

The Reidsville Review

VOLUME XXX No. 28.

REIDSVILLE, N. C. TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1917

ISSUED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

PUBLIC WANTS FACTS ABOUT LIGHTING CASE

GREENSBORO MAN'S STATEMENT INCITES OTHERS TO QUESTION NECESSITY OF POOR SERVICE—PROMINENT MANUFACTURER IS ASKING.

PEOPLE TIRED OF BUM SERVICE

We are publishing from time to time in The Review some kicks appearing in the papers about the rotten service furnished by the N. C. Public Service. This is the same service a certain clique in Reidsville is clamoring for here. This clique wants to give our plant for a nominal sum to the Southern Public Utilities company and thus saddle on the people of Reidsville the same kind of rotten service the people of other cities are now kicking against. At present Reidsville is enjoying one of the best electric light and power services of any town in the State and the municipality is making a fine profit on it. To sell out this plant for the pitiful sum of \$30,000 to a corporation which not only will raise prices to consumers from 25 to 50 per cent, but will lower the quality of the service to a level with that now given in other places would be about one of the most insane acts ever committed by an intelligent community. And The Review is sorry to know that there are individuals here who are moving heaven and earth to put this rotten deal over on the people of Reidsville. And they are boasting that they are going to do it!

Yesterday's Greensboro News had the following:

The attitude assumed by C. D. Benbow publicly toward the trouble Greensboro has been experiencing with the electric lighting problem has aroused a general support throughout the Piedmont section around Greensboro. Mr. Benbow was quoted in the Daily News, the morning following the great storm recently, when the town was in darkness for an hour or so, as saying that he would give \$25 toward starting a fund for the investigation of the causes for the failure of the electric lights upon occasion of every thunderstorm. The assertion by Mr. Benbow that with the friendliest feeling toward the corporation which is laden with the responsibility of providing light and power for Greensboro, he thinks that an investigation is due the people, met with prompt approval by the people here, and the mail of Mr. Benbow has been full of letters from other sufferers from the lack of light.

Chief among the men who have commended the stand of the Greensboro citizen have been prominent manufacturers of the Piedmont. The representative of one great manufacturing enterprise wrote that altogether, since he has been getting power from the Southern Power Company indirectly, he has lost probably an entire day in his factory because of the failure of the current. Before the lesser corporation, a local one, quit manufacturing its own "juice" this letter stated, the factory had little or no difficulty with the current, but the smaller corporation entered into an agreement with the Southern Power for electricity, and since then the current has failed on all occasions when storms have been brewing, he stated.

Furthermore, the local corporation heads showed a spirit of indifference about the matter, he said in the letter. They declared that the cause of the trouble was beyond their power to remedy and was therefore a necessary evil. The manufacturer writing Mr. Benbow wanted to know if it is true, then, that whereas a small electricity manufacturing corporation can make current and provide it regularly and without fail, a greater corporation which is supposed to be equipped with the best facilities for electricity manufacture and purveyance, is unable to cope with the lightning and must be regarded as helpless in time of storm.

Mr. Benbow said he has many such letters from manufacturers and others come in since the publication of the story in this paper. He is confident that the people generally are inquiring to know, are in a state of mind which calls for an investigation of the conditions under which the Southern Power Company is

working which prevent that company furnishing its clients with current regularly. It is not merely an occasional occurrence for the lights and power to fail when a storm comes up, but it is almost an inevitable happening.

FORMER SCHOOL MAN OF REIDSVILLE IS ASSAULTED

R. W. Allen, superintendent of the public schools of Monroe, lies at his home tonight in a precarious condition as the result of knife or razor wounds received at the hands of J. E. Efrid. There are four wounds on the face of a grave character, the throat is badly cut and there are three wounds of a painful nature in his head, and a terrible laceration on the muscle of the left arm. Physicians state that Mr. Allen will recover in the absence of complications.

Hall Efrid a son, had failed to make a grade at the close of the school session and after making preparations for advancement stood an examination before one of the high school teachers and failed. Efrid seems to have held Mr. Allen responsible for the occurrence and it is alleged that he waylaid Mr. Allen early this morning and assaulted him with a knife or razor, and but for the timely assistance of those nearby it is stated that Allen would have been killed.

Efrid came to Monroe many years ago from Troy and established a marble yard here and has maintained a splendid reputation, having served as an alderman and mayor of the city. Mr. Allen has resided here for two years and has established an enviable reputation as a splendid Christian gentleman. The affair has created a sensation unequalled before in Monroe and public sentiment is greatly against Efrid in the alleged brutal assault upon the school superintendent. He has been released on \$1,000 bond pending Allen's recovery.

It is alleged by Efrid that the result of the assault was improper remarks made by Allen to Efrid's wife, but this is not given credence by those best informed as to the character of the superintendent of schools.

The wounds required nearly 100 stitches.

Mr. Allen came from Sanford where he had resided for a number of years and has a multitude of admirers. He has a wife and two children. His home is in Anson county, near Polkton.—Monroe Cor.

Crop Reports Fine

The present prospects for the crops of all kinds were rarely ever better. During the last several weeks wheat has made a remarkable improvement, and whereas even a month ago it was the general conclusion that the severe frozes of the winter had curtailed the wheat fifty per cent, now almost every farmer admits that we will have an average crop of grain, while some claim that we are going to have one of the best yields for years. The favorable season in May and the first of June have caused wheat and rye to wonderfully revive, while the heads are reported to be filled out unusually well.

Never before has so much attention been paid to vegetables, corn, and food-stuffs. Every family has made abundant garden preparations, and now potatoes, beans, onions, lettuce, radishes, peas, etc., are plentiful, while it is rare you will find a farmer who has not planted enough or almost enough corn to answer home purposes for another year, counting on favorable seasons, while many will have a surplus to sell. There is far and away the best outlook for home supplies to be made on the farms that we have ever seen.

This has been accomplished without materially reducing the tobacco acreage. Indeed it would be difficult to find that section of the county where as much tobacco has not been planted as usual. And should the present crop be a heavy one, as compared with the light crops of the last three years, we might conservatively figure on a twenty five per cent. increase in the tobacco crop in pounds. Nearly every farmer had plenty of plants. Flourishing in the beds, the plants are hardy and thrifty when set out, showing that the season is right for tobacco.

So taken as a whole it is looking powerfully like a crop year, and that the farmers are going to reap with lavish hand this year.—Danbury Reporter.

An Evil Suggestion

"While you are asking papa for my hand in marriage, Philip, I'll be playing something lively on the piano," said the sweet young thing.

"No, I wouldn't do that, Jessica," replied the young man. "You know some people can't keep their feet still when they hear lively music."—Chicago News.

Subscribe today

OFFICIAL OF BANKHEAD HIGHWAY WAS HERE

REIDSVILLE PEOPLE HOLD CONFERENCE WITH MR. J. A. ROUNTREE, SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION—SCOUTING PARTY WILL BE HERE SOON.

THE ROUTE TO BE DESIGNATED

Mr. R. L. Watt, vice-president of the Bankhead Highway Association, received a wire from Mr. J. A. Rountree, secretary of the Association, with headquarters at Birmingham, Ala., stating that he would arrive on No. 43 on his way back from Washington, where he had been, together with the President of the Association, in conference with Senator Bankhead and the United States Senate regarding the construction of the highway. Mr. Rountree, in order to maintain a schedule of stops at each of the points where units of the Bankhead Association had been formed, was obliged to make a very short stay, and in the limited time at our disposal word was gotten to every member of the association resident in Reidsville to be present at the depot to meet Mr. Rountree for a conference. A very representative gathering resulted and it was most gratifying to see the interest taken in this development by every citizen of our town. Over thirty of the business and professional men in Reidsville greeted Mr. Rountree and heard his talk on the progress of the highway. We are sure that those who heard him were fully repaid for their trouble in gathering at the depot on such short notice, and we trust that as a result of this meeting, real earnest work will be undertaken to co-operate with those already working heartily for the consummation of this military road.

Mr. Rountree, who was introduced to the members of the local association, said in part:

"I am just on my way from Washington where I have been, with President T. S. Plowman, in conference with Senator Bankhead and the U. S. Senate on this highway. I am glad to say that conditions are most favorable, and have taken this opportunity to meet you gentlemen, who have shown such enthusiasm in the proposition, and tell you what is being done.

"There is a fight going on in Virginia over the proposed line of the highway after leaving Lynchburg. Up to Lynchburg the route has been tentatively and, I hope, definitely fixed by the recent convention at Birmingham where you sent a delegate—Mr. Lynch. This route can only be changed by the Pathfinders, who will shortly start out to finally decide upon the very best route to adopt, and so far as I know, the present decision, going by Greensboro, through Reidsville, and to Danville, and Lynchburg, will be adopted, but after leaving Lynchburg the route is still open to the people of Virginia and the convention will shortly be held of the Virginia people to determine that matter. The Virginia people had not been organized at the time of the Greensboro convention, where your local association fought out the matter of Reidsville's right to be on the highway but they are organizing now, and this organization will be complete by July 10th, when Senator Bankhead will address the assembled units of the Virginia association and the route through that State will be determined.

"Now we have the assurance of a number of Senators that they will stand by us in our efforts to secure the highway, but they cannot afford to take sides until the whole route has been definitely decided upon, and the route is being left largely in the hands of the local units, with final decision by the Pathfinders, assisted by Government engineers. As soon as the whole route has been fixed, maps will be prepared and the matter will be in shape to present officially to Congress, with an application for its adoption.

"Of course there is a great deal of interest being taken by the people of the different States where there is a possibility of two routes—one of which only one can be adopted. In Mississippi, where a situation of this kind has arisen, three counties have bonded themselves for eleven hundred thousand dollars and are each building roads already at tremendous expense on the chance of the route being finally adopted as part of the Bankhead Highway. I could mention other States where a similar condition is, but I just give this information to show the deep interest being taken in every State through which the highway will run, and to congratulate you upon the fact that

you have already decided definitely so far as you are concerned, on the route through this section. Of course the final routing will be made by the Government engineers.

"In completing our organization, and doing all the work in connection with this highway we are not asking for any appropriations from any towns or counties. The only expense we are entailing upon the communities is a \$1.00 membership. We would rather have one hundred members in this association paying \$1.00 apiece, than have an individual check for \$100 for with one hundred men interested we have just that many who will work with us for the completion of the road. There is no obligation upon the counties through which the highway will pass to build a splendid highway. What we want is to have the route adopted, and turn it over to the Government to maintain it. The Bankhead Highway Association is built upon the same lines as the Rivers and Harbors Association. That has a membership fee of \$1.00, and when any bill comes up asking for a necessary appropriation, the executive officers wire to the various units to get busy, and see their Congressmen and their individual pressure on their Congressmen has the desired effect and when this Bankhead Highway comes up in Congress we expect every member of the association to endorse it, and write his member to get behind it, and have it adopted. We are very much enthused and feel confident that this road will go through.

"The executive officers of the Association have no desire to divert the route already, or about to be, adopted by the local units of the association and so far as your section is concerned, it may be taken for granted that route as already decided at Greensboro, and ratified at Birmingham, will stand."

Mr. Rountree stated that, within the next six weeks a scouting party composed of two United States Government engineers, representatives of the American Automobile Association, T. S. Plowman, who is the President of the Bankhead Highway Association, and himself, will start for Washington and inspect both of the proposed routes from Washington to Lynchburg, and the route already accepted from Lynchburg to Greensboro. The Danville and Lynchburg route is considered to have a decided advantage over the Richmond, Raleigh and Greensboro route, as the mileage is very much less and the road through 200 miles of the historic valley of Virginia is already built and in splendid condition, and from a scenic point of view, cannot be improved.

Mr. Rountree caught train No. 35, on his way to Greensboro, where he made a short stop, and then headed for his home in Birmingham.

ELECTION OF TEACHERS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The County Board of Education will probably name a date some time about the middle of July for the election of teachers for the public schools. An effort will be made to try to secure an increase of salary for the teachers in the schools. The best way to get this increase in salary, is for every one who expects to teach to prepare themselves well for the profession. Every teacher is expected to have as a minimum requirement four years of high school work, together with such professional training as can be secured at a summer school or institute. Application blanks for the information of the committee have been printed and will be sent to all those who desire to apply for positions in the schools.

At the suggestion of the Food Conservation Committee, this county, composed of Messrs. R. E. Wall, A. L. French, F. S. Walker, and J. E. Garrett, the county superintendent of schools as secretary of the committee wrote about three hundred letters to citizens in various sections of the county appointing them members of the committee to urge their friends and neighbors the importance of raising an extra supply of food stuff. Among the replies received is the following from Mr. P. H. Simpson, a hustling farmer and merchant in New Bethel Township:

"I have been advocating more food for man and stock for the past three years. When a man comes to me to rent I usually have to furnish him provisions and feed for his stock. The first year I tell him at the start that if he does not make his supplies not to come to me to rent the second year, and I find it does a lot of good. I also am advising our Cashier at the bank to help the men that are making the most of their supplies as they are the safest people to loan to."

Mayer Challenges Minister.

Mayor of Lewiston, Me., has challenged local pastor to two six-round bouts in either ball or a debate in pulpit.

SUP. T. W. ANDREWS GOES TO SALISBURY

HEADS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF THAT HUSTLING CITY—WILL TAKE UP THE WORK THERE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

IS A GREAT LOSS TO REIDSVILLE

Reidsville again loses to Salisbury. "Supt. T. Wingate Andrews has accepted the superintendency of the public schools in that city. The honor came to Supt. Andrews unsought. More than fifty applicants applied for the position. Supt. Andrews did not make application, but the alert school board of that city, anxious to secure the best man for the place, came to Reidsville.

Supt. Andrews at first declined to accept, but later reconsidered and wired accepting. To the writer he stated it was the most difficult task of his life to make up his mind to leave Reidsville, but being a young man and looking to the future he could not turn down the proposition.

The position is a much broader field and carries with it a greatly increased salary over the Reidsville office. His going will prove a blow to Reidsville and the school system of the town. No man ever put in better work or made the progress in school work here or elsewhere. His successor will have to hustle to hold the pace set by Supt. Andrews. His heart was in his work, and our people in general regret his decision to leave.

Captain Robert A. Walters Dead

In his home, surrounded by his loved ones, Captain Robert A. Walters peacefully entered upon eternal rest yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock.

Captain Walters was the son of Captain Azariah G. Walters and Elizabeth Payne Richardson, and was born in Caswell county, N. C., on January 14th, 1838, and was approaching his 80th birthday. He received his primary education in the town of Danville and graduated at Trinity College, June 21, 1861.

At the commencement of hostilities between the States he enlisted in the Danville Blues (Company A, 18th Virginia Infantry Regiment), and served through the entire war with honor and distinction.

Captain Walters was prominent in the agricultural interest of this section and was for many years a member of the Tobacco Board of Trade of Danville. He was a Knights Templar, a charter member of Mount Vernon Methodist church, a member of the official body of that church, and was a constant attendant of the Sunday school at that church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nannie Reld Walters; two daughters, Mrs. W. L. Cooper and Mrs. W. A. Moorman, a granddaughter, Miss Nan Walters Moorman, one brother Captain A. E. Walters, and his stepmother, Mrs. Martha Walters.—Danville Register.

World's Best Music

"There is power in a mother's song. It's the best music the world ever heard. The best music in the world is like biscuits—it's the kind mother makes. There is no brass band or pipe organ that can hold a candle to mother's song. Calve, Melba, Nordica, Eames, Shuman-Heink—they are cheap scans compared to mother. They can't sing at all. They don't know the rudiments of the kind of music mother sings. The kind she sings gets tangled up in your heart strings. There would be a disappointment in the music of heaven to me if there were no mothers there to sing. The song of an angel or a seraph would not have much charm for me. What would you care for an angel's song if there is no mother's song?"

"The song of a mother is sweeter than that ever sung by a minstrel or written by a poet. Talk about sonnets! You ought to hear the mother sing when her babe is on her breast, when her breast is filled with emotion. He voice may not please an artist but it will please anyone who has a heart in him. The songs that have moved the world are not the songs written by the great masters. The best music in my judgment, is not the faultless rendition of these high-priced opera singers. There is nothing in art that can put into melody the happiness which associates and memories bring. I think when we reach heaven it will be found that some of the best songs we will sing there will be those we learned at mother's knees."—Billy Sunday.

A NEW YORK MAN CONVERSES WITH A REIDSVILLE SPIRIT

A well dressed stranger arrived in Reidsville Friday and inquired the names of some of the town's older citizens. He called on Mr. N. C. Thompson, Mr. E. R. Harris and a number of others and explained his reasons for stopping off here.

He said his name was Thomason and that he was a traveling salesman from New York. Several nights ago he said, on an invitation of a friend, he attended a spiritualists seance in New York City, purely through curiosity. When the medium had gone into a trance a strange spirit conveyed the information that he wished to converse with Mr. Thomason. The spirit said his name was John Harrison, (the medium understood the name to be "Harris"), that he ran a hotel in Reidsville years ago and had three daughters, Rosa, Nellie and Lucy and one son, Lawrence.

He mentioned names of older Reidsville citizens among them a Mr. Penn, whom he said had a child who was a mute; the late Bedford Crafton, and several other names of contemporary citizens. He told Mr. Thompson that he (the spirit) accompanied him on a train from Danville to New York some time ago. (Mr. Thompson had made such a trip on the date named.)

It is needless to add that this spirit rapping business "got Mr. Thompson's goat." He says he had never heard of Reidsville before and never knew a person who knew anybody in Reidsville. His curiosity was aroused to such an extent that he decided that he would stop over on his next trip South and see if these people named by the alleged Reidsville shade were known of here.

As a matter of fact the late John Harrison ran a hotel in Reidsville many years ago. He is survived by his widow and three daughters, Mrs. Young (Rosa) of Winston-Salem, Mrs. P. H. Harrison (Nellie) of Charlotte, and Mrs. Clower (Lucy) of Reidsville, and one son, Lawrence of Louisville, N. C. A Mr. James Penn, who had two mute children and the late Bedford Crafton were also citizens of Reidsville at that time.

Mr. Thomason verified while in Reidsville all the names mentioned by the medium in New York City. To say the least, the New York traveling man is pretty well mystified over this spirit table rapping performance.

HARRY MILLER EFFECTIVE AGAINST FORMER TEAMMATES

Reidsville journeyed to Draper Saturday and was defeated by the mill aggregation. The first frame was the one that did the work. It was then that Draper's only runs were scored three crossing the home plate, with two down, when errors by Mobley and Boudin and a couple of singles—and a three-bagger by Miller—gave the lead and game to Draper. Reidsville had a splendid chance to even up and win the contest in the eighth, but Umpire Lindsey's seemingly unfair decision then—as well as during the entire game—knocked the props from our boys.

Both Ingle and Miller were strictly in the game and the support given them was good.

Score by Innings:

	R.H.E.
Draper	300 000 00x—3 6 3
Reidsville	000 100 000—1 7 3
Hits for Reidsville:	Gentry, 2b; Mobley, 2b; Baker, 2b; Claybrook 2b; Nichols 1 2b and 2 singles. Struck out: By Miller in 9 innings, 9; by Ingle in 9 innings, 10.

Plans Made For Americans to Take Them to France.

American troops will take rest and recreation centers along with them to France under plans worked out by the training camp activities committee appointed by Secretary Baker. The committee already has received many offers of aid from actors and other entertainers.

Raymond Fosdick, chairman of the committee, has studied the British and Canadian camps, both at home and in France, and is convinced that soldiers need amusements when they are withdrawn for rest periods from trench duty.

Major General Bell, commanding the eastern department, has urged the committee to lay great stress on singing, and an effort will be made to get soldier choruses going in all the camps.

Wrong Tactics.

"I hear Mrs. Twobble is thinking of adopting a political career."

"Something of the sort seems to be in her mind," replied Mr. Twobble.

"Are you strengthening her in that determination?"

"I did for awhile."

"In what way?"

"By trying to stop her."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Health and happiness are not always on speaking terms.