

Generally fair tonight and Friday. Somewhat colder tonight. Moderate northwest winds.

BAILEY STATES HIS PLATFORM

Gives Eleven Planks in His gubernatorial Stand, With Four Outstanding Issues for Campaign.

Raleigh, January 17—Josiah William Bailey of Raleigh, who, on last Saturday, announced his intention of being a candidate at the June primary for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina to succeed Cameron Morrison last night issued the platform on which he will stand for election. Together with his platform, Mr. Bailey issued a statement summarizing the issues which he will carry to the people in his campaign.

"The statement I am giving to the press speaks for itself," declared Mr. Bailey. "I shall undertake to canvass the state between now and the primary. I expect to develop four outstanding issues as follows:

"1. Taxation with a view to showing the unjust measures of taxes imposed upon land, especially farms and small homes, and developing a just tax policy and showing that taxes may be reduced without impairing the State's progress.
"2. I propose to disclose to our people the terrible handicaps under which they have labored and are laboring in the matter of unjust freight rates and I shall show them a state of affairs that will astonish the State. I intend to show the record of railroad imposition upon this state stretching over 30 years and costing us tens of millions of dollars. We are now approaching a crisis in this matter. I have the evidence to show that every effort of the State for just freight rates has been defeated by the railroads and I think I can show that the Atlantic Coast Line has taken a leading part in blocking every plan to bring about a fair freight rate reduction and now that the crisis is approaching it is proceeding with a view to blocking us again.
"3. I shall develop practical plans for agricultural relief.
"4. I realize that certain administration leaders and their henchmen, who designate themselves the 'machine' are, and have for months been, in battle array not just to bring about my defeat but to perpetuate themselves in a political dynasty."

Mr. Bailey's platform, which set out eleven main arguments as the basis of his campaign, is as follows:
To the Democratic Voters of North Carolina:
"I shall be a candidate in the Primary on June 7, 1924, for the nomination of the Democratic party for Governor of North Carolina.
"The office of Governor is a post of service, not a personal prize. It would be better not to aspire to it than to obtain it by means other than the voluntary motives of the people in the interest of the common good. I ask them earnestly to consider and conscientiously to vote, and I shall have no complaint of anyone's decision.
"A candidate in a primary must rely upon the impression he has made and the cause he represents. He cannot recommend himself. I have been active in politics for thirty years, have all my life been interested in public questions, have always been a Democrat, and since 1908 have had the honor to be one of the Party's speakers in every campaign. This fact imposes no obligation. I mention it as evidence of my interest in the Party and in our Commonwealth. If the service was rendered in expectation of office, it was unworthy. But there has been no such expectation. I am now a candidate because I believe there is a service to be rendered—a cause to represent.
"I have not been thrust forward as the candidate of any group or faction. I hope that one consequence of my candidacy will be to put an end to factional sway in the Democratic party, and to reveal the power of the voters themselves in the Primary.
"The primary, rather than the election, determines the State's policy. So far I am concerned, we shall have a contest not for a personal honor or reward, but a contest for public causes. It is my intention that my candidacy shall represent the following policies and principles:

1. The demand of justice and the common welfare that land shall be relieved of the unjust share of the burden of taxation now imposed upon it. This may be done and must be done. Land ought to bear its fair share of taxation, and no more. The burden now upon our farms and small homes is greater than can be borne.
"2. To foster all that makes for real progress—roads, both state and county, free schools, educational and charitable apportioning the value of our industrial and material development, also to lay a necessary emphasis upon those moral and spiritual factors without which there can be no real progress or prosperity. The primary offers to the Commonwealth its best opportunity to draw upon the moral and spiritual forces resident in the people and therefore, not only presents the people with a vital opportunity, but imposes upon

SEVERE QUAKE OFF ALASKA

(By The Associated Press.) Steamship La Touche via St. Paul Island, Alaska, Jan. 17.—The inhabitants of Belofsky and vicinity report a severe earthquake occurring Tuesday morning. The southern edge of Pavloff volcano blew off. Belofsky is on the Alaskan peninsula. The shock lasted seven minutes. The volcano, since the edge blew off, has been emitting dense steam and smoke. The people who live in Belofsky left their homes for safety.

SHENANDOAH HAS REMARKABLE TRIP

Giant Airship Breaks from Moorings and Fares Forth Into Terrific Storm, but Weathers the Gale.

Washington Jan. 17.—Naval officers who have had doubts about using the Shenandoah for their projected polar flight appeared today to be completely converted by the performance of the big ship in riding out last night's gale after being torn from her mooring mast at Lakehurst. Secretary Denby telegraphed congratulations to the crew. Lakehurst, N. J., Jan. 17.—The naval airship Shenandoah, largest in the world, broke from her moorings in a 65 mile gale last night with 21 men aboard and after being driven before the wind for nearly 100 miles was gradually gotten under control and headed back to Lakehurst, arriving over the field early this morning. The Shenandoah poked her nose in her hangar at the naval air station at 4:20 this morning after completing the most remarkable flight a ship of her type ever made. It was a flight against a wind that blew at 72 miles an hour at times. This wind twisted the giant craft from her towering mooring mast at 6:52 last night and swept her on a mad chase up the Atlantic Coast to Staten Island where her nose was turned into the teeth of the storm and the craft was maneuvered back to the home station. Not one man in the crew of 22 was injured. Hasty inspection showed that the front gas bags had collapsed when the Shenandoah was torn away by the wind, her nose was battered, and she was somewhat scratched. The covering of her upper fin had been stripped off and wrapped around the rudder, making the craft exceedingly difficult to steer.

MERCHANTS MEET ON FEBRUARY 20 Statesville, January 17.—Wednesday, February 20. It has been announced here by J. Paul Leonard, executive secretary, has been agreed upon as the date for the mid-winter session of the North Carolina Merchants' Association. The meeting will be held at Raleigh.

A special effort, it is said, will be made to have present at the meeting hundreds of the newly obtained members of the Association secured during the recent campaign. All officers of local associations also are urged to be present.

SERVICE ON SUNDAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE The night given to the young people during the revival services at the Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church will be postponed from Friday night to Sunday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock, on account of the parties and basket ball game.

DR. D. K. WALTHALL who is conducting the services is very anxious that as many of the young people be present as possible as he has something interesting to say to them.

DOCKS BURNED WHILE FIREMEN FIGHT FLAMES Ashland, Wis., Jan. 17.—Damages estimated at a million dollars resulted last night when fire destroyed the dock of the Chicago and Great Northwestern Railway Company. The firemen were helpless in the zero weather and two docks caught fire and burned.

COTTON MARKET New York, January 17.—Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon, declining 7/16 points. Middling 32.10. Futures closed at the following levels: January 32.60; March 32.85; May 33.08; July 32.07; October 27.90.

New York, Jan. 17. Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 33.40; March none; May 33.67; July 32.60; Oct. 28.00.

them a great duty.

"3. To preach and practice a sound economy—to spend where spending is required, to save where saving is practicable, and to strive to get a dollar's worth of public service for every dollar of taxes paid; to the end that the burden of taxation may be made as light as possible without impairing the State's magnificent progress. There ought to be a reduction of taxes. In one aspect the State is a business institution, and its business institution, and its business

It's a Tough Life!



Ho, hum! Jack the Giant Killer Dempsey is at Miami Beach, Fla., doing his best to forget the northern blasts of winter. The picture might lead one to believe he is succeeding. The youngster with him is 'Jackie' Ott, a prize baby, called by many 'a perfect child.'

NEW ROAD MAKES BIG DIFFERENCE

Bus Made Trip in Wednesday's Storm With Only Few Minutes' Delay and That Due to Auto Trouble.

A storm that turned the steamer Trenton, carrying mail for all Dare County, back at the mouth of the Pasquotank river Wednesday did not prevent operation of the afternoon bus to Norfolk, leaving at the same hour, to the dot, as the Trenton.

Edgar Williams, operator of the bus, says that his driver reached Norfolk 10 minutes late, but that the delay was due to a defective spark plug instead of to the storm.

Only the recent opening of the new road from South Mills to the Newland brick road has made the trip on a day like Wednesday practicable. This road crosses the Pasquotank river at Buffkins Landing, just back of the home of Alex Jones where it joins the brick. Stretching then for a distance of a little more than two miles across what was virgin swamp, this road has shortened by three miles the distance between Elizabeth City and Norfolk, bringing that city within 42 miles of Elizabeth City and bringing Portsmouth two miles nearer.

But automobile travel is not always measured by distance. The saving of three miles between Elizabeth City and Norfolk amounts to a saving of 30 minutes in actual driving time, on account of the exceedingly bad swamp road that has heretofore been South Mills' dependence for communication with Pasquotank. Indeed, so rough was this road that experienced motorists will tell you that a million dollars' worth of automobiles have been shaken to pieces on it in the last ten years. The trip from Elizabeth City to Norfolk can now be made with all ease in two hours.

Only 2.4 miles in length, the new road has required two years in the building. In its short length there are three concrete bridges, the longest of which crosses the Pasquotank river and is 150 feet long. The road bed now lies high and dry through the swamp, flanked on either hand by dense swamp growth and express knees protruding above the water. When the right of way was cut through the swamp the logs were piled up crosswise as the foundation for the road bed, and then hundreds of thousands of cubic feet of dirt, sand and clay was hauled in and dumped on this foundation. Finally the whole was graded, and there is not today a better unpaved road anywhere in the Albemarle.

The opening of this road was expected last fall, but trouble experienced in the building of the bridge across the Pasquotank river delayed the date until January 10 of this year.

The bridges on this road are of about the same type as that across Knobbs creek.

Vote Confidence in French Government Paris, January 17.—The chamber of deputies today expressed confidence in the French government by the vote of 394 to 180.

ASQUITH IN FAVOR LABOR AMENDMENT (By The Associated Press.) London, Jan. 17.—Former Premier Asquith, leader of the Liberals, today announced in the House of Commons that he would vote in favor of the labor amendment, expressing no confidence in the Baldwin government, and would advise all his friends to do the same.

SEVERE STORM DOES DAMAGE ALONG COAST New York, Jan. 17.—A severe storm long the Atlantic seaboard last night crippled shipping. Several vessels are reported in danger while much damage was done here and at other point along the coast.

BAD WEATHER REDUCES CROWDS AT REVIVAL

The bad weather Wednesday reduced somewhat the congregation at the Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church but Dr. D. K. Walthall addressed two interested congregations. His subject of the afternoon was 'The Wisdom of Soul Winning.' This wisdom was shown in that soul winning is an abiding work, a work of value to the individual undertaking it, in establishing the qualities of perseverance, love and hatred of sin, and of supreme and eternal value to the soul won. At night the subject was, 'The Sweep and Eternity of Sin.' It was shown from the scripture that sin had fastened itself on every individual and that every sorrow and trouble could be traced to sin; moreover, that every department of soul life, intellect, feelings and will was thoroughly vitiated by sin. Various human remedies were shown to be of no value and the only but all sufficient hope of salvation was shown to be in confession of sin and faith in Christ.

FORD WILL STATE HIS POSITION SOON

Washington, January 17.—The prediction that Henry Ford within a few days will make a definite statement as to whether he would be willing to take over the government's nitrate project at Muscle Shoals was today made by Chairman Kahn of House military committee at a hearing on the question. He gave an ode-tils.

HIGH WIND DELAYED SAILING OF VESSELS

High winds prevented several vessels from leaving Elizabeth City Wednesday. A hard rain storm began at about noon and with increasing wind velocity stopped all work in the river. Boats were made snug at the wharves.

The steamer Trenton was forced to put back after proceeding down the river for Manteo. This steamer carries mail and was loaded with cargo.

The gas boat Eva and the gas boat Jones of the North River Line were wind bound Wednesday but were able to leave Thursday on schedule.

The steamer Annie L. Vansilver was in Norfolk Wednesday and arrived in Elizabeth City Thursday morning on schedule time loaded heavily.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN IN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

An enthusiastic meeting of the men of the Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church was held Tuesday night in the offices of the Spence-Hollowell Company. Plans were worked out for the coming year and several talks made, besides the two special addresses by Dr. Walthall and A. J. Crane. After the business meeting a supper was served.

Woman Sentenced to Life Imprisonment

Paducah, Kentucky, January 17.—Mrs. Erma Skillion was today sentenced to life imprisonment on the charge of being an accessory to the murder growing out of the killing of Mrs. Rosetta Warren and her unborn child here last April the state having charged that she conspired with Mrs. Henrietta Wagner to plant ten sticks of dynamite under Mrs. Warren's bed.

STRIKE TO BEGIN SUNDAY MIDNIGHT

Louisville, January 17.—The strike of the British locomotive men who have refused to accept the reduction in wages authorized by the Railway Wage Board will begin Sunday at midnight.

Florida May Turn Down Bryan's Bid For Favor

Commoner's Hope Of Going To National Convention As Delegate At Large From Florida Not Helped By Sort Of Politics Bryan Has Played In That State

By ROBERT T. SMALL

(Copyright, 1924, By The Advance.) Miami, Florida, January 16.—William Jennings Bryan faces one of the most crucial tests of his long and tempestuous political life in his effort to be named a delegate at large from Florida to the Democratic National Convention.

RURAL DELIVERY TO SOUTH MILLS

New Mail Route Will Be Recommended to Postoffice Department at Washington in Near Future.

A Rural Free Delivery Route from Elizabeth City to South Mills will be recommended to the Postoffice Department at Washington in the near future.

This new delivery route would put Elizabeth City mail in Camden County on the same day that it is mailed from the postoffice here, the mail man leaving this city after the mail from train, one is put up just as do the Pasquotank rural free carriers.

Under the present system mail put in the postoffice today does not reach South Mills until tomorrow afternoon and the people of Camden County who do not live on the railroad get their morning and afternoon North Carolina daily papers a day late.

The new schedule as proposed by Postmaster J. A. Hooper and which is being urged by Attorney W. I. Halstead of South Mills and Secretary Job of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce is as follows:
"Leave South Mills 9:45 a. m. Arrive Elizabeth City 10 a. m.
"Leave Elizabeth City 12 m. Arrive South Mills in 45 minutes.
"Leave South Mills on arrival of rural mail not later than 5 a. m. Arrive in Elizabeth City in 45 minutes.
"Leave Elizabeth City at 6 a. m. Arrive at South Mills in 45 minutes.
"Mr. Job and I have been to Camden and South Mills." Mr. Hooper wrote Congressman Ward Thursday.

"and all with whom we talked at both places are of the opinion that the mail from South Mills ought to be carried from Elizabeth City instead of Camden.

"You will observe that this schedule will deliver to South Mills the daily papers from Norfolk and Elizabeth City not later than 12:45 of the day of publication and other North Carolina dailies which reach this office about 3:30 p. m. will reach South Mills at 6:45.

"The rural carrier who now leaves South Mills the day following the arrival of mail from Camden should leave South Mills on the arrival of mail from Elizabeth City at 12:45 p. m., and would deliver the daily papers from Elizabeth City to the persons on his route the same day of publication. This route serves all the people in that section between South Mills and the Virginia line.

"The people of South Mills have worked hard and bonded themselves to the extent of \$50,000 for a new road which shortens the distance to Elizabeth City and puts them within two miles of the hard surface road and, in my opinion, these people are entitled to the very best mail schedule that it is possible for them to have.

"If the mail from South Mills should be changed from Camden to Elizabeth City, it would necessitate the establishment of a rural route to serve the 88 boxes that are now served by the Star Route which carries mail from Camden to South Mills.

The establishment of this route will also be recommended to the Postoffice Department.

Congressman Ward will recommend the new free delivery routes to the Postoffice Department at Washington when he receives Mr. Hooper's letter. A petition signed by representative citizens of Camden County is also being forwarded to Congressman Ward by Attorney W. I. Halstead of South Mills. It is understood.

A Star Route from Portsmouth to South Mills has been urged by the business interests of Portsmouth on several occasions. The establishment of the proposed route from this city would be of great advantage to business interests of Elizabeth City as well as of considerable service and satisfaction to the people of Camden County.

"Don't understand me to say that the postoffice here is anxious for the extra work." Mr. Hooper told a reporter for The Advance Thursday.

"But I do feel that the people of Camden County deserve to get their mail promptly from Elizabeth City."

SIXTEEN PERSONS INJURED IN CRASH

Louisville, Kentucky, Jan. 17.—Sixteen persons were today injured, one fatally, when an interurban car crashed into the Illinois Central freight train at a grade crossing two miles from here. C. H. Sauer, interurban motorman, was crushed between the stove and seat and died soon after the wreck.

At the present moment the chances seem to be all against the great commoner, but as the primaries are not held until the first of next June there may be a change of sentiment in his favor. Three times the national standard bearer of his party, Mr. Bryan may be turned down in his adopted state for the comparatively lowly office of National Convention delegate.

Mr. Bryan's latest move in announcing that he is for Dr. A. A. Murphree, head of the Florida State University, for president of the United States, has reacted against him, rather than in his favor. It has given his political enemies the chance to say Mr. Bryan is "dragging in" the eminent educator as stalking horse and that the commoner still has ambitions which lie in the direction of the White House. When Mr. Bryan first announced some time ago that he had a dark horse up his sleeve, a dry Southern Progressive, some persons thought he was going to name Josephus Daniels of North Carolina. Mr. Bryan blasted that idea, however, by saying he had narrowed his choice to a Floridian. Then the political wiseacres and the paragraphers of the country all jumped to the conclusion that Mr. Bryan was about to nominate himself.

Mr. Murphree is greatly admired down here in Florida but is realized by his closest friends that nationally he is unknown only among the higher educational circles. Political ambition has not been attributed to him in any degree. So Mr. Bryan's announcement for him seems to have been but another of a number of moves which have made the former Nebraskan a bit unpopular with the Florida Democrats.

First of all, there is a belief that Mr. Bryan is grooming himself to contest the seat of Senator Duncan Fletcher two years from now. This has naturally caused resentment among the Fletcher supporter and Mr. Bryan has not appeased them by including the Senator among the Florida Democrats he would be glad to support in the event of his nomination. The Democrats down here know full well that no Floridian has a chance to be named for the presidency at this time and they regard Mr. Bryan's enthusiasm for a Floridian as a piece of political buffoonery which they do not relish.

Mr. Bryan further has announced that if he is elected a delegate to the National Convention he will oppose with all his heart and soul any attempt to nominate Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama. The commoner regards the Alabamian as a "wet" and a reactionary, two things that are anathema to him. It so happens, however, that Mr. Underwood has quite a following in this state and may get the delegation. If the Underwood sentiment grows and the Bryan opposition to him continues, as everyone expects it to, this fact will further militate against Mr. Bryan's chances of ever getting to the convention.

The Florida Democrats have not yet assimilated the distinguished Nebraskan. Many of them still look upon him as an outsider and are reluctant to turn down their own klad to heap political honors on the "new-comer," despite his notable past.

In standing for delegates at large, Mr. Bryan will have to be voted for all over the state.

It will be the test of his political future. If elected he undoubtedly will go forward with his senatorial plans. If defeated, it may mean his political end. Personally Mr. Bryan is extremely popular here in his new environment but politically the Democrats of the state say they do not believe he will play ball with them, but will be beholden only unto himself as a delegate. It may be therefore that Mr. Bryan will have to sit in the New York convention on a proxy or not at all.