

THIRD CONFERENCE ON FREIGHT RATES

THERE IS YET HOPE OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RAILROADS.

TO HOLD MEETING JUNE 24

Some Headway is Being Made Toward a Settlement of the Difference Between the Railroads and the Shippers of the State.

Raleigh.—That there is yet hope of reaching an agreement with the railroads whereby the interstate freight rates may be adjusted in a manner satisfactory to North Carolina shippers was indicated in a statement issued by the corporation commission. At any rate the proceedings have progressed far enough to justify the commission in having a third conference with the freight traffic managers of the North Carolina lines and this had been set for June 24.

Chairman Travis, Commissioner Lee and Chief Clerk Maxwell returned today from Old Point Comfort, Va., where another conference was held with the railroad men Thursday and Friday. Chairman Travis met with the heads of the carriers in Washington several weeks ago, when a proposition was submitted by the commission. The carriers took this under consideration and put their experts at work on it. "Some progress was made" this week, and it is hoped that the controversy can be settled without strife.

The statement given out says: "All North Carolina lines were represented at the conference. Some progress was made, and the corporation commission was impressed that there was a possibility of final agreement sufficient to justify a continuance of the negotiations and another conference will be held June 24."

Treasurer Lucy and State Taxes.

Hon. B. R. Lucy, state treasurer, having been asked for his views as to the constitutional amendments that should be considered in connection with the deliberations of the legislative commission on proposed amendments to report to the special session of the legislature, has written Chairman E. J. Justice that he favors a segregation of property so that the state will have the corporation and franchise taxation sources and the counties and cities derive their tax revenues from property and poll taxation generally. At the same time he fears that the corporation and franchise taxes under present rates of taxation on these sources would scarcely yield as much as the present running expenses of the state government. He hopes, however, that some equitable scale of taxation on this segregation basis will be worked out.

Violation of Quarantine Laws.

Mr. T. M. Owen, of Norfolk, Va., an official of both the federal and state departments of agriculture, whose work in this state is confined largely to the enforcement of the quarantine regulations for the eradication of Texas fever in cattle has been prosecuting witness in several cases that have been tried for the violation of these regulations. Quite a number of prominent citizens in this section were bound over to the superior court which has just convened in Halifax. The trial magistrate finding the evidence in every case sufficient to justify him in binding over.

Very Valuable Discovery.

One of the most valuable discoveries for Southern farmers that has been made in a great while is that of Prof. W. A. Withers of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts in the way of a satisfactory antidote for cotton seed poisoning in the feeding of cattle and hogs. It is said that by mixing a small part of the very inexpensive antidote just discovered with the feed it can be fed as freely, as constantly and in as large quantities as the stock need.

G. S. Smith Dies of Wounds.

After lingering for four days with eight perforations in his intestines, G. S. Smith, who was shot in an altercation in the commissary car of the Seaboard in North Charlotte, died at St. Peter's Hospital at Charlotte where he was taken soon after the shooting. His slayer, Mr. W. B. Stevens, was liberated under a \$5,000 bond and has engaged the legal firm of Stewart & McRae to defend him. He has left the city but his bond requires him to present himself within a few days.

Knights of Pythias Meet.

The Knights of Pythias of the 12th district held their district meeting at Lenoir with Caldwell lodge. Reports from the various lodges over the district showed much progress and decided gains. For this meeting there were a large number of visiting brethren present and the local Pythians entertained their guests in a royal manner. After the meeting held in the afternoon and finished at night, an elegant banquet was given in the opera house by the local Pythians, which proved to be a success.

STATE NURSES END SESSION

Fifty Nurses Pass the State Examination.—Election of Officers.—Miss Hobbs is President.

Asheville.—The North Carolina State Nurses' Association held its final session recently at which the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Miss Cleone Hobbs, Greensboro; first vice president, Miss Mary Wyche, Durham; second vice president, Miss Rose Batterham, Asheville; treasurer, Miss Constance Pfohl, Winston-Salem; secretary, Miss May Williams, Davidson. The officers, with Miss Reese of Asheville and Miss Lowry of Wilmington, compose the board of directors. Invitations were extended by the nurses of Durham and Wilmington for the nurses to hold their next meeting at those places. This matter was referred to the executive committee.

The state board of examiners announced that the following nurses passed their examinations successfully: Misses May Williams, Macie Stanford, Lillian Cox, Anna Lewis, Essie Kelley, Lillian Toomer, Ulah Cox, Lillian Williams, Grace Barringer, Catherine Dunham, Margaret Nichols, Margaret Bryson, Lillie Mackey, Annie Whisnant, Stella Evans, Anna McDevitt, Esther Masseur, Flora Hackney, Annie Bradford, Virde Lively, Sarah Haliburton, Nettie Hunter, Mary Patrick, Nena Croom, Maud Faysoux, Melissa Hoover, Rachael Lonnon, Sarah Dockery, Lola Wilson, Minnie Overstreet, Emily Newkirk, Lillian Martin, Mollie Moxley, Minnie Morris, Hattie Hardy, Mary Taylor, Maggie Roberts, Mildred Smith, Lucy Verner, Mamie Austin, Elizabeth Eure, Flora Newton, Ruth Larron, Gertrude Campbell, Anita Walton, Sydney Cassidy, Pearl Goodpasture, Ida Wilson, Annie Thompson, Elizabeth McIntosh.

Maneuver Grounds For State.

Another step was taken towards securing for North Carolina a permanent maneuver grounds for the state militia when Senator Overman introduced in the senate the joint resolution authorizing the secretary of war to accept the title to approximately 5,000 acres of land at Tullahoma, Tennessee, on which to mobilize the militia from the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee. This is similar to the resolution introduced in the house a few days ago by Representative Byrns, of Tennessee and reported in these dispatches; Senator Overman is taking great interest in the proposition, believing it has considerable merit, and recently introduced the resolution on behalf of Senator Lea, of Tennessee, who was absent.

R. F. D. Carriers Association.

The R. F. D. Carriers' Association of Stanly and Rowan counties recently convened at Albemarle with a fairly good representation of the members. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. M. L. James. The musical program was directed by Mr. Collum of the Collum School of Music of this place, and the opening prayer was delivered by Rev. C. J. Black of Big Lick. Mr. A. C. Hunsyett of the local bar was then called upon and delivered the welcome address, which was responded to by Mr. James T. Avette of Norwood.

Davie County Votes For Bond Issue.

Davie county made its initial step toward coming out of the mud recently by voting an issue of \$175,000 road bonds by a good majority. Every township's vote showed a good margin for the cause. The campaign has been waged earnestly since the legislature gave permission for the election. State Senator Grant, Jacob Stewart, J. H. Clement, Col. W. K. Clement and President Byerly of the County Good Roads Association have spent much time in the field, actively working and talking for the bonds.

To Start Road Work in Rutherford.

Preparation for road work in this county has been made by the purchase of a traction engine, three road machines and a power plow. Superintendent Valentine is busy effecting arrangements for an early beginning.

Advertise For Bids in New Hanover.

The Board of County Commissioners has authorized Chairman Willard to advertise for bids for \$25,000 worth of the \$100,000 road bonds voted in the election. The bonds are to run for 25 years and bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent. They cannot be sold for less than par. The money will be used to pay the balance that will soon be due on the bridge over the Northeast River at Castle Haynes and for continuing the permanent road work. The remainder of issue will not be offered for sale for some time.

Held For Robbing Express Company.

One white man and three negroes were arrested at Raleigh, charged with robbing the Southern Express company of \$700 between Raleigh and Louisburg. The company reported the missing package and declared that \$1,900 had been taken. Later the larger package turned up and a \$700 package was missed. The company found \$627 with the accused and traced a railroad ticket to Wilmington, Del. The white man is J. H. Kilpatrick and the negroes are John Kitchener, R. Johnson and John Maxwell.

DENTIST'S MEETING

ELECT OFFICERS.—DR. CHARLES F. SMITHSON OF ROCKY MT. IS NEW PRESIDENT.

TALK ON THE WORK DONE

Many Papers Presented by Members of the Association Are Gone Into Closely and Carefully Debated.—Many Noted Speakers.

Winston-Salem.—The new officers of the State Dental Society for the ensuing term were elected as follows:

Dr. Charles F. Smithson, Rocky Mount, president; Dr. R. O. Apple, Winston-Salem, first vice president; Dr. J. D. Carlton, Salisbury, second vice president; Dr. R. M. Morrow, Burlington, treasurer; Dr. J. M. Fleming, Raleigh, secretary; Dr. L. L. Dameron, Newbern, and J. H. Wheeler, Greensboro, were elected to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Hendersonville was decided upon as place for meeting to be held between June 15 and July 15 next year, but provision was made that Asheville could be selected in case suitable places could not be had at hotels in Hendersonville. Reports of committees were read.

The following papers were read: "The Care of Children's Teeth in Public Schools," read by Dr. J. C. Watkins of Winston-Salem, in the absence of its author, Mayor C. A. Bland of Charlotte; "Care and Treatment of Children's Teeth," by Dr. A. S. Camorlie; "Life and Character of Dr. H. S. Snell," by Dr. D. L. James.

The meeting was then adjourned. The society held its fifth session in the auditorium of the City High School. Despite the fact that some of the visitors have already returned to their homes, the meeting was largely attended.

The minutes of the society for the years 1875 to 1897 inclusive, which have hitherto remained unpublished, will be printed as the result of a motion made by Dr. A. H. Fleming of Louisburg.

An excellent paper was read by Dr. R. E. Ware of Shelby, entitled, "Material and Appliances." Discussion was by Drs. J. R. Edmundson of Winston, R. H. Jones of Winston-Salem, J. H. Wheeler of Greensboro, J. H. White of Elizabeth City, and J. G. Dennis of Charlotte.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

Raleigh.—Charters are issued for the River View Mills Company, Norwood, capital \$25,000 authorized, and \$12,750 subscribed by Thomas A. Hathecock, Jessie B. Grove and others for flour and other milling business; the Reidsville Development Company, Winston-Salem, capital \$100,000 authorized, and \$1,000 subscribed by W. G. Jerome, W. M. Hendren, W. C. Northrop, H. P. Taylor and D. H. Blair for farm development; the Bank of Denver, Lincoln County, capital \$20,000 authorized, and \$10,000 subscribed by John S. McKnight and others.

New Special Tax District.

Raleigh.—By the grace of a unanimous vote Wilkes county adds a new special tax district and the number is 44. Unless statistics are wrong, Wilkes leads the state easily in proportion to population and must stand second in the number of counties that assume the burden of educating their people. Many districts are very small and the election doesn't spell a great amount of revenue but it is voluntary. The latest levy is ten cents on property and 30 on the poll. There were 21 registered voters for the tax and 21 men voted for it.

Capture and Destroy Still.

Hickory.—In Burke County Revenue Officer Kanipe and Jolly accompanied by Possemen H. W. Jones and Charles Deaton captured and destroyed a large illicit distillery. A 75-gallon copper still and worm, 12 large fermenters containing 200 gallons of beer, 18 bushels of meal, one doubler, one flake stand, jugs, mash sticks and other fixtures were confiscated. When the officers destroyed the still the owners were not anywhere to be seen.

Pharmaceutical Association.

New Bern.—The next meeting of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association will be held in New Bern, June 11, 12 and 13. A large number of entertainment features are planned to relieve the daily routine of business and furnish the visiting druggists a three day's round of recreation. New Bern, being on the water, offers a great variety of amusements and the city's druggists, led by C. D. Braham, the association's local secretary, intends to show their visiting brothers true eastern hospitality.

Governor Grants 60 Days Reprieve.

Raleigh.—Governor Craig has granted a 60-days reprieve for Lon Wells, who is under a sentence for the larceny of some clothing, the reprieve being on the ground that there is doubt of the guilt of the prisoner whose friends insist that Wells' wife really stole the clothing. She has disappeared, according to representations made by parties urging the Governor to take action. There was an appeal to the Supreme Court, but the appeal was dismissed on account of defects in the record.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

THE countless gold of a merry heart.

The rubies and pearls of a loving life; The idle man never can bring to the mart, Nor the craving hoard up in his treasury.

MEAT SUBSTITUTES.

The housewife who finds it difficult, with the present high prices of meat, to keep her household expense within bounds, may gain new inspiration from studying the following nut dishes.

Nut Timbales.—Crush a cup of hickory nut meats and roll very fine; add two well beaten eggs, one-fourth of a cup of bread crumbs, a cup of thin cream, half a teaspoonful of salt and a few dashes of red pepper. Line timbale molds with strips of pimento, and turn in the mixture. Put the molds in a basin of boiling water and bake in a moderate oven for twenty minutes. Unmold and serve with cream sauce.

Nuts and mushrooms served in a white sauce in ramekins makes a delicious entree.

Nut Chowder.—Cook slowly until tender two cups of pecan nut meats (either chopped or broken) in four cups of water, then strain and add a half cup each of diced potatoes and carrots, two small onions thinly sliced, two tablespoonfuls of green pepper chopped and two cups of stewed tomatoes. Cook until the diced vegetables are soft, without losing the shape, and turn the mixture into a colander to drain.

Mix in carefully the nut meats and turn into a hot serving dish. Reheat the stock in which the vegetables were cooked, thicken with two tablespoonfuls each of peanut butter and flour cooked together; cook until smooth, and pour over the vegetables and serve.

Lentil Fillets.—Wash one cup of lentils and soak over night. In the morning drain and parboil in fresh boiling water thirty minutes; drain and cook until soft in sufficient boiling water to cover; rub through a sieve and to the puree add a fourth of a cup of olive oil, one cup of fine graham bread crumbs, one cup of strained tomatoes to which a speck of soda has been added, one cup of fibrous chopped and crushed to a paste, a tablespoonful each of grated celery and onion. Season with mixed herbs, salt and pepper. Mix well and mold in the form of fillets, place in a well oiled pan and brown in a quick oven. Serve with tomato sauce.

AREFUL with fire—is good advice we know

Careful with words—is ten times doubly so. Thoughts unexpressed may fall back dead But God himself can't kill them when they're said.

SOME GOOD EATINGS.

Here are a few good things worth saving and trying when opportunity permits:

Date Surprise.—Mix a tablespoonful of butter with a cup of sugar put into a saucepan and add a quart of milk, bring to the boiling point and thicken with four tablespoonfuls of cornstarch which has been mixed with a little cold milk; cook eight minutes, stirring constantly, flavor with almond extract and add a cup of pitted and chopped dates and a few drops of vanilla. Pour into sherbet glasses and set away to cool. Serve decorated with pitted dates.

Pork Sausage in Batter.—Brown pork sausage, then place in a baking pan and cover with Yorkshire pudding batter, made as follows: Mix a half teaspoonful of salt, a cup of flour, two well beaten eggs and a cup of milk; pour over the sausage and bake. Serve from the baking dish.

Grilled Breast of Lamb.—Put the breast, well wiped, into boiling water and simmer for two hours; add an onion and a stalk of celery. When the meat is tender the bones may be removed and the meat tied up into a roll; brown in a little butter and serve with lima beans or green peas.

Dainty Salad.—Arrange slices of pineapple with the centers removed on lettuce, lay a ball of cheese in each center and serve with French dressing.

Chicken Salad.—Take four cups of finely cut chicken, two cups of minced celery, one green pepper minced, one tablespoonful of onion juice and sufficient dressing as needed.

Green apples and onions cooked together with a little bacon fat or salt pork are also delicious served with beefsteak.

Nellie Maxwell.

What Shall I Give Her? If funds are low and a wedding present is a necessity to a friend, make her a "memory" book—or books—covering stiff backed blank books with white satin or pretty silk. Inside have the titles indexed—books, business, addresses, Christmas list, garden lists, invitations, new dishes. A companion book can be made and filled with "own" tried recipes from friends.

Asparagus, cabbage and cauliflower are chiefly valued because of the bulk and variety they give to the diet.

WASHINGTON CITY SIDELIGHTS



Department "Where They Send Out the Seeds"



WASHINGTON.—That is the place where they send out seeds.

This is the familiar formula which many Washington guides use in describing to tourists the wonders of the department of agriculture. This information was given through a megaphone by the conductor of the rubberneck wagon to his patrons as they pass in front of the old brick administration building. Officials and clerks within hearing of this brief description throw down their pens (or, for the sake of pleasantry, should it be their newspapers?) and take on a look of disgust and injured pride. For so many thousands of strangers to be given the information or to get the impression that the feature of work for which the great department of Agriculture has made itself famous or notorious is the sending out of seeds is monstrous. One of the humiliating features of the whole business is that the tourists appear to like it. They look with the proper awe-stricken stare and seem to be greatly im-

pressed with the department "where they send out seeds."

"I wish you would write a piece for the paper," said a high functionary of the department, "and correct the altogether too prevalent notion that the main objects and the main usefulness of this department are concerned with sending out seed."

"I have talked to some of these rubberneck conductors. I have urged them to enlighten the pilgrims for whose instruction they are responsible, upon the vast work of this department in relation to meteorology, animal industry, animal husbandry, plant industry, forestry, chemistry, soils, entomology, biology, publications, statistics, public roads and the like."

"I have recommended these guides to acquaint their patrons with some of the valuable work being done by the bio-chemic, pathological and zoological divisions, by the plant pathologists and physiologists and the pomologists, by the soil bacteriologists, the dendrologists, the microchemical experts, by the agrostologists, the workers in solar radiation, agricultural technology, silvics, synthetic products, pharmacological work, insecticides, fungicides and all that."

"However, when the rubberneck wagon goes by on its next trip the conductor bellows through the megaphone: 'This is where they send out seeds.'"

Rep. Johnson "Nearly" Had His Speech Printed

REPRESENTATIVE Albert Johnson, the handsome and vociferous member from Oregon, nearly had a fine speech printed in a faraway coast paper for which Harry Brown is the Washington correspondent.

Johnson used to be a newspaper man in this city. He was night editor and copy editor and reporter and all the regular things which are supposed to give newspaper men that broad and sympathetic view of large affairs.

Johnson made a speech during the general debate on the tariff bill a few days ago. It was his first speech in the House. It was a good speech, taking it by and large, but the air was jammed full of speeches about that time and the only newspaper that was publishing them was the Congressional Record.

However, Mr. Johnson did not want Portland to go unfeared with crumbs from his table, so the evening following the great event of his speech he started out to find Harry Brown and tell him all about it. He couldn't find Mr. Brown until the next day.

"Say, Harry," he remarked, "I tried to find you last night, but I couldn't. I made a speech yesterday."

That did not impress Mr. Brown to any great extent, so Mr. Johnson con-



tinued to further explain: "And as I thought your paper would want it, I filed about 800 words of it with the telegraph company."

Brown winced. His paper had been advising him to cut down the tariff stuff to the bone, as most of it was the sort of soft pap that goes well in the country districts, but hasn't much circulation in a well regulated newspaper. Furthermore, Brown investigated and found that Representative Johnson had really filed 1,500 words—and the telegraph tolls to Oregon are enormous! He had visions of being "fired" by wireless, but he discovered to his great relief that his paper had chopped the speech in two before it was entirely relayed to Portland from Chicago, thus saving a lot of time and trouble and costing Representative Johnson a whole lot of money for half a speech to Chicago.

More Americans Go to Teach in the Philippines



EIGHTY-FIVE American men and women teachers have just set out for the Philippines. This number was selected from a large eligible list certified by the United States civil service commission as having the necessary education and experience and having passed the required examination for the Philippine teaching service. They came from nearly every state in the union, representing some of the best universities, colleges and normal schools in this country. Most of them are college graduates, some have done graduate work in the universities and others have pursued

technical courses preparing them to take charge of agricultural work, manual training and trade school work and domestic science.

A fact not generally known is that the average term of service of American teachers in the Philippines is nearly six years, almost a year longer than the average service of teachers in this country. Those leaving at this time go to the Philippines under a two-year contract. This provision is made to enable the government to ascertain whether or not the teacher will succeed in the new field and also to give the teacher a chance to find out whether or not there is a sufficient future to the service to warrant him in remaining. That there are only eighty-five vacancies this year out of nearly seven hundred positions for American teachers in the service, indicates, so the insular bureau officials say, that those already on the ground have the greatest faith in the future of the educational work in the islands.

Animal Statues As Lawn Decorations In Favor

ANIMAL statues as outside decorations for houses seem to multiply when you look for them, and they always seem to be coming into view in places where you had hitherto overlooked them.

In front of the big four-story yellow brick house at the northwest corner of 16th and P streets, next door south of Poultry Church, are two white lions. Apparently they have just left the covered porch and are strolling down the walk which leads from the front door to the sidewalk—that is, they appear to be walking because each lion has his right foreleg lifted. They are also keeping step. The palor, or the whiteness of the beasts indicate that they are young lions and have not long been exposed to the wear and tear and dust incidental to guarding a doorway on a much traveled street.

They appear to be twins. Each is the same size and the attitude of each is the same; each has his head turned to the southeast as though looking down the avenue of the presidents. They may have heard some one ap-



proaching from that direction. They are walking with a stealthy tread and if they were not cold marble lions one might think that thoughts of evil were in their minds.

The path they follow leads across a green lawn at the street edge of which is a row of tulip trees, sometimes called yellow poplars. A row of hard maple is in the parking between the sidewalk and the curb. It is green and shady there, but, as every one knows, a much frequented part of the city and these lions if so inclined could count thousands of automobiles passing in the course of a day and about as many in the course of an evening.