come from it. That is no way to gratify the editor's hatred or those who are behind him.

The public ought and we believe will place the stamp of disapproval upon such unmanly course.

COLUMBIA NEWS

Columbia, N. C., May 19th.—The Columbia baseball team has been organized for the season of 1913. The challenge any team in this section of the State to a game at any time.

Terms are fare for game here or away. Address all replies to Columbia Base Ball Team, lock box 750 Columbia, N. C.

Mr. Willie Sawyer has accepted a position with the Columbia Drug Company.

Mr. J. W. Wilcox of Elizabeth City made a business trip here this week.

Miss Lydia Taft has returned to her home in Columbia after a short visit to Greenville N. C.

Mr. L. W. Whitehurst of Norfolk was in town last week.

Mr. T. J. Elliott of Winfall was here last week on business. The people of the Christian church, are repainting their church and putting in a bell. The church was built a few years ago and has not been completed. We are all glad to see this progress in the church.

After a visit to her daughter Mrs. Beuna Perry in Hertford Mrs. Tom Spruill has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kemp gave a birthday party in honor of their daughter, Miss Bessie Kemp. Those present were:—Misses Ida Sykes, Margaret Holloway, Evy Enell, Blanch Cooper, Ida Wetherly, Mattie Hassell, Messrs. William McClees, Alton Spencer, Julian McClees, Loyd Weatherly, Samuel White, Alonzo Woodard. Refreshments were served and the party was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. H. G. Ralph has returned to his home after completing his year's work at the Atlanta Dental College.

BATEMAN—FERRAL

William Clyde Bateman and Miss Nina Ferral, both residents of Elizabeth City were married Sunday by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden.

NEW MANAGEMENT ATLANTIC HOTEL

Extensive Preparations Being Made for a Gay Season at This Famous Resort By The Sea

Morehead City, N. C., May 17th.—T. L. Bland, the popular hotel manager of Rocky Mount, Raleigh Washington and Newbern, and E. A. Cherry, manager of the Gaston hotel, Newbern, have leased from the Norfolk Southern, the Atlantic Hotel at this popular seashore summer resort.

Messrs. Bland and Cherry will have associated with them in the operation of the famous old Atlantic this season as Manager, Mr. Lewis T. Brown, recently of Goldsboro, N. C., who is known to nearly every citizen of this and adjoining cities.

The previous successes of the new proprietors, their manifold interests in the hotel business in the state insures the same excellence of service and the courteous attention to each guest's requirement that has won for them a reputation that is highly creditable.

Mr. Brown assumes the Management backed by a reputation covering many years in a very wide field.

The Norfolk Southern Railroad will co-operate in every way in providing the best possible train service, and all railroads in the state will sell very cheap round trip excursion tickets.

The season will begin with the opening Ball which will be held on Saturday night, June 5th.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY

Friday night May 23rd, the Grammar School will hold its annual entertainment.

The program will consist of a cantata, "The Crowning of the May Queen" and physiculture culutre drills. This entertainment will be in keeping with excellent work of other years and all who attend will be sure to spend an enjoyable evening.

An admission fee of 25 cents for reserved seats and 15 cents general admission and ten cents for all school children will be charged. Reserved seats on sale at Selig's Thursday and Friday.

The proceeds after expenses are paid will be used to buy shades for the electric lantern which was purchased last year out of the proceeds of the entertainment.

FUN ON THE PODUNK AT CAMDEN TUESDAY

Fun on the Podunk Limited, presented recently with great success at Blackwell Memorial Annex will be given at Camden Court House, by the same cast which produced it here, on next Tuesday night, May 20th.

An admission fee of ten and fifteen cents will be charged.

DODD—MODEN

George R. Dodd and Miss Jennie Mae Moden both of Lawrence Mich. were married here Wednesday of last week by Register of Deeds, J. W. Munden.

Mr. Dodd is employed in the dredging work in Camden Run Drainage District.

Mrs. Dodd left her home in Lawrence Mich. Monday and came all the way here alone to meet her lover. A wedding supper was tendered the bridal party at the European Hotel by the groom's father.

Mrs. Rosa Snowden has returned from a visit to relatives in Newbern.