

MAY BE A LONG DELAY

IN PUTTING FREIGHT RATES IN EFFECT

Virginia Cities, Enjoying Low Rates Themselves, Trying to Block North Carolina's Fight for Reduced Rates by Protesting to Commerce Commission—A Boycott of Virginia Cities Suggested—Looks Like a Long Wait.

A Raleigh special to this morning's Observer says:

Governor Craig and Chairman Travis of the North Carolina Corporation Commission held a long conference today relative to the status of the proceeding before the interstate Commerce Commission for procuring its approval of the reduced interstate freight rates embodied in the proposal accepted by the special session. The special concern of the Governor and Chairman Travis is as to the intervention of the Virginia cities through filing exceptions to the petition for the approval of the proposed rates.

Advices from Washington are to the effect that the action by the Virginia cities can but tie up the application of the new rates several months. Governor Craig and the Corporation Commission propose to get right behind the matter and press the case through just as speedily as possible.

A number of the State officers and others here are expressing considerable indignation as to the action of the Virginia cities in this, as they express it, attempting to choke off this freight rate advantage from Carolina shippers in view of the much more reduced rates these cities have enjoyed for so many years and of the great volume of business they enjoy from the Carolina dealers. Some are suggesting now that it is up to the North Carolina Freight Rate Association now, in conjunction with the Merchants' Association and other commercial bodies interested, to start a boycott of the Virginia cities because of the part they are now moving to take in this matter.

Others are pointing out the fact that this State is placed in a very remarkable attitude before the interstate Commerce Commission in that the Legislature is on record in a special resolution declaring it the policy of the State that the "long and short-haul clause" of Federal rate legislation should be rigidly enforced and at the same time the State and the railroads are joining in petition for the Interstate Commerce Commission to allow the violation of this clause in application of the Carolina interstate rates specified in the proposal sought to be applied to this State. There is every indication now that there is a long delay ahead in the effort to apply the new rates.

Chairman Travis left tonight for Washington to investigate the situation. He expressed the opinion before leaving that there will not be anything like the delay in the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing that Washington dispatches seem to indicate. He believes that he will be able to get very speedy disposition of the case and that the petition for the application of the rates through suspension of the long and short-haul clause will be granted.

Bazaar at Belmont.

We are requested to announce that the Ladies' Aid Society of the Belmont Presbyterian church will hold a bazaar all day on Friday, December 5th, two weeks from today. The place has not yet been definitely decided upon, but will be announced later.

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NEWS AMONG OUR NEAR NEIGHBORHOOD

Life Locals from Lincoln, Cleveland, York and Other Neighboring Counties—Clippings from Exchanges That Will Interest Gazette Readers.

BOILING SPRINGS NEWS.

Enjoyable Musical Recital Given Recently—Strong Basketball Team This Season—Y. M. C. A., B. Y. P. U. and Literary Societies All in Flourishing Condition.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

SHELBY, Route 3, Nov. 18.—One of the most pleasant occasions which the school has enjoyed this year was the music recital given recently. Miss Margaret C. Radcliffe, the talented musician, made a happy hit in her line, when she sang so sweetly, "Plantation Medley," "Islands," and "I Like You." The grace and charm of her dress added a great deal to the effectiveness of the selections which she rendered.

The following recitations were especially good: Vocal solo by Chas. Coble, of Bessemer City; vocal solo by Miss Mary Sue Love, of Cowpens, S. C.; vocal quartette by eight young ladies, entitled the "Violets." A chorus of 100 voices was a very pleasing number.

The Athletic Association has arranged a series of games for the basketball team, which is a very strong team. The following composed the team: Marsh, Coble, Elliott, McSwain, Washburn, Huskey. The team recently defeated Kings Mountain, Hickory Grove, Piedmont, and is to play a series of games with Belmont school. The team is a strong one and wins wherever it plays.

The Y. M. C. A. has a very enthusiastic membership at present. The meetings are well attended and the subject for Sunday afternoon was "Duty." The following young men took part: J. F. West, R. M. Mitchell, D. C. Cole, J. F. Gillespie and W. J. Francis.

The Baptist Young People's Union was held on its regular time Sunday, Nov. 15. Subject for study was "David." The following members took part: Rud Lovelace, Jas. Green, Lodd Hamrick, Baylous Cade, Owen Cade, Claudia Littmore and Mary Francis.

The Kalogothian Literary Society held its public debate on Saturday evening, Nov. 14. The subject for discussion was: "Resolved, That the U. S. Government Should Intervene in the Mexican Situation." Following speakers, E. C. Bridges, W. K. Collins, J. A. Bary, D. C. Coad, The Kalliergeon Society furnished music for the occasion, consisting of solos, quartettes and choruses. The High School Band furnished music. Following are the members: Frank West, Adam Whisnau, J. L. McSwain, Minnie McMurray, D. C. Cole, Zimmerman, Goode, Crabtree, Cade, Cade and Hamrick.

The Cambridge Players.

Appearing as the third attraction in the lyceum course given under the auspices of the Woman's Betterment Association, the Cambridge Players will be heard at the auditorium of the Central school on Friday night, the 28th. There are four in the company, three ladies and one man. The press notices say: "The members of this company have banded themselves in a business organization in the form of a joint stock company, thus insuring stability and continued service. They change their programmes yearly under Mr. Day's direction, and offer to the public entertainments of purpose, variety and thoroughly artistic modeling, with an attention to detail that will be a revelation. All costumeing is historically correct, and procured without regard to expense. The scenes from famous plays are the most famous and vital; the humor clean and wholesome; the singing above reproach. In arranging their programmes and preparing the original sketches for the company, Mr. Day has produced some of the best work of his long and successful career as author and coach."

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SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and Their Friends — Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers.

—City Clerk John R. Rankin went to Belmont yesterday.

—Concrete sidewalks are now being put down on West Main avenue.

—Read the advertisement of the Ideal Grocery Co. in today's Gazette. It will make your mouth water.

—Mrs. Arthur Welch, of Mount Holly, was in the city shopping yesterday.

—Mr. Tom Springs, of Mt. Holly, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. W. V. Ramseur, of Bessemer City, route two, was a Gastonia visitor Wednesday.

—Mr. J. D. Froberger, of Mt. Holly, route one, was in the city on business this morning.

—Mr. J. R. Rogers, of Stantley, is in town to-day marketing some long staple cotton.

—Mr. J. M. K'Lapp, who has been confined to his room in the Davis block by illness for several days, is now able to be up.

—Mrs. B. E. Atkins and Miss Lillian Atkins attended the Tuesday night performance of Ben Hur in Charlotte.

—Miss Marie Smith returned last Saturday from a two months visit to friends and relatives at Williston and Ocala, Fla.

—Messrs. Jno. F. Holland and Chester A. Black, of Cherryville, were in town yesterday with several bales of long staple cotton.

—Oyster supper this evening in the building adjoining the J. Flem Johnson Co. by the Philathea class of Main Street Methodist church. Everybody invited.

—In the decisions handed down Wednesday by the State Supreme Court was one in the case of Craig & Wilson vs. Stewart & Jones, a new trial being granted.

—Editor William Laurie Hill, of Our Fatherless Ones, the official organ of the Barium Springs Orphanage, spent yesterday in Gastonia in the interest of his paper. He went from here to Raleigh to attend a meeting of the State Historical Society.

—Mr. T. S. Royster, of Bessemer City, was a business visitor in the city Wednesday. Mr. Royster has recently purchased the farm of Mr. P. H. Van Dyke on the Bessemer and Cherryville road. Mr. Royster is now the owner of several very fine farms in one of the best sections of the county.

—On Wednesday night of next week the Southern Railway will operate a special excursion train from Charlotte to Richmond on account of the Thanksgiving football game between University of Virginia and University of North Carolina. The special will leave Charlotte at 5 p. m. Wednesday, arrive at Richmond 6:50 a. m. Thursday, and leave returning at midnight Thursday night. The round-trip fare from Gastonia is \$2.25.

—Elsewhere in this issue Superintendent H. Rutter, of the city water works, advises all persons who use city water for drinking purposes to boil the water until further notice is given. This is merely advised to be done as a matter of thorough precaution, for the reason that the dredging operations now going on above the pumping station might be a possible source of some contamination. Pumping is done as far as possible at night, but in so important a matter as the purity of the drinking water supply, it is well to take every possible precaution.

—"The Last Days of Pompeii," a photo-play based on Bulwer-Lytton's famous novel of the same name will be the special offering at the Ideal Theatre on Thursday of next week, Thanksgiving Day. This production has been shown in New York at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$1.00, and has recently been shown in Charlotte at an admission price of 25 cents, but the manager of the Ideal advertises the attraction at the usual prices, 5 and 10 cents. The film will be on exhibition continuously from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m.

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Basket-Ball To-Morrow.

The basketball teams of the Bessemer City and Lowell graded schools will meet in their first match game for the season on the school grounds at Lowell tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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Two hundred girls, students of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., have gone on a hunger strike as a protest against the quality of the food they received at supper Wednesday night. The meeting has been brewing for some time. The girls presented their grievance to the college authorities several days ago, but say conditions have not improved since.

Read the advertisements in The Gazette. They are as interesting as news and are frequently more profitable reading than the news.

ORGANIZED LAST NIGHT

TO PREVENT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Gastonia Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Organized Last Night With Thirty or More Members—Mrs. J. Y. Miller President—Other Officers Chosen—Much Interest Manifested.

Though but scant notice had been given the public of the proposed meeting, thirty or more citizens gathered last night in the offices of the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co. in the Realty building and organized the Gastonia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The organization was perfected by the election of Mrs. J. Y. Miller president, Mr. J. P. Reid vice president, Mrs. W. J. Clifford secretary and Dr. Frank R. Anders treasurer. The officers were also constituted a committee to draft and submit to the next meeting, to be held at the call of the president, a constitution and by-laws.

Every person present enrolled as a charter member of the organization. They were: Mrs. J. Y. Miller, J. P. Reid, Mrs. W. J. Clifford, F. R. Anders, A. G. Mangum, G. W. Wilson, J. W. Timberlake, A. L. Bulwinkle, A. C. Jones, J. H. Separk, J. E. Page, L. E. Wetzel, J. H. Henderlite, E. E. Witherspoon, J. W. Atkins, J. F. Thomson, J. W. Carrou, A. R. Anders, J. Y. Miller, S. A. Robinson, E. E. Brittain, Mrs. R. M. Johnston, Mrs. S. J. Durham, Mrs. J. P. Thomson, Mrs. J. H. Henderlite, Mrs. J. W. Atkins, Mrs. G. W. Wilson, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, D. E. McConnell, Mrs. McConnell, V. E. Long.

The perfection of this organization is a direct result of a movement inaugurated some time ago by the Woman's Betterment Association. A committee from the association, with Mrs. J. Y. Miller as chairman, was appointed to take the matter up, sound local sentiment with reference to it and consider ways and means for putting the work on a definite basis. This committee called last night's meeting. There had been some difference of opinion as to whether a separate and independent organization should be effected or whether it should be conducted as a department of the Betterment Association. After a brief discussion it appeared to be the unanimous opinion that a separate organization should be created and a motion to that effect was made and carried.

Mrs. Miller presided over the meeting and Mrs. R. M. Johnston acted as secretary. After stating the object of the meeting the chairman called for an expression from those present as to what they thought of the need of such an organization and how it should be conducted. Solicitor G. W. Wilson spoke on the needs of such a society here and gave some of his experience as prosecuting attorney for the State in handling cases of cruelty to animals. Mr. Mangum spoke of the great difficulty encountered ordinarily in securing testimony sufficient to convict offenders against the laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals. City Solicitor A. L. Bulwinkle, Judge A. C. Jones of the Municipal Court, Mr. J. W. Timberlake, of the local bar, Dr. McConnell and others spoke briefly. Each was heartily in favor of such an organization. Various phases of the work to be done, the difficulties to be encountered, etc., were discussed at some length. The question as to whether each member should be obligated to go into court as a witness was brought up. Some were of the opinion that many of the ladies would object to doing so. Others thought not. Judge Jones expressed the opinion that cases would not often arise where the prosecution could not be managed successfully without necessitating ladies appearing as witnesses. He believed that this feature would adjust itself as the work of the organization progressed. The chairman announced that she had requested Mr. Timberlake to assist City Solicitor Bulwinkle in prosecuting cases coming under the laws against cruelty to animals and that he had kindly consented to do so.

The value of the society to the town and the county as an educational force was brought out. That the work of the society will be to a large degree educational was stressed. Various means of educating people away from the inhuman treatment of dumb brutes can be employed. As the campaign progresses the necessity for prosecutions for violations of the law will diminish. Then the very fact that a large number of people are banded together in an organization for the purpose of protecting dumb animals from brutal treatment will be a deterrent factor. In this, as in all other lines, the organized effort of a few can accomplish a great deal more than the individual efforts of many times that number.

A committee composed of the following was appointed to solicit members for the society and report at the next regular meeting: Mr. A. R. Anders, Mrs. S. J. Durham, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Mrs. J. P. Thomson, Mrs. R. M. Johnston.

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—Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Padgett and Mrs. Murphy Mauney attended the presentation of Ben Hur at the Academy of Music in Charlotte Tuesday night.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MRS. GARRISON PRESIDENT.

At a recent meeting of the trustees of the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. D. A. Garrison was elected president of the Gastonia Library Association to succeed Mr. A. M. Dixon. Mrs. Garrison has been closely identified with the library for the past several years and is thoroughly conversant with its condition and needs and her selection for this position was a wise one.

HARPER-CRAIG INVITATIONS ISSUED.

Invitations reading as follows have been issued: Mr. and Mrs. John M. Craig request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mary

to Mr. Clair Harper on Wednesday afternoon the twenty-sixth of November nineteen hundred and thirteen at three o'clock at their home

324 East Third Avenue Gastonia, North Carolina

Miss Craig has only recently moved to Gastonia from the South Point section of York county, but has hosts of friends both in the city and in her former home neighborhood who will be greatly interested in the announcement of her approaching marriage.

Mr. Harper is a well-known and prosperous young farmer of the Point, and has the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.

RICHARDSON-WHEAT WEDDING AT GAFFNEY WEDNESDAY.

Many of our readers will be interested in the following account of the marriage of Miss Irene Wheat, of Gaffney, and Mr. O. P. Richardson, of Spartanburg, which is from the Gaffney correspondence of today's Charlotte Observer. Miss Wheat has frequently visited in the city and has a large number of friends here:

Probably the most elaborate wedding ever seen in South Carolina took place in the Limestone Presbyterian Church of Gaffney Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock when Miss Irene Bayne Wheat became the bride of Mr. Oliver Preston Richardson.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Francis W. Gregg, of Rock Hill, assisted by Rev. Hubbard Allen Knox, pastor of the Limestone church. A reception attended by 300 guests at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wheat, followed the conclusion of the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was exquisitely clad in white charmeuse, with rose point lace draped over the corsage and a white court train of brocade velvet.

Her maid of honor, Miss Amy Gaffney, wore a gown of hunter green charmeuse with a brocade court train. Misses Marie Torrence, of Gastonia, N. C.; Madge Webb, of Shelby, N. C.; Elizabeth Hill, of Raleigh, N. C.; Mary Johnston, of Charlotte, N. C.; Eileen Taylor, of New York; Joe Everette, of Spartanburg, were the bridesmaids. Messrs. Waite Hamrick, Kyle Davenport, W. K. Gunter and George Hayes acted as ushers.

Following the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson left for the North. They will be at home in Spartanburg after December 10.

The bride is one of the loveliest members of the younger set, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wheat. She is a graduate of the Presbyterian College for Women at Charlotte, gifted and intellectual. The groom is the son of the late W. H. Richardson, manager of the Spartanburg office of the cotton firm of Jennings & Bryant. He is one of the best known young business men in the Piedmont section of the State.

PUSHING SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS.

Charlotte is taking up the anti-tuberculosis work with great energy this year. The city is determined to reduce the death rate from this dread disease. The work of a specially trained nurse, working with the Associated Charities, for the past 18 months has revealed the actual condition the city has to face.

A Red Cross Seal Committee was organized at a meeting this week and is planning a very vigorous educational campaign in the sale of these seals, which are sold to raise money to help carry on the tuberculosis work. Mr. J. P. Lucas, formerly editor of The Chronicle, was elected chairman and Mr. C. W. Tillet, Jr., vice-chairman. The committee will bring into co-operation members of the Woman's Clubs, Civic League, Public Schools, Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., Library and Associated Charities. The plan is to sell 150,000 seals and his number has been allotted to this city by the State Red Cross Seal Committee.

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NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Owing Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

WEST GASTONIA NEWS.

Items of Interest from the Western Part of the City—Personal Notes and Social Happenings of the Week.

Correspondence of The Gazette. WEST GASTONIA, Nov. 20.—Mr. E. A. Campbell and family were visitors in Dallas Sunday.

Miss Emma Little is numbered among the sick this week.

Mrs. M. C. Lewis is expected home this week from Lincolnton, where she has been for the past three weeks.

The little son of Mr. Alex Bridges is sick with typhoid fever.

Mr. L. P. Putnam and son, Earl, of Salisbury, were visitors at Mr. J. W. Eury's last week.

Mr. Claud Crenshaw, of Sumter, S. C., spent a few days at the Lory Loray, and left Sunday for Concord, but will return to the Lory in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fletcher visited at the Arlington Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Estelle Lewis and Mary Duling were visitors at High Shoals last Sunday.

Master Lonnie Tarlton celebrated his eighth birthday last Saturday afternoon by entertaining a few of his little friends. Those present were Master Leonard Eury, Roy Carver, Luther Broom, Herbert Gaines, Carl, Roscoe and Grady McIntire, and Charlie Tarlton, Alma Moore, Helen McEntire and Genevie McEntire, Mrs. McEntire, Mrs. J. D. Moore and Mrs. Ellen Tarlton served the children with fruits, candies, etc. All had a pleasant evening from two until five o'clock.

Mr. Lester Turner was a High Shoals visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Docia Falls, of Charlotte, visited Lory Loray and relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stephenson, of Charlotte, visited homefolks Sunday.

Mr. Charlie McVicker, of Charlotte, visited Mrs. Mattie Falls last week.

Miss Annie Bradbury, of Koonoke, Va., has accepted a position at the Lory.

Mr. George Grice left Saturday for Salisbury.

Mrs. Lola Barker is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jim Broom, this week.

Mr. Lon Webb, who has been in the City Hospital for several days taking treatment, came home Monday and is reported better.

Mr. Aaron Turner, of Shelby, was a Lory visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Waldrop has returned home after a three months visit to relatives in Madison county.

Mrs. Mamie Davis, of East Gastonia, visited her sister, Mrs. Jim Broom, Sunday.

Mr. W. P. Waldrop, who has been sick, is reported better at this writing.

Mr. Major Davis moved to Kings Mountain last week where he has accepted a position as card-room boss at the Bonnie Mill.

Dr. C. J. McCombs has been very ill for the past week and was confined to his home, but is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abernethy, of Cherryville, visited their sister, Mrs. Lula Grigg, Saturday.

Miss Ollie Johnson, of Charlotte, spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Selvy.

Mr. Norman Morrow, who has been in Darlington, S. C., for the past week returned home Friday.

Miss Nettie Bradley gave a fruit supper at her home on Franklin avenue Saturday night. Quite a number were present and enjoyed the evening.

Miss Leslie Bradley returned home Wednesday from the City Hospital, where she has been for the past four weeks.

RANKIN-SLOAN.

Marriage of Popular Young People

Next Tuesday Being Looked Forward to With Much Interest.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, Nov. 20.—Much social interest is now centering in the approaching marriage of Miss Clara Sloan to Mr. John R. Rankin which will be solemnized here in the Methodist church next Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. More than usual interest is being displayed owing to the popularity of the contracting parties and their wide connection of friends and relatives.

The attendants are: maid of honor, Miss Cora Hart, of Gastonia; bridesmaids, Misses Katie and Ida Rankin; groomsmen, Messrs. A. J. Sanders and Charles Sloan, of Birmingham, Ala., a brother of the bride; ushers, Messrs. C. P. Luebberger, A. A. Armstrong, H. A. Query and J. R. Ratchford. Mr. Ed C. Adams, of Gastonia, will be best man. The ceremony will be pronounced by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, Gastonia.

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