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HEARING OF CASES AGAINST N. & W. RAILWAY BEGUN

Complaints of the Winston-Salem Board of Trade Are Being Investigated.

EVIDENCE FOR INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

Comptroller Coxe Says It Costs More to Conduct Line From Roanoke to Winston Than Other Lines—Many Prominent Men in Attendance.

Winston-Salem, N. C., June 4.—The hearing of the cases of the board of trade of Winston-Salem vs. the Norfolk & Western Railway and the North Carolina Corporation Commission vs. the Norfolk & Western Railway, growing out of alleged freight rate discriminations, was begun in the courthouse this morning at ten o'clock before Special Examiner George N. Brown, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington.

There was much discussion relative to whether or not the two cases should be tried together or should be combined into one. Clement Manly, counsel for the board of trade, insisted that the cases remain separate, saying that this was the smaller case and that he did not want it crowded out or hidden in the bigger case.

Testimony of J. W. Coxe. In reply to a question, asking what dividends his road paid, the witness testified:

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CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION IS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Democrats Will Meet in Greensboro to Name Candidate for Congress.

FIGHT FOR DELEGATES FROM SURRY AND STOKES

All the Counties But Two Have Held Conventions and Brooks Lacks Only 24 Votes Having Nomination On First Ballot.

Tomorrow the last of the Democratic primaries in the Fifth congressional district will be held. Surry and Stokes are the only counties that have not yet given expression as to their choice for a candidate for Congress, governor and other state officers.

Neither Surry or Stokes has a favorite son candidate for the congressional nomination and all the candidates are making big efforts to get the votes of these counties.

Brooks, who has a long lead over the other candidates, lacks only twenty-four votes of having a majority on the first ballot.

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STATE MERCHANTS RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OVER STATE

Gate City Makes Splendid Showing in Report of the Secretary.

MEMBERS OF CONVENTION ENJOYING THEMSELVES

Second Day of Association's Meeting at Charlotte Full of Interest For All. Mr. Tesh Conducts Round Table Exercise For the Merchants.

Charlotte, N. C., June 4.—The attendance at the second day's sessions of the State Retail Merchants' Association has been large, and much business has been transacted. Practically every city of importance in the state is represented.

President Cranford called the meeting to order at 10.15 o'clock this morning. The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

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JNO. N. STAPLES WANTS FEE FROM FISHER ESTATE

Was Awarded \$7,500 by Arbitrators. But Only \$3,500 Has Been Paid.

CASE UP YESTERDAY IN SUPERIOR COURT

Colonel Staples, While Attorney for Colonel Fisher, Brought Suit Against Greensboro Water Company and Got Judgment For \$30,000.

In Superior Court yesterday the case of Wyrick against Hines and others was non-suited. After the disposal of that case the remainder of the day was taken up in arguments of counsel in the case of C. A. Bray, trustee, against J. N. Staples and others.

The question at issue in this case is whether or not the award made by arbitrators, Clement Manly, R. N. Strudwick and Reuben Reid, of \$7,500 to Col. John N. Staples is valid or invalid.

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CHICAGO MECCA FOR REPUBLICAN LEADERS NOW



CHARLES P. TAFT, Brother of the Secretary of War, Who Says That His Distinguished Relative Will Be Named on the First Ballot.

Chicago, Ill., June 4.—Political activity commenced in earnest today around the auditorium and the auditorium annex and the coliseum where the Republican national convention is soon to be held.

Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, brother of the secretary of war, came to Chicago today and promptly announced that he expected the secretary to be nominated on the first ballot.

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Clans Gathering From All Quarters—Allies Not Yet Willing to Concede Nomination of Taft, and Are Selecting Their Headquarters.

National Committee Will Take Up Today Question of Contests, Particularly Those From Southern Section of the Country—That of Alabama Coming First.

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At the headquarters of Joseph C. Cannon it was declared that the estimates of strength made by the Taft people were largely overdrawn, and John Eversman, the confidential man of Congressman McKinley, of Champaign, who is now in charge of the headquarters, asserted that the Illinois candidate would not only have more strength than has generally been credited to him, but that the Taft people would not be able to show more than 350 votes on the first ballot.

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BROWN DEFEATS HOKE SMITH BY AT LEAST 15,000

Returns to Midnight Indicate Complete Victory for Opponents of Governor.

CAMPAIGN HOTTEST IN THE STATE'S HISTORY

No Change in Senate and in All But One Congressional District Incumbents Are Re-elected—Even This One Being Still in Doubt.

Atlanta, Ga., June 4.—All returns up to midnight indicate the election of Joseph M. Brown as governor of Georgia in the general Democratic primary held today by a plurality of about 15,000.

There was no contest over the United States senatorship, S. C. Clay being the popular choice.

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ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE IN THE BLACK MOUNTAINS, VA.

Superintendent of the Wise County Coal Mining Co. Cannot Be Found.

FOURTH SINCE YOUNG WENTZ

Bristol, Va., June 4.—A report from Wise county, Virginia, says that mine superintendent, W. F. Kelley, of a Wise county coal mining company, who mysteriously disappeared in the Black Mountains over a week ago, has not been located.

BUSINESS MEN TO FIGHT THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Wheeling, W. Va., Merchants and Others Oppose State-wide Prohibition Plan.

Wheeling, W. Va., June 4.—At a meeting of citizens last night preliminary steps were taken toward the organization of a society of business men not engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous or malt drinks to oppose the anti-saloon league which is seeking to bring about the submission of a prohibition amendment in West Virginia next year.

BRYAN DENIES STORY THAT HIS SUPPORT OF PARKER WAS BOUGHT

If Ryan Made Contribution. He Will See That It Is Returned to Him.

LOYAL THROUGHOUT. HE SAYS

Lincoln, Neb., June 4.—In a statement given out tonight, William J. Bryan replied to an article appearing a week ago in a New York paper charging that Mr. Bryan was the beneficiary of a campaign contribution made by Thomas F. Ryan. Mr. Bryan says: "I have just read the story charging that my brother-in-law, Mr. Allen, chairman of the Democratic state committee, had a conference with Mr. Sheehan in 1904 in regard to campaign funds; that Mr. Sheehan, as Mr. Ryan's attorney, secured from Mr. Ryan \$20,000 for the Nebraska campaign; that Mr. Ryan made the contribution to secure my open and unqualified support of Judge Parker; that to disguise the source of the contribution Mr. Ryan gave the check to Mr. Sheehan, and that Mr. Sheehan gave his check to Mr. Allen."

PRESIDENT TELLS GLENN HE WON'T RUN AGAIN

Governor Calls at White House—Finley Tells Him There'll Be No Change in Mileage Book Policy of Southern.

Washington, D. C., June 4.—Governor Glenn, who will be the orator of the occasion at the Confederate memorial day exercises to be held at Arlington National cemetery Sunday, is in Washington. He was among the callers at the White House today.

TRIES TO ASSASSINATE DREYFUS DURING THE CANONIZATION OF ZOLA

Three Shots Fired at "Prisoner of Devil's Isle" in French Pantheon.

CAUSES A GREAT SENSATION

Paris, June 4.—Just at the close of the ceremonies attending the canonization of Emile Zola in the Pantheon today, when the President of France, the premier and a host of ministers of state were taking their departure, Louis Antheime Gregori, a military writer of note, drew a revolver and fired two shots point blank at Maj. Alfred Dreyfus, for whose liberty Zola fought and won.

16-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS KILLED BY LIGHTNING

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FIVE DUNN YEGGMEN ARE FOUND GUILTY; GET FIVE YEARS' SENTENCE

Jury Only Out Short Time and the Court Promptly Imposes Term at Atlanta.

APPARENTLY ARE SATISFIED

Raleigh, N. C., June 4.—"Guilty" is the verdict of the jury in the case of the five yeggmens on trial the past three days in the federal court on the charge of blowing open the safe of the Dunn, N. C., postoffice.

M'GLELLAN MAKES GAIN IN BALLOT RECOUNT

Hearst's Total Falls Off From 123 TO 118 FOR THE ENTIRE RECOUNT.

New York, June 4.—The contents of thirty-five boxes in all were examined during the day and another vote was added to the McClellan total in the Hearst-McClellan recount, the mayor's net gain is 118 as against 123 when today's count was begun.

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