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MAY SECURE AN EXPERT

FREIGHT RATE FIGHT IS WARMING UP

Hickory and Gastonia Equal Sufferers from Freight Rate Discrimination, Says Mr. Joy—Efforts Being Made to Get Mr. C. W. Hillman, One of the Best Rate Experts in the Country, to Assist in Tabulating Rates and Classifying Information.

Gastonia is not resting on her oars by any means in the fight for fair and just freight rates. The wholesale and retail men and the manufacturers of the city are gathering information daily and piling up evidence showing how Gastonia is greatly sinned against in the matter of discriminatory freight rates. As mentioned in Friday's, Gazette two local business men, former railroad employees who are familiar with the freight tariffs, are now engaged in compiling rates and information to be used when the real fight comes a little bit later. Since then Mr. A. K. Joy, of Hickory, secretary of the Hickory Commercial Club and a member of the committee of thirteen for the whole State, has conceived the idea of obtaining an expert to work up the case for Hickory and Gastonia, as will be seen from the following letter received yesterday by Mr. A. C. Jones, Gastonia's member of the committee:

Hickory, N. C., Aug. 30, 1912.
Mr. A. C. Jones,
Gastonia, N. C.

Dear Sir:—
We were very much pleased with the account published in The Gastonia Gazette of August 29, relating to the interest manifested in the freight rate fight in your section.

It seems that the districts surrounding Hickory and Gastonia are equal sufferers from discriminating rates, both occupying relatively the same position on the "high ridge" of freight rates.

In line with what you contemplate doing in Gastonia, we write to inform you that we have written to Mr. C. W. Hillman, said to be one of the best independent rate men in the United States, asking to secure his services for that particular section of the State that has in the past been eliminated from all the "zones" in the making of traffic rates.

In taking this action, we were not influenced by a desire to secure any particular advantage for this section. We merely want to find out whether or not there is any logical reason why we should be so treated.

The intent of this initial letter is that, pending the organization of our Special Committee, we get together and harmonize whatever preliminary work we can do.

Very respectfully yours,
A. K. JOY.

Mr. A. Blanton, of Shelby, another member of this committee, is expected in Gastonia within the next few days to confer with the officers of the Gastonia County Branch of the Just Freight Rate Association and as a result of that conference some interesting information may be given out.

It is encouraging to note that new members are being added to the Gastonia County Branch every day, which indicates beyond a doubt that Gastonia countians are at last waking up to the fact that we have been ground down all these years under the iron heel of the railroads which have arbitrarily fastened upon us freight rates so discriminatory as to be almost confiscatory of our property.

Lebo's Store Robbed.

About 4:30 o'clock this morning, two men, a white man and a negro, according to the testimony of Mr. Koppel Troutman, who was sleeping in the store, entered Lebo's department store on Main street and stole therefrom three pairs of shoes and some clothing. Entrance was effected through the front door to which the robbers evidently had a key. About 11 o'clock this morning two white men were arrested and held as suspects. They will come up for trial tomorrow.

Following is a list of those in attendance:

How Freight Rate Discrimination Makes Living Higher in Gastonia Than It Should Be.		
Cabbage from New York,		
To Gastonia, N. C.	rate	43 cents
To Birmingham, Ala.	"	42 cents
Corn in less than car load lots from Norfolk, Va.,		
To Gastonia, N. C.	rate	25 cents
To Grover, N. C. (passing through Gastonia,) only	"	21 cents
ORANGES from Bowling Green, Fla.		
To Gastonia, N. C.	rate	59 cents
To Charlotte, N. C.	"	50 cents

CARRIERS ORGANIZE

THE NINTH DISTRICT RURAL MEN HERE

Representatives from Five Counties Gather in Gastonia and Organize Ninth District Rural Letter Carriers Association With Forty-Three Members—Much Enthusiasm Shown—Cleveland County Organization Perfected—Visitors Delighted With Gastonia.

With 43 out of 123 of the rural letter carriers of the Ninth Congressional District present yesterday, a permanent organization to be known as the Ninth District Rural Letter Carriers Association was formed and started its career under the most auspicious circumstances. The call for this meeting, to be held here on Labor Day which is a holiday with all postoffice employees, was sent out only a few days previous and in view of this fact the large percentage in attendance was most gratifying.

Two sessions were held, one in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon, at the court house. Mr. J. M. Ballard, of Newton, was elected chairman and Mr. T. C. Smith, of Gastonia, secretary of the organization. Mr. Thad M. Lutz, of Henry, Lincoln county, a member of the State Executive Committee, was present and was called on for a speech. He addressed the carriers on the subject of the importance of thorough organization, his remarks being heard with interest and attention. Mr. S. E. Lutz made a short talk along the same line. Mr. T. C. Smith welcomed the visitors to Gastonia in a neat and appropriate speech. On behalf of Secretary Timberlake of the Commercial Club Mr. Smith tendered the visitors the use of the club's rooms while in the city. Mr. W. H. Hoover, of Crouse, and Mr. T. S. Royster, of Bessemer City, were called on and made short but ringing speeches urging the importance of thorough organization.

After considerable general discussion it was decided to form a permanent district organization. This having been done adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock. During the recess hour the carriers were all entertained at dinner at the Allgood House through the courtesy of the business men of the city.

At the afternoon session the details of the organization were perfected and an executive committee of three was chosen, constituted as follows: J. M. Ballard, Catawba county, chairman; T. Donaldson, of Mecklenburg county, and T. M. Lutz, of Lincoln county. Resolutions were adopted extending the thanks of the association to the carriers of Gastonia and Gaston county for the splendid manner in which they had been entertained, to the business men of the city for the dinner given them, to the Commercial Club for the use of the club's rooms and to the newspapers for the publicity given the meeting and for offers of space whenever desired for use by the organization.

The visiting carriers left for their respective homes on the afternoon trains, all of them expressing themselves as having enjoyed the day very much and as being greatly delighted with the city of Gastonia, which many of them had never visited. The next meeting will be held some time during 1914 at a time and place appointed by the executive committee.

Immediately after the district convention adjourned the Gaston County Rural Letter Carriers Association held its regular semi-annual session and transacted routine business. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, T. S. Royster, Bessemer City; secretary and treasurer, George D. McKee, Belmont. The next meeting will be held next May at Belmont.

During the day the carriers from Cleveland county, seven in number, held a meeting and organized the Cleveland County Rural Letter Carriers Association, thus reducing the number of counties in the Ninth Congressional District without organizations from three to two.

COMMISSIONERS MEET		
REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION YESTERDAY		
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R. A. McNeeley, Lincolnton, N. C.		
I. B. Goforth, Kings Mountain.		
G. V. Hawkins, Shelby, N. C.		
George Dover, Shelby, N. C.		
Jonas H. Dickson, Gastonia, N. C.		
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W. M. Matthews, Clover, S. C.		
J. A. Neeley, Bowling Green, S. C.		
S. E. Lutz, Henry, N. C.		
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Zeb M. Stafford, Harrisburg, N. C.		
C. P. Goforth, Kings Mountain.		
Thomas Donaldson, Charlotte.		
George D. Wilkinson, Maiden.		
C. T. Hanes, Reepsville, N. C.		
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Perry A. Jonas, Reepsville, N. C.		
James R. Stevhouse, Huntersville.		
L. D. McConnell, Charlotte, N. C.		
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The sum of \$403.88 was paid to 72 outside paupers.		
JURY LIST.		
OCTOBER TERM.		
W. H. Capps, Gastonia, R. No. 3.		
M. D. Ratchford, Gastonia.		
S. I. Auten, Mt. Holly.		
E. Lee Dellinger, Cherryville.		
H. W. Allran, Cherryville.		
J. E. Dameron, Lowell.		
G. R. Ratchford, Lowell.		
J. E. Lindsay, Gastonia.		
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IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

U. D. C'S. FRIDAY.

The Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the chapter room at the library for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention and transacting other business. A full attendance of members is desired.

SOCIAL EVENT AT UNION.

Complimentary to her house-guests, Miss Lois Faris, of Steele Creek, and Miss Maggie Morris, of Marion, Miss Mamie Henderson entertained quite a number of her young friends at her home in the Union section last night. Progressive refreshments were served. A pleasing feature of the evening was music furnished by the honorees and some of the guests.

FOR GASTONIANS AT CARTHAGE.

The following from The Moore County News of Thursday will be of interest in Gastonia:

"Miss Nellie Graves has as her guests this week Miss Louise Benson, Lexington; Misses Clara Armstrong and Maud Rankin, Gastonia; Miss Nellie Black, Marion; Chester Rankin, Gastonia, together with A. McN. Blue and the members of Miss Graves' party motored over to Jackson Springs Saturday evening.

FIRST MEETING FOR FALL.

The first meeting of the Woman's Betterment Association for the fall will be held at Central school Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This organization does not meet during the summer months. The president, Mrs. J. Y. Miller, requests a large attendance of members and especially requests that the chairmen of all committees be on hand. Matters of importance relative to the organization's work during the winter months will be discussed.

STRIDER-DAVIS MARRIAGE.

Says The Asheville Gazette-News of Sunday, last:

"Miss Mittie Davis and Mr. William E. Strider, of Charlotte, were married yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Davis. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Calvin B. Waller and only the family and immediate friends were present. Fern and goldenrod decorated the room in which the ceremony was performed, and while the guests were assembling Miss Lama Egerston sang, accompanied by Miss Lucy E. Davis, a sister of the bride, and Miss Martha Fitzgerald, of Nashville played the wedding march.

"The bride wore a becoming tailored suit of blue with hat to match, and immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for a wedding journey, the destination of which is as yet unknown. They will be at home in Charlotte after September 1."

Mr. Strider is a son of Rev. Mr. Strider, the Methodist minister, at Lowesville. He was principal last year of the Waco school and next year will be in charge of the Matthews high school in Mecklenburg county. He has a host of friends in Gaston whose best wishes go with him.