

All Fuss And Feathers.

Industry News.

It is a common saying worthy of all acceptation that the Democratic party is great in promises but small in performance. This is strikingly illustrated by the recent action of the leaders of the party, especially of the governor, in regard to the railroad rate controversy. Amid a great flourish of trumpets the last legislature, which was almost wholly Democratic passed the law reducing passenger rates to 21 cents a mile. In the following June the railroads attacked this law as unconstitutional, in that the rate fixed was too low and therefore confiscatory.

This action on the part of the railroads was like stirring up the Democratic wasp nest. It was wonderful to see the governor rushing to the defense of this law. Numbers of able lawyers were employed by the state to defend the suit. They loudly proclaimed that the rate was high enough and in every respect just and fair and would be unquestionably held by the Supreme Court to be constitutional and valid. There was no possibility, they said, for the state to lose. The action of the railroad was the result of a desire on the part of the railroads and the federal courts to nullify the laws of the state and to deprive the people of the inestimable benefits and blessings that would flow from this great act of a great legislature of a great party.

Along in July the air became lurid. It seemed at one time as if the governor might call out the state militia to defend this great law, which represented the best thought and was the flower of the purest patriotism of the great Democratic party of North Carolina. His lawyers filed an answer to the bill. The case was ably argued at Asheville before Judge Pritchard. A temporary injunction was granted. A special master was appointed to take the proofs. The proofs were taken. Victory, unquestioned victory, a glorious triumph, was proclaimed as assured for the state. The columns of the newspapers were almost monopolized by the governor proclaiming this great victory as an assured fact. In all this it is to be supposed the Democratic leaders concurred. The people who sat in darkness were to see a great light. The great constitutional controversy over the powers of the state in respect to fixing railroad rates was to be speedily settled in favor of the state. And all this was to be done for the dear people, the toiling masses, by their great champion, the Democratic party, triumphantly led by the governor of this state.

But soft! There was a case argued in the Supreme Court of the United States a few weeks ago at which the governor was present. It was one branch of this rate law controversy. The governor heard his counsel argue the state's side. He heard certain questions propounded to one of his counsel by Justice White, and these questions were very pointed. The governor and his party became afraid of the Supreme Court. The ysay he went down Pennsylvania avenue puffing like a steam engine and soon came in conference with the president of the Southern Railway Company. Visions of vanishing glory passed before his eyes. There was a reversion to type. His heart warmed towards the railroads as in the days before his nomination, when he was their favorite, and the gallant and courtly Stedman therefore fell outside the breastworks. The great leader of state Democracy became convinced that the rate is too low and the law unconstitutional,

and before the court has time to decide anything in the controversy he asks the legislature to repeal the law or raise the rate.

So that all this talk and bluster and confusion and disturbance which have been rending the state for more than six months amounts to nothing. Nothing is settled. Nothing has been proved. No question of law has been determined. All fuss and feathers! Alas! Alas! for the great party of Intelligence in North Carolina!

Negro Lynched by his Own Race.

Concord Times.

A long distance telephone message from Selma reports the lynching at Pine Level, Johnston county, last week of a strange negro at the hands of a negro mob.

The strange negro purporting to be advance agent of a "big show," faked the negro residents into attendance on what turned out to be a one-man performance by the strange darkey himself. Their heads covered with guano sacks the mob entered the negro's boarding house early Tuesday morning and took him forcibly to the woods. His body was found at daylight on the Southern railroad tracks. His identity has not been established.

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Boyertown Buries Dead.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 16.—This little borough, which lost one-fifteenth of its population in the opera house horror Monday night, to-day turned to the task of burying its dead. Because of the condition of most of the bodies the borough authorities have asked the bereaved relatives to bury the dead within 3 days. All night long scores of men worked in the morgues preparing the identified bodies for removal to their late homes or to the cemetery. As early as 5 o'clock a line of death wagons moved here and there about the town distributing the corpses and before nightfall most of the dead will be ready for interment.

The relief committee working in conjunction with relatives has removed more than 50 bodies from the morgues. It is a common sight to see a man carrying through the streets charred bodies on boards covered by a blanket or quilt.

It rained slightly this morning there was a little fall of snow but this did not deter the work of digging graves. A force of men started to dig graves in Fairview and Union cemeteries this morning.

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Engineer Outlaw, of the public works power plant at Goldsboro, was seriously stabbed Friday by a Mexican named Hughey. The Mexican had been employed at the plant and was discharged by the superintendent. Hughey had been at Goldsboro but a week. Enraged because of his discharge he stabbed Outlaw so that the latter is expected to die. Hughey is in jail.

Benefits.

Raleigh Evening Times.

A careful examination of affairs in this State will discover the fact that we are in comparatively hopeful condition. The railroad rate controversy and resulting industrial and political disturbance seem not to have been an unmixed evil. Very definite benefits are appearing out of all the unhappy and unrestful condition.

There is, first of all things, a decided tendency toward the uniting of factions that have seemingly been irreconcilable in the last few months. There seems to be genuine agreement as to the thing that should be done. There is also agreement on the proposition that it is high time that we put an end to the warfare between people and railroads by a settlement fair to both. There is clearer knowledge than we have possessed before, of the fact that it is only in sympathetic co-operation that the highest development of all our interests can be achieved. The significance of this to the industrial life of the State cannot be over-estimated. With this union of effort, an era of great development is before us.

There is evident also an awakening to the danger of the methods of the demagogue. We are learning that to follow him is to come upon evil days. If there were no other result from the experience through which we have passed, one might almost believe that the lesson was worth the price.

With disturbing questions settled for the time at least, with a spirit of co-operation growing among us, with a new idea of sane leadership given us, the way seems to be opened for a period of development that is positive and constructive. Let the wild haranguer, the revolutionary agitator, leave the stage for awhile, and give place to wise, constructive builders. Let us listen for awhile to men who are constructing a saner and more thorough educational life among us. Let us give ear to those who know how to produce a healthier industry, more skilled workmen, better roads, more efficient schools, a higher morality, a deeper sense of the meaning of citizenship. We are somewhat tired of noise and dust.

The New York Evening Post has the following to say of conditions in North Carolina:

The Legislature of North Carolina has been summoned in special session to amend or repeal the railroad rate law. This is only in compliance with the promises made when the statute was enacted. If it didn't work well, it would be altered or revoked. Undeniably, it has not worked well. Governor Glenn has privately admitted this, and now proclaims it in public by calling the Legislature together. His course, it must be said, does not exactly shine by comparison with that of Governor Hughes.

The latter, in his veto of the New York two-cent-fare bill, insisted upon investigation before action; the North Carolina way was to jump over the precipice first, and then look around to see where you were.

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STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Landmark.

Mr. Harvey D. Abernethy, a longtime resident of Hickory, died suddenly Saturday morning. He was in his 55th year.

Dr. M. M. Marshall, for 33 years rector of Christ church, Raleigh, has retired and is succeeded by Rev. Milton A. Barber.

Judge Purnell has removed five United States commissioners from office in the eastern district. They failed to make proper returns to court.

The Carnegie library at Rutherford College, the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, was dedicated Friday. Judge Pritchard delivered the dedicatory address.

Mr. John W. Fisher, of No. 11 township, Cabarrus county, in attempting to get out of bed, fell to the floor and broke his hip. He is 77 years old and may not recover.

The Cleveland county Democrats are early in the field. The executive committee met a week ago and fixed July 11th as the date for holding the primaries in that county.

Gary Castles, an aged colored man who had served a term on the Mecklenburg chain gang and was sent to the county home on account of his infirmity, wandered away from the home a few days ago and was found dead in a creek.

Mr. Theo. F. Kluttz, Jr., son of ex-Congressman Kluttz, and an editorial writer on the Charlotte Observer, underwent an operation for appendicitis in Salisbury Friday. His condition is very favorable and his early recovery is expected.

D. C. Waddell, Jr., has sold the lease of the Battery Park hotel, Asheville, to J. D. Alexander, Hugh LaBarbe, P. R. Moale and J. M. Chiles. Mr. Alexander, the present lessee of Toxaway Inn, will have the personal management of the hotel.

The dead body of W. H. Harrison was found Sunday morning beside the railroad track, a mile from the Salisbury depot. The coroner's jury found that he had been killed by a train. He was about 50 years old and a wife and several children survive.

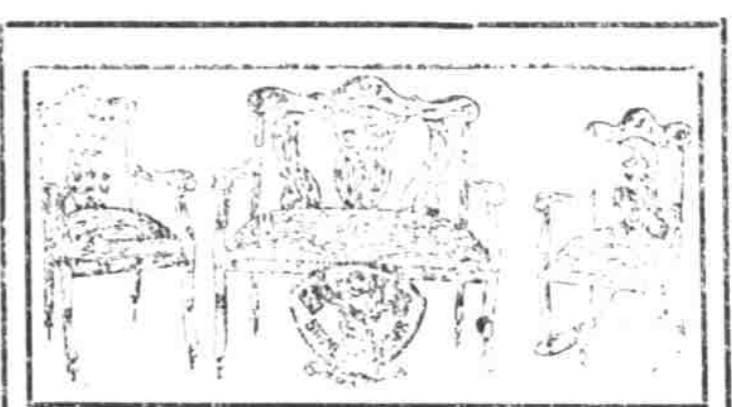
Three more men from Smithtown have been lodged in jail at Greensboro, charged with illicit distilling. This makes seven in jail at Greensboro and seven other Smithtown denizens are doing time in the Federal prison in Atlanta for the same offence.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of Miss Mary Daniel Law, daughter of Dr. P. R. Law, editor of the Presbyterian Standard, and Mr. Marion Miller Inabit. The ceremony will take place at Lumberton on the 22d and the couple will make their home at McColl, S. C.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of Col. Calvin D. Cowles, of the United States army, and Miss Kitty Holmes, of New York. Col. Cowles' wife died some time ago and the bride-elect is her sister. Col. Cowles' is a North Carolinian and a nephew of Col. H. C. Cowles, of Statesville.

The Mocksville Times says that a young man who gave his name as Holbrook was recently employed to work at W. G. Allen's saw mill. He worked for a week and Sunday a week ago he entered Allen's house and stole about everything he could carry away, including a suit of clothes, suit case and a shot gun.

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