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New Arrangement Carries no Maximum nor Minimum Wage, but is Adjusted with a View of Fitting Each Individual Case.

Charlotte Observer.

Washington, March 13.—The committee of five representing the telegraphers and station agents of the Southern Railway last night agreed to accept the wage scale, as agreed upon, does not contemplate a minimum or maximum wage, but has been adjusted with a view of fitting each individual case.

In announcing that fact that a settlement had been effected, H. B. Perham, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, said: "The committee representing the telegraphers and station agents are very well satisfied with the scale agreed upon. While some of the employes have grown a little impatient since the negotiations were opened with the Southern on December 7, those having direct charge of the matter, knowing the immense amount of work necessary before an acceptable scale could be agreed on, have nothing but words of praise for the officials of the Southern."

"This is the first schedule that has ever been put into effect on the Southern, and it was necessary for conferees to begin at the bottom."

H. B. Spencer, general manager of the Southern Railway, when informed that the committee had accepted his proposals, stated that the schedule submitted by the company had for its object the general readjustment of wages along the entire Southern Railway lines.

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The best remedy known is to add a teaspoonful of liquid carboic acid to each quart of drinking water. It is a poisonous dose, but desperate cases require desperate remedies. The bodies of all dead birds should be burned, and every square inch of the ground and buildings saturated with a solution of a pound of copperas and a pound of blue stone in six gallons of hot water, with plenty of air-slacked lime freely applied after the ground is dry.

Cholera kills quickly. If the bird lingers for three or four days, the disease will not be cholera.

Carnegie Says Half a Million.

Charlotteville, Va., March 13.—Andrew Carnegie passed through this city to-day en route to Hot Springs, Va. Prof. J. M. Page was at the depot to invite him to visit the university between trains, but Mr. Carnegie was unable to accept the invitation and proceeded on his way. Dr. Page announced to-day that under the offer, Mr. Carnegie made of \$500,000 to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial fund of the university, provided alumni and friends raised a like amount, one half of the required amount has been raised to date.

Salisbury Wants Mr. Vipperman.

Salisbury, March 12.—The Baptists of Salisbury listened to Rev. J. L. Vipperman, of Dallas, yesterday. Mr. Vipperman preached morning and evening at the First Baptist church and completely captivated his congregation.

He is a powerful young theologian, gifted with rare powers of declamation and a profound reasoner. He is about 28 years old and such a scholar that he has had several flattering propositions to take the chair of theology in some of the Baptist universities. But he is so much loved by his Dallas people and so endeared to them that he can hardly leave them.

It was thought for a time that this congregation stands a chance to land the brainy young man and the more hopeful believe so yet. Since the resignation of the Rev. W. H. Rich, this pulpit has been vacant.

Scope by Raleigh Times.

The Raleigh Times sent a member of its staff to Salisbury to see and hear Bernhardt Saturday night and a splendid criticism appears in Monday's Times, concluding in this fashion:

"I asked the leading man what he thought of Salisbury. 'C'est une ville tres chaude,' he replied, with a shrug that threatened the light confusion of his hair about his ears. I then asked if he had heard Madame Bernhardt express herself about the place. 'Non, non,' said he more calmly 'elle ne cause jamais d'une ville presq' apres lediner qu'elle mange toujours apres le performance. Je pense qu'elle dira que Salisbury est un bon marche.'

Bully for Bernhardt, the leading man, the Raleigh Times and all the rest of us. It is superfluous to remark that we know Post readers will share our joy.

In obtaining the interview printed above the Raleigh Evening Times scored a fine scoop over all its contemporaries. We congratulate Mr. Crater, the publisher, upon the brilliant readiness with which he put to opportune use the splendid training he received under that most erudite and accomplished Frenchman, the editor of the Charlotte Observer.

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CATTLE ROPING MATCH

Lariat Wielders to Compete For World Championship.

PROBABLY LAST EVENT OF ITS KIND

Thousands Will Soon Gather at Oklahoma City to See Steer Men Struggle For an Honor That May Never Be Disputed—Clay McCoungil and Ellison Carroll Crack Competitors.

The championship of the world, with a purse of \$600 on the side, with no probability of its being disputed in the future, is the stake to be battled for in what will doubtless be the last cattle roping contest, says an Oklahoma City (Okla.) correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. It will take place at Oklahoma City on Thursday and Friday afternoon, March 15 and 16, the closing days of the annual convention of the Oklahoma Live Stock and the Midland Live Stock and Sale associations. The contest will draw thousands of visitors. It is a big event throughout the southwest, where prowess with the lariat means lasting fame. The laws of all other states now prohibit these roping contests, and it is likely that Oklahoma will follow this course during the next legislature.

Elison Carroll of Mangum, now the world's champion, conceived the idea of giving a roping contest as one of the features of the convention. He has arranged the following rules and regulations to govern the contest:

The first prize will be the championship of the world and \$600 in money; second prize, \$300; third prize, \$200; fourth prize, \$100.

1. Limited to sixty entries—thirty for Thursday, thirty for Friday.
2. Steers will be numbered; contestants will draw; steers will be roped as they come.
3. Contestants will be allowed to have a rope in hand, but must not start until the starter's flag drops.
4. The rope must go over head or horns; no foot roping allowed, unless head or horns are caught first.
5. Cattle must be securely tied by at least three feet with a tie rope or post and remain securely tied by three feet for five minutes.
6. Each contestant is required to rope when his number is called. No man is allowed to rope more than one steer at this contest.
7. Time will be taken by three timers from the second the starter's flag falls to the time the steers are properly tied, which will fall when the starter's flag drops. Contestant will indicate to the marshal when the steer is tied by throwing up his hands.
8. Committee of three competent judges will be appointed to decide any controversy, and their decision shall be final.
9. The rope shall stand at north end of ring, and after the steer crosses the fifty foot line the flag will fall, and if the contestant starts before the falling of the starter's flag he will be counted out.
10. If entries are made by letter, they should accompany the letter. All entries must be made before 12 o'clock noon, March 14, 1906. Entrance fee, roping contest, \$5.
11. There are also entries so far for the contest—E. P. Epperson of Fort Scott, Kan.; Clay McCoungil of Texas; Luther Williams of Prague, Okla.; W. F. Hale of Wilburton, I. T.; L. C. Giles of Norman, Okla.; Charles N. Williams of Vorden, Okla., and Carroll himself. There will be two entries from the Miller ranch at Bliss. It is possible that entries will be made from Australia and South America.
12. The real contest will likely be between Clay McCoungil and Ellison Carroll. However, there are other cowboys in Oklahoma who claim they can rope steers in quicker time than either McCoungil or Carroll. Carroll wrested the championship from McCoungil a year ago and carthorses predict he is destined to keep it.
13. The greatest roping contest in the world perhaps up to that time was arranged for at San Antonio, Tex., in 1905, during the Christmas holidays. The contest was to be for the championship of the world, and it was thought, of course, that hundreds of ambitious cow men would enter the battle for supremacy.
14. Clay McCoungil of Texas then held the championship, and his prowess was so well known and feared that only one man had any hope of being able to beat him. That was Ellison Carroll of Mangum, Okla., and even he was looked on as being foolhardy in his ambition. When the entries were closed it was discovered that only two contestants had been qualified, Clay McCoungil and Ellison Carroll. The latter had been the champion for so many years that at the last minute even the sturdy legs of the range had suddenly become seized with that most unpleasant feeling, "loco."
15. The steers were corralled in a small pen at one corner of the baseball park on the outskirts of the town. The contest was to see which man could rope and tie the thirty-six of these animals in the shortest time. Thousands of cow boys and their wives, daughters and sweethearts, from all over the southwest, who had seen many previous contests of the kind, declared the battle to be the greatest ever waged.
16. McCoungil gave up on the twenty-eighth steer and acknowledged that he was badly defeated. Owing to inclement weather and the further fact that some of the cattle had escaped he agreed to surrender in favor of Carroll, McCoungil being then more than three minutes behind his opponent, with no chance to win in the remaining trials.
17. Carroll made the marvelous record of roping and tying twenty-eight steers in 15 minutes and 58 1-2 seconds, his best time on one being 21 4-5 seconds. His average on the twenty-eight was 40 3-5 seconds. McCoungil's average was 46 4-5 seconds, and his best time for one was 28 seconds flat, though he had a previous record of 21 1/2 seconds, made at El Paso some years ago.
18. Carroll made three different horses during the tournament—Jack Hill, Red Buck and Necktie.

Anti-Obelisk Society.

The society girls of Urbana, O., have organized what they call a "Society to Prevent Obeliskation," says a special dispatch from Springfield, O., to the Cincinnati Enquirer. The formal agreement entered into forbids them to bug or to be injured or to kiss or to be kissed. They have sent out notices to their male friends to the effect that the lid is on to stay.

THE OLDEST OBELISK.

It stands on the Banks of the Nile Not Far From Cairo.

The oldest of all the obelisks is the beautiful one of rosy granite which stands alone among the green fields on the banks of the Nile not far from Cairo. It is the grave-stone of a great city which has vanished and left only this relic behind. That city was Bethshemes of Scripture, the famous On, which is memorable to all Bible readers as the residence of the priest of On, Pothopher, whose daughter Asoneth Joseph married. The Greeks called it Heliopolis, the city of the sun, because there the worship of the sun had its chief center and its most sacred shrine. It was the seat of the most ancient university in the world, to which youthful students came from all parts of the world to learn the occult wisdom which the priests of On alone could teach.

Thales, Solon, Pythagoras and Plato all studied there; perhaps Moses too. It was also the birthplace of the sacred literature of Egypt, where was written on papyrus leaves the original chapter of the oldest book in the world, generally known as "The Book of the Dead," giving a most striking account of the conflicts and triumphs of the life after death, a whole copy or fragment of which every Egyptian, rich or poor, wished to have buried with him in his coffin and portions of which are found inscribed on every mummy case and on the walls of every tomb. In front of one of the principal temples of the sun in this magnificent city stood, along with a companion long since destroyed, the solitary obelisk which we now behold on the spot. It alone has survived the wreck of all the glory of the place. It was constructed by Useratesen I., who is supposed to have reigned 2800 B. C., and has outlived all the dynastic changes of the land and still stands where it originally stood nearly forty-seven centuries ago. What appears of its shaft above ground is sixty-eight feet in height, but its base is buried in the mud of the Nile, and year after year its film of soil around its foot and buried it still deeper in its sacred grave.

To Revive "Black Earth."

The Russian government has sent to the California university college of agriculture specimens of the famous "black earth" of European Russia, which is showing signs of deterioration. The Russians want the advice of the Berkeley scientists as to reviving it.

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Senate Committee Turns Tillman Resolution Over to Sub Committee.

Washington, March 13.—The senate committee on privileges and elections to-day instructed a sub-committee consisting of senators Foraker, Knox and Bailey to examine the several bills before the senate to prohibit national banks from contributing money for campaign purposes and report whether, in their opinion, any of these measures, if enacted into law would prevent such evils in the future. The committee was instructed to draft a bill if the pending measures are not satisfactory.

The action taken is the result of a hearing given to Senator Tillman to-day in support of his resolution directing an inquiry whether, since March 4, 1893, any payments have been made by national banks to carry on any political campaign.

Mr. Tillman stated to the committee that he had positive evidence that certain national banks had made payments but he declined to disclose his evidence.

It was the opinion of the committee that such contributions should be effectually prohibited and that there should be a law making it a felony for any officer of a bank to contribute funds of the bank to aid any campaign.

Several members of the committee declared that there had been an understanding that banks have been contributing to campaign funds, but that it would be unwise to enter upon a general investigation.

The best policy, it was argued, would be to prevent such contribution in the future and with that end in view the sub-committee was appointed.

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