

PRES. RANKIN ON THE STAND

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until a few months ago, and until informed by some one else, that you had a franchise?" "Yes." "If an application was here to parallel your tracks in Asheville would you think it fair?" "No, because that would be paralleling the whole line and in the other case only a part is to be paralleled." "Do you think that it would be unfair for another road to parallel any part of your road in such a way as to bankrupt your road?" "That would depend. I don't think, as I stated, that private interests should stand in the public way. It might seem a hardship to have the property injured, but this should not stand in the way." "Didn't you as mayor of the city enter into a contract with Mr. Cutler as the general agent of the General Electric company for lighting the city?" "Mr. Rankin took the question very much to heart and asked Judge Merrimon if he intended it as a reflection on him. The latter replied that he did not at all. Mr. Rankin explained that it could very easily be construed as such; the hottest municipal election fight in Asheville had been made on that very question; that the city of Asheville made contract with J. E. Rankin and J. H. Cutler, as receivers of the West Asheville Improvement company. It was made by the board of aldermen with which he had nothing to do, and at his request the contract was made for only a short time. Judge Merrimon said he had forgotten the circumstances if he ever knew; that he had not the slightest intention to reflect on Mr. Rankin; that he merely wanted to establish Mr. Rankin's connection with the Asheville Electric company. "What is amount of mortgage bonds on the Asheville street railway?" "Mr. Rankin declined to answer. "Have you any knowledge of a proposition of any one connected with Asheville street railway to the president of the A. & B., that if the latter would cease operation of its road on French Broad avenue to the depot your efforts to secure this franchise would be withdrawn?" "I have no knowledge of any such proposition." "In your judgment as a railroad president what would be the effect of paralleling its track upon the A. & B.'s business?" "I am free to confess I don't know what would be the effect, whether to increase or decrease the business." "How could it increase it?" "It is possible by cultivating new patronage." "Do you think it could pay expenses?" "It might. I think it is possible that it might increase Mr. Weaver's business." "Do you think it probable?" "I can't say." "How about your depot line; has its business increased by the establishment of Mr. Weaver's line?" "I know that the receipts have not decreased. I don't know the exact figures on that road, but the business has increased over all the lines." "Don't you know it to be a fact that at a meeting of stockholders in Mr. Sondley's office the statement was made that the A. & B. road was hurting your business on that line?" "I was not present at that meeting." "Objection was made by Mr. Martin to such questions as involved purely private matters." "If it can be established to your satisfaction that the granting of your franchise would injure the A. & B.'s business would you insist on the franchise being granted?" "Mr. Martin advised Mr. Rankin not to answer. Judge Merrimon said: "I don't see that there is any necessity for us to proceed, as we virtually can't get our questions asked. We will cease our interrogation." "Mr. Martin then questioned Mr. Rankin. "State whether the A. & B. company is operating a line in competition with yours." "Yes, to the depot and on Patton avenue." "Does that company sell commutation tickets to the depot?" "Yes." "At what rate?" "I only know from hearsay, which is \$3.50, and the rate to Biltmore is \$4.50 per 100." "Does your company sell commutation tickets over all its lines?" "Yes." "At what rate?" "Three dollars and a half per 100." "In your opinion is there room on South Main from McDowell out for two tracks?" "Yes." "Beyond the city limits could there be two tracks?" "Yes, there could be, by widening the street." "Could the street be easily widened?" "Yes, I think it could." "What do you think would be the effect on property by the establishment of a direct line between Asheville and Biltmore?" "I think it would increase the value." "Would the public generally be benefited by the building of this road?" "Yes, I think it would." This concluded Mr. Rankin's testimony, and E. R. Craig of the Asheville Telephone company gave some testimony in regard to a contract he drew in regard to the poles of the three companies. Mr. Martin said he had a considerable amount of testimony in the way of records he wished to file, but probably no witnesses would be introduced. An adjournment was taken until 3 this afternoon. The next meeting will be a special session of the aldermen to hear argument. Grand cake walk and black face minstrel at Lookout park tonight.

Asheville Hardware Company.

Around Town.

FORECAST 4 1/2 p. m. Saturday.—Partly cloudy with showers tonight and Saturday. Mrs. R. C. Reed of Columbia is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. D. Holt, on Montford avenue. Mrs. Thomas D. Carter of Marion is visiting her son, Frank Carter, esq., on Montford avenue. Rev. Lynn R. Walker and wife of Talladega, Ala., are visiting Mrs. Walker's father, S. D. Holt, at No. 172 Montford avenue. J. K. S. Ray, who has been visiting his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Ray, since Tuesday, returned to Spartanburg today. Miss Bessie Burnette Johnson, who is spending the summer at Alexander, came up yesterday for a day's stay, the guest of Miss Ethel Ray, Hillside street. The ladies of the Flower mission wish to extend thanks to the Asheville Street Railroad company for the car furnished for the trolley ride last evening, and to the conductor and motor-man for courtesies. The entertainment of Miss Mary Knibloe, the elocutionist, in Odd Fellows' hall at Biltmore last evening, was fairly well patronized. The audience was highly pleased with Miss Knibloe's impersonations. Charles C. Weaver arrived from Baltimore yesterday to spend the summer with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Weaver. Mr. Weaver was graduated a few days ago from Johns Hopkins university with the degree of Ph. D. Mrs. B. F. Webster left yesterday for St. Louis, accompanied by her grandson, Arthur Riekart, whom she is taking to a hospital there for treatment.

BRONZE MONUMENT TO HAHNEMANN

DR. LINN TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION CEREMONY. Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Linn left this afternoon for Washington, where Dr. Linn goes to attend the annual meeting of the American Homeopathic Medical Association, which will convene in that city June 18. This will be one of the most notable sessions of this, the second largest medical society of this country, as the place of meeting was transferred from Buffalo to Washington, for the purpose of celebrating the dedication of the handsome bronze monument of the founder of homeopathy—Samuel Hahnemann. Congress recently passed the bill, which was signed by President McKinley—granting a site in the Scott circle at Washington for the monument, and an appropriation of \$4000 for the base. An attendance of several thousand physicians is expected. Dr. Linn will read a paper on Asheville's climate before the bureau of climatology. Dr. A. W. Calloway will attend to Dr. Linn's practice during the latter's absence.

MARKED MONEY CAUSES TROUBLE

For several nights in succession small sums of money have been misappropriated from a drawer in the office of Steele's laundry. Suspicion fell upon John Compton, a negro employed in the laundry, and last evening Mr. Steele marked five \$1 bills and a silver dollar. In the presence of Night Watchman Sims, and placed them in the drawer. Mr. Sims then stationed himself in an adjoining room. About 5:30 this morning he heard someone enter the room, in which the money had been placed. He waited about a minute and then went to investigate. The money had been taken, but the thief was nowhere to be found. When Mr. Steele came to the suspected negro, he finally offered to deny the loss, and soon brought in the money that had been lost. Compton was arrested and tried before Justice Gudger, who held him for Superior court in the sum of \$500.

KLEFKSLOP SURRENDERS

(Continued from page 1.) to accept subordinate positions in a government composed of nominees of the South Africa league. If Schreiner is dissatisfied with the personnel and pledges of the new ministry, the latter will be unable to pass imperial measures and a dangerous deadlock will ensue, which may lead to a grave constitutional crisis.

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