

AT THE SEASHORE.

It has been the custom of the North Carolina Press Association for some years to hold its annual meetings at some point in the State where the gatherings could be not only an assembly for business and professional purposes but also a pleasurable outing.

This year the place chosen was Morehead City, and the wisdom of the choice was attested by all who enjoyed the privilege of being present at the convention which opened last Wednesday morning and closed with a delightful trip to Washington, N. C., on Friday.

Newspaper men are probably as closely tied down to their work throughout the entire year as any class of professional men, and, too, they are engaged in a character of work in which it is highly desirable that each should be acquainted with the others as well as possible.

Two of the most excellent features of the program were the addresses of Hon. John H. Small, Representative in Congress from the first district, and of Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College.

WHAT NEXT?

The last four days brought about so many rapidly changing situations in the rate litigation between the State and the two roads that have elected to fight the enforcement of the new law that it has been difficult to always be sure what the exact status of affairs was and impossible to foretell what the next step would be.

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The next and latest step was the action of Judge Pritchard, of the United States District Court in Asheville, in discharging Agents J. H. Wood and C. O. Wilson of that place and

declaring the clause of the new rate law which imposes penalties for its violation unconstitutional. According to yesterday's dispatches, Judge Pritchard gave as one of his reasons for declaring the law unconstitutional that the penalties inflicted by the statute would close the doors to judicial hearing and would amount to \$2,500,000 a day.

President Finley, of the Southern, on Saturday gave out a statement which we print in full elsewhere in our columns defending the action of his company and Governor Glenn has issued a reply claiming that the State is not trying to interfere with the orderly course of judicial procedure, is obeying every order issued by the Federal court and is only attempting to sustain the State courts in the enforcement of the laws of the State.

What the next step will be we are not bold enough to predict. The most puzzling question now is what effect will the decision of Judge Pritchard have upon the collection of the fine imposed upon the Southern by Judge Long. If the situation were not one of such gravity in its relation to the rights of the State, it would almost be comical.

Gastonia is not the only town hereabouts that is waiting impatiently for the Postoffice Department to inaugurate free mail delivery. An article in today's issue of The Concord Times states that Concord has not only fulfilled the requirements in the matter of postoffice receipts, which last year reached over \$13,000, but has also improved her streets and numbered all the houses and still no free delivery. Here is a good hint for Gastonia.

We are greatly pleased to learn from those who have the hospital matter in charge that only about \$925 remains to be subscribed of the \$12,000 necessary to insure the success of the movement. We feel sure that the committee will have no trouble in placing the remainder of the stock and we confidently expect to see a modern, well-equipped hospital building adorning our city before many months.

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NEW BALL TEAM.

Deal Made With Alabama Man to Bring Full Team Here for Remainder of Season—Old Nine Goes to Pieces. A meeting of the local fans was held last at which there a deal was closed with Manager M. A. Cozart of Anniston, Ala., to bring to Gastonia for the remainder of the season a full-fledged team of first-class players.

At the annual Convention of the State Press Association which was held at Morehead City last Wednesday and Thursday the program as previously published was carried out in full. All of the essays and addresses were of unusual merit and interest.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children; First Vice-President, J. A. Thomas, of Louisburg Times; Second Vice-President, W. J. Jordan, of Snow Hill Standard; Third Vice-President, A. S. Carson, of Allegheny Star; Secretary and Treasurer, John B. Sherrill, of Concord Times; Historian, T. G. Cobb, of Morganton Herald; Orator, J. H. Cain, of Asheville Citizen; Poet, J. A. Robinson, of Durham Sun; Executive Committee, H. A. London, W. C. Dowd, R. M. Phillips, Josephus Daniels, D. T. Edwards.

It was decided to make Wednesday the day for the annual convention at Charlotte. SULPHUR BRINGS HEALTH. Purifies the Blood and Clears Up the Complexion.

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Big Day at Spencer Mountain. Saturday was a big day at Spencer Mountain, it being the occasion of the annual picnic for the operatives of the Spencer Mountain Mills. The operatives were given a holiday and a big dinner was provided for them, being served in a grove near the mill.

Death at Union. The Union neighborhood lost its oldest resident Sunday morning when Mrs. Wilson Henderson died at the age of 88 years, seven months and eleven days. She was also the oldest member of Union Presbyterian church, having joined this congregation early in life.

—National Bank Examiner Fred A. Hull, of Asheville, spent yesterday in Gastonia on business. —Earle Ballard, a young white man residing near the Avon Mill, was before Magistrate White, Morris and Davis yesterday afternoon on a charge of larceny. The defendant was represented by Hon. O. F. Mason, of Dallas, and J. H. Long & Long, of Gastonia, represented the plaintiff.

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