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THE CAPITAL-TO-CAPITAL ROUTE.

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The new capital-to-capital automobile route is now completed and has been opened with a "Sociability Run." This roadway runs from Richmond through Raleigh to Columbia, and in this State passes through Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Jackson Springs, Elerbee Springs and Rockingham. It is principally of sand and clay construction. Rockingham is the main point on the route, where, in anticipation of the tourist traffic, a hotel costing \$70,000 was built. That hotel, one of the finest in the country, is now coming into its own. The Rockingham people under the leadership of Mr. J. L. Everett, built the highway through Richmond county. The captain of the project, however, was Mr. Leonard Tufts, the owner of Pinehurst. In a descriptive article of this new highway, Mr. Frank Weldon, writes in The Columbia Record, of young Tufts that he is reputed to be worth \$20,000,000. He has 7,000 acres at Pinehurst, four large hotels and a little city of cottages. Pinehurst has a large clientele of wealthy Northern patrons who spend every winter there. It is essentially a resort for people who like outdoor sports—golf, tennis, shooting, fox hunting, horse-back riding and motoring. Mr. Tufts is a young man and despite his wealth, he is thoroughly democratic and does things. He is as popular in his county, Moore, as "Uncle Andy" Stewart is in Edenton. Pinehurst was founded by the present owner's father, who bought a large tract of the sandy pine barrens at a dollar an acre. The people smiled at their bargain. They said they sold for twice what the land was worth. The son has since sold one acre for \$2,500 and another for \$4,000. Mr. Tufts has built many miles of sand clay road through his property. Last summer when it was learned that The Herald-Journal scout cars were coming through that section, he sent out word Saturday night for hands. Monday morning 200 farmers showed up, many of them with teams. They built a mile of road a day for four days. And Mr. Tufts paid the bills. He likes farming, horses, cattle and is one of the best judges of a bird dog in America.

With a few more Tufts in the sand hills and a few more Vanderbilts in the mountains, and few more Dukes in the foothills, North Carolina will soon be alright.

Killed by Pitched Balls.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Two baseball players were killed in Sunday's games. Each was at the bat. One was struck over the heart and the other over the temple by pitched balls, the former being killed almost instantly, the other dying a few hours later. These two fatalities occurred at Freeburg, Ill., and the incident has been scarcely noticed in the papers. Had two players been killed in a football game, pulpit and press would have roared thunderously about it.

(Why not play baseball as we did sixty years ago? We called it town ball then, why it was called town ball we do not know, perhaps the editor of the Charlotte Chronicle could give us light on the subject. The game was played very much as the base ball game of today is played, except the ball was pitched slowly, so that in case it hit the batter or the catcher no harm was done, and to our opinion there was much more sport in the game as played then than there is in the game as played now, and no danger whatever. S.M.C.)

FUNERAL OF LATE R. Z. LINNEY.

Methodist Church at Taylorsville Taxed to its Capacity with Friends. Special to The Observer.

Taylorsville, April 19.—The funeral exercises of the late R. Z. Linney took place from the Methodist church this afternoon in the presence of the largest crowd ever assembled here to witness an event of this kind. The church was taxed to its utmost capacity while quite a number remained on the outside. This large gathering was made up, not only of friends of the town and immediate vicinity, but from all points of the county, and from counties adjoining.

The solemn and impressive service was conducted by his lifelong friend and associate, Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, who paid a high tribute to the great scholar and statesman.

The pallbearers were: J. H. Burke and R. B. Burke of Alexander; L. C. Caldwell and W. D. Turner of Iredell; R. N. Hackett of Wilks; E. Jones of Caldwell and L. Watherspoon of Caldwell.

Ladies Must Remove Hats In Church.

Charlotte Chronicle.

A man may attend services at Tryon Street Methodist church next Sunday morning with reasonable assurance of seeing the preacher as well as hearing the sermon. Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe, the popular pastor of this church, last night stated the Church Improvement Society of the church had suggested that he ask the ladies of the congregation to remove their hats at all services and he stated further that, in view of the suggestion or request and also of the many kicks from members of the congregation, beginning next Sunday morning he would insist upon the ladies removing their hats.

Mr. Rowe's request created no little interest in the congregation and it has been the occasion of much talk and enormous amount of commendation on the streets today. Most of the ladies in the congregation last night removed their hats and it is believed that all hats will be removed next Sunday without any unpleasantness. In an unbanned congregation, the woman with her tremendous headgear would be the most unpleasantly conspicuous.

Notwithstanding the fact that the obstruction of the view of the speaker in church and elsewhere has been made a big joke, it is really a pretty serious matter and there is probably not a minister in Charlotte who will not admit that he knows of people who will remain away from church because of the nuisance. Not a few women and some men are made disagreeably nervous by hearing without seeing the speaker, and it has to be an exceptionally strong sermon that will please a person who cannot see the speaker.

It is to be hoped that other pastors of the city will follow the good example of Mr. Rowe.

Four Mail Clerks Killed.

By Associated Press.

Memphis, Tenn., April 18.—Four mail clerks are dead and three train men and a mail clerk injured as a result of a wreck of the through fast flyer from New Orleans to Chicago on the Illinois Central Railroad, five miles north of Jackson, Miss., early today.

The wreck was caused by the engine leaving the track and plunging down a 15-foot embankment, carrying with it the baggage car, mail, library car and two Pullmans. The rear of the train remained on the track. The wreck caught fire and the bodies of the dead mail clerks were cremated.

POLITICS AND THE SHEM WELL CASE.

Raleigh Times.

A number of newspapers, either explicitly or innuendo, have charged that there was "politics" in the governor's commutation of Shemwell's sentence. While the wisest politicians could not figure out how this could be, in view of the fact that Shemwell's county is, we regret to say, republican, unless it was in the interest of the democratic party, and this could not be since the governor well knew the act would be very unpopular. But the mystery of the charge appealed to the uninitiated and they were duly impressed.

Men have talked under their breath about this mysterious political influence on the governor, until it has finally leaked out what it was. It is said that Deemott Shemwell, the son, was a young man of considerable means and many friends, and that he had been exceedingly active and strong in his support of the governor in the primary for the nomination. In short, the governor robbed the jail and debauched justice to pay a political debt. Now what do you think of that?

With this as a text, whole columns might be written on official ethics, the sanctity of justice, and so on, except for the fact that there is no truth in the charge. A gentleman who had heard the charge went to the governor the other day and asked if it were true that Shemwell was an active and valuable supporter of his in the primary. The governor told him that he really did not know; that it had never occurred to him to inquire, but that he would inquire and let him know. Upon inquiry he learned that Shemwell was not a supporter of his, but was a pronounced supporter of that excellent gentleman, the Hon. Ashley Horne. As a matter of justice, we feel that the public should know the truth.

Robeson Swept by a Cyclone; One Killed, Several Injured.

Special to The Observer.

Lumberton, April 18.—A cyclone passing near here yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock did considerable damage in some sections. The house of Mr. William Stone, who lives about three miles northwest of here, was blown to pieces, his mother killed and his wife sustaining very severe injuries. She is in the hospital now. Thence it pursued a northeast course destroying a good deal of timber till it reached the Powersville settlement about ten miles northeast of this city, where it destroyed the residence of Mr. Hugh Musselwhite. Mr. Musselwhite and three children were badly injured, but so far no other accidents have been reported.

A child asleep on a bed in the house of Mr. Stone was rolled up in a mattress and blown two hundred yards into a field where it was left uninjured.

Boy Attempts to Wreck Mail Train.

Wineton-Salem Journal.

Elkin, April 18.—That the Wilkesboro mail which left Elkin at noon today was not wrecked is due to the fact that Mr. James Holyfield discovered that the rails had been spiked just a few minutes before the train was due and thus avoided a serious wreck. Mr. Holyfield, who is the section foreman, came upon a lad unexpectedly and found him engaged in driving spikes between the rail joints. He gave his name as Monroe Holcomb and when asked what he was doing said: "He did not know."

Caldwell County Division of the Farmers Union.

At the last meeting on the 4th inst, there were some matters before the delegates of the various Unions, some important business, which we beg leave to publish for the public, so they may still know that we are not "dead" yet by a whole lot.

Bro. J. R. J. Annas from Saw Mills local brought before the body the importance of the County Union taking a part in the relief of our Bro. Jack Hatley who had the misfortune to lose his barn and stock (an account of the happening appeared in these columns some time ago) and.

Whereas we do for the relief of this brother and for the demonstration of our co-operative principle, and to show our sympathy for him in his misfortune have given something like \$28.00 for his relief from the county funds, and an appeal to the Locals will no doubt advance this to at least \$100.00 and.

Whereas the Local Union No. 144 of Mt. Herman has taken up on themselves the task of building the barn of our loyal member and for his relief they did so impartially take a great stride toward good fellowship and.

Whereas we are to follow the Golden Rule in our dealings and support the burdens of the sorrowful, we deem this a small token of our sympathy.

Done by orders of the Co. Union.

R. M. SMITH

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KILLED BY THE TRAIN.

One of the saddest things that have occurred in our town happened here Saturday morning near the depot, when Ernest Houk was instantly hurled into eternity.

The young man was standing on the main line observing the fireman of a freight train his engine of cinders. The freight was on the sidetrack, and the noise of escaping steam prevented his hearing the approach of the passenger. Some one called "look out," and the young man started to jump out of the way, but was struck by the pilot of No. 36, and hurled against the freight engine. His leg was broken in several places, and his skull crushed. Death was instantaneous.—Catawba News.

Mrs. Hodess Sleeps Again.

New York, April 19.—Mrs. Charles Hedes, of No. 914 Blake avenue, Brooklyn, dropped into another of her weekly sleeps Saturday afternoon and was still slumbering last night. When she said goodbye to her troubled husband and children she said she expected to sleep for five days.

For nearly three years Mrs. Hode has been sleeping from three to five days out of each week. She says she has beautiful dreams and that she is quite resigned, believing that in sleeping she is carrying out the will of Jehovah.

She resents the efforts that have been made to cure her but her husband is persisting in his effort.

Madison County Jail Empty.

Special to The Observer.

Ashville, April 19.—For the first time in fifty years the Madison county jail is without a single prisoner, is the statement of Sheriff Cole here today. The last prisoner was turned out Saturday and since that time not a single one has been put in. This is a remarkable state of affairs for Madison county which a few years ago was known as the blood-stained county of the State. Madison is going forward at a great rate.

To Keep Well—Drink!

Too the editor:—Drink, drink, drink—for indigestion. Wonder if the "medicos" will have me arrested for practicing without license? It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living doctor.

Some years ago a celebrated Episcopal Bishop in Raleigh gave a receipt (prescription) for insomnia so simple that the idea was ridiculed by a portion of the press and by some individuals, yet many hundreds found effectiveness in the application. Let us forget, and there be some who have never heard, I repeat it here: "Eat parched peas before going to bed."

But for indigestion, drink! Not soda fountain decoctions, not coca-cola, or pepsi-cola, or even ice cold lemonade; not strong coffee nor the deceptive wines and liquors, but pure Adam's ale, and butter milk. When? Just as early in the day as you can get to the spring or well, and all through the day except at meal times. How much? Just as much as you can hold of the right temperature. Better have it hot than too cold.

Many a man has been

Put into his stomach

From pouring water

Cold down his esophagus.

Drink the better milk for dinner two or three glasses full. The lactic acid will keep the liver in condition, and take the blues out of your disposition. Drink, whether at first you want it or not.

Few persons drink enough water. Busy men don't have time. Women afflicted with pseudo modesty are afraid it will offend the stomach.

Let all such have indigestion and make an apothecary shop of their stomachs and set up a doctor's bill against the day of judgement.

T. LILLY

Cary, N. C.

Mad Dog Bites Many.

By Associated Press.

Columbia, S. C., April 20.—Over 40 patients are under treatment in the newly opened State Pasteur laboratory, five of the worst cases resulting from bites by one dog in Charleston. Two other children bitten by the same dog were sent elsewhere, one, the son of J. L. Livingston, a merchant, having lost an eye, while a negro victim was probably crippled for life. Another victim of the animal the 4-year-old daughter of the Associated Press operator in The Charleston News and Courier office E. G. Steele, is not recovering satisfactorily and an extra physician was called into consultation to day. Three white men from Chester were bitten by a pet cat, which suddenly went mad.

(Kill out the dogs.—News)

Rev. T. A. Boone Dying.

Mrs. D. J. Bostian received a telegram Saturday about 10:30 o'clock from her brother-in-law, Mr. G. H. A. Lilly, of Mt. Gilead, saying that her father, Rev. T. A. Boone, was dying there. Mr. Boone had a spell of pneumonia the past winter, and had never recovered from it.

(The many friends of Rev. Mr. Boone in Lenoir and Caldwell County will regret to hear of his serious illness. Mr. Boone was the pastor of the Methodist church in Lenoir for several years, and was very popular with the people generally.—News.)

Judge O. H. Guison, of New Berne, has tendered his resignation as judge of the Superior Court, to take effect on the 30th. The New Berne bar has endorsed D. I. Ward, of New Berne, for the vacancy.

Trolley System Seems Assured.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The Messrs. Duke have for some months been contemplating the construction of an extensive interurban railroad line, their attention being first directed to the manufacturing section in the vicinity of Greenville and Spartanburg. Further investigation, however, has led them to enlarge the project until the line, as now contemplated, will extend from Greenville, S. C., to Durham, N. C. The Messrs. Duke are in this section now with the definite proposition, something to which the people may say "yes" or "no," and the answer that is given will more vitally affect the future growth of the Piedmont section of the South than any subject it has had an opportunity to consider since the war.

It is usual for interurban development to begin by short line connections between business centers and such development is usually done by a number of separate companies, and the history of these companies has been that they were eventually merged into large companies, and usually after an experience of losses that resulted from competition. The Dukes propose to plan and construct at once an interurban line that shall practically amount in size to a dozen of these smaller interurban lines and by so doing the saving in engineering construction and administration will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Another point, and the one that is a guarantee of the success of the project, is that every business interest along the route covered by the interurban line, including corporations as well as individuals, will hold a large part of the stock. The element for freight rates, which is such an important item in distributing manufactured products, will thus constitute a part of the profits of these interests, and it has been seriously stated by a business man, who has investigated this phase of the subject, that a cotton mill holding stock in this interurban line is likely to make larger dividends on its interurban stock than on its own stock. Under such a plan of co-operation every stockholder becomes a producer for the interurban road, and on the other hand receives the added profits in its own operations resulting from an increase in freight rates.

Said one of the best known interurban experts in the country in speaking of the project: "The business is here; the electric power is here and already distributed throughout the territory in which the proposed interurban line is to operate; the necessary capital is available; the opportunity for the future business growth of the section is certain. These things combined make this perhaps the best interurban railway opportunity in the South."

Yesterday's Chronicle contained an account of the proposition made by the Dukes to the people of Greenville and Spartanburg. The same proposition will be made in Charlotte and all along the line of the proposed road. It is this: That stock be subscribed covering one-half the cost of the road, the other half to be covered by a bond issue. It is proposed that the shippers along the line take half the stock, and the Dukes agree to take half. The Dukes also agree to place the bonds. There is to be no preference in the matter of stock. Every stockholder will stand absolutely on the same footing and it is an opportunity which if not taken advantage of is not likely to ever again be made to the Piedmont section of the South.