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UNITE RAILROADS WITH THE STATE

That is the Solution of Problem Offered by H. M. Whitney Of Boston.

FEARS FEDERAL OWNERSHIP

That, He Says, Is Fraught With The Greatest Menace to the National Welfare.

Boston, Jan. 14.—Henry M. Whitney, a director of the Boston and Maine Railroad, urges Gov. Foss, in a public letter, to ask the Legislature to make Massachusetts a partner in the railroads that operate in the State. Mr. Whitney advocates this plan as a substitute for Federal ownership of railroads, which latter he says, is "fraught with the greatest menace to all our industries and social welfare."

His objection to Federal ownership is that it will, he asserts, put Massachusetts and other seaboard States in the hands of the Congress representatives of the Middle and Western States, who want a system of freight rates based on mileage.

With Massachusetts as its corporate partner, represented on its directorate, the Boston and Maine, Mr. Whitney asserts, would have no trouble in getting the vast sums it needs for improvements which it cannot now get, "owing to the attacks on railroads in the press, which whatever their merits, have shaken the confidence of the investing public, and owing also to the unwillingness of the Interstate Commerce Commission to permit an increase of rates."

"If State partnership is adopted," adds Mr. Whitney, "and the railroads get the money necessary for full equipment for moving freight expeditiously from one point to another, there is no good reason why the railroads should not agree to a time limit for freight deliveries and a penalty for failure to deliver within a thoroughly reasonable time."

COLLARDS BY PARCEL POST.

A package containing collards was one of the articles received yesterday at the postoffice for transportation by parcel post. The vegetables were sent in from one of the rural routes and were consigned to a gentleman living at Kinston. The package weighed about five pounds. During the past few days a number of packages containing spare-ribs, sausage and ham, have passed through the local office enroute to other points.

KILLS HIS BROTHER ACCIDENTALLY.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The accidental killing of Frank Bradley by his brother late Saturday afternoon near Royall, this county, is reported here. Frank and James Brantley had been hunting, and when they returned home Frank set his gun on the porch and went into the house. When he came out his brother, James, picked up the gun, thinking it was not loaded and remarked to his brother "I'll show you how to kill blackbirds." In some way the gun discharged, the whole load entering the breast of Frank Brantley, killing him almost instantly. Physicians were immediately summoned, but the unfortunate man was beyond medical aid. Frank was about 19 years of age, and James 17. Both the boys are well thought of.

CATCHING COLD.

Colds are probably "catching," particularly from others, and it is therefore best to avoid intimate associations, such as use of the same drinking cup and towel with people who have colds. Likewise avoid crowds, overheated or badly ventilated places, and people who have recently had pneumonia.—Board of Health Press Service.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHINES TODAY.

Mack and Meade, the original comedians and the clazy singer close their engagement with us tonight, and in an entire change of program. We are unable to give a list of pictures we will show on account of failure to make R. R. connection at Goldsboro. See to day's Sun for program. Matinee daily at 3:45. Last show at night starts at 7:30 and at 9 o'clock. Observe the hours and you can always secure a desirable seat.

CALL MEETING IN GOLDSBORO JAN 31

Representatives of Baseball Sentiment In Eight Towns to Meet At The Kennon.

NEW BERN HEADS MOVEMENT

Organize League Along Conservative Lines So As To Avoid Customary Losses.

The committee appointed several days ago at a meeting of the local baseball enthusiasts to get in communication with the "fans" of several other cities in Eastern North Carolina and find out if they would be willing to become members of an Eastern Carolina League, have already begun their work by sending out the following letter:

New Bern, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Are you a lover of baseball sport? Can you persuade the people of your town to support a team? We have had a meeting and we are taking the initiative in forming a six town league. We are writing to the baseball fans in Rocky Mount, Wilson, Fayetteville, Wilmington, Tarboro, Goldsboro, Kinston and Washington. We believe there is enough baseball enthusiasm in Eastern Carolina to organize teams in at least six of these towns.

If you are with us, call a meeting of your people and see what you can do. See how much money your town will raise for a team. Get the ideas of your people as to what limits our league should go to, in the way of salaries and expenses of various nature. Have your citizens appoint a committee to meet our committee in Goldsboro at the Hotel Kennon Friday night, at 8 o'clock January 31st, 1913.

It is our idea to organize a league along conservative lines with an idea of producing the sport without a great loss of money, as has been the case in some instances heretofore.

Advise us what action you are going to take.

Yours truly,
HARRY MARKS,
DR. JOS. F. PATTERSON,
CLYDE EBY,

Committee representing New Bern Athletic Association.

These letters have just been sent out and up to the present time no answers have been received. However, it is more than probable that at least six of the cities mentioned will be able to raise enough money to start operations and at the meeting to be held at Goldsboro the Association will be formed. As soon as answers to the letters are received the local committee will hold another meeting and more definite plans will be made.

MULE WASN'T DROWNED

Mr. Gillette Makes Statement Concerning Ferry Accident.

J. T. Gillette of Maysville was in the city yesterday. He tells the Journal that its account of the occurrence on a ferry boat crossing the White Oak river as printed some time ago was incorrect in that it stated that one of the mules which figured in the affair was drowned.

Four mules got overboard, said Mr. Gillette, but all four were saved. His account of the affair was as follows: A team of two mules drawing a wagon, was driven on the ferry boat. Hitched to one of the rear wheels of the wagon was another pair of mules. On the way over the front pair of mules became frightened. The driver tried to quiet them but did not succeed. They shoved the wagon back and all four mules went overboard.

The mules were cut loose in time to save them from drowning and the wagon was also recovered. The team and wagon belonged to G. D. Canfield of Morehead City as stated in the first article in the Journal. The ferry boat is the property of Mr. Gillette, who rents it to the counties of Carteret and Onslow these counties maintaining the ferry until the bridge can be rebuilt.

Miss Annie Skinner of Norfolk, Va., has arrived in the city and has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Model Steam Laundry.

Mrs. J. Leon Williams has returned from Charlotte where she has been visiting relatives.

CHECK FLASHER GETS THOUSANDS

Every Bank in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Made Object of His Attack.

OPERATED IN SEVERAL STATES

Got Intimately Acquainted With Receiving and Paying Tellers First Step in Game.

Norfolk, Jan. 14.—Every bank in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News was made the object of attack by one of the smoothest bluffers that has come this way recently. A small, lean man about thirty-five years old, was arrested yesterday after he had cashed worthless checks, all for \$300 at all of the banks. When the man was arrested at the Magnolia apartments, corner Freemason and Bank streets, \$3,319 in cash was found in his possession.

The man who operated as William M. Henson, came here about a month ago. He opened accounts at every bank in the city, made daily deposits and had checks cashed for small amounts. He made it his business to become as intimately acquainted as possible with both the receiving and paying teller. He soon came to the point where his business was handled without question at all of the banks, from the largest to the smallest and most conservative to the more progressive. Even yesterday when he went to cash a check made payable to "myself" without endorsement when the teller ask him to place his name on the back of the paper he said, "You won't let me put one over on you today."

The check was the last one he cashed. Twenty minutes later he was arrested.

Last Friday he deposited in all the banks checks drawn on a bank in Harrisburg, Pa. All the checks were for \$300. Yesterday the Norfolk National Bank telegraphed the Harrisburg bank to ask if the check was good. The answer came that no such account was held, with the request that all Norfolk banks be notified.

When the other banks here were notified it developed that all had accounts with Henson and that all of them had had the same experience. In a few minutes every bank had detectives on looking for the man. Warrants were also sworn out by different banks.

Henson's operations evidently cover a wide scope. In his possession were found pass books and blank checks on half a hundred different banks. Descriptions of the man will be sent to the several banks and it is thought additional charges will be made and that the catch will prove a very important one.

Henson was arrested at the Magnolia apartments on a warrant sworn out by R. C. Taylor, Jr., of the Marine Bank, and charges Henson with "unlawfully defrauding by check through the Norfolk National Bank on a bank in Pennsylvania, said check being worthless and drawn and cashed with intent to defraud."

Henson operated under three different names. In Norfolk he operated as William M. Henson, in Portsmouth he was known as R. H. Conwell, while in Berkeley he had accounts under the name of H. J. Bonner. He also operated in Pennsylvania towns under the name of Henry Brosey and M. A. Hess.

First intimation of the workings of Henson was had at police headquarters yesterday when several banks complained that W. M. Henson had defrauded them by passing worthless checks.

Detective Spratt went to the Magnolia apartments and not finding Henson at home left for police headquarters. In the meantime Sam Cotton came on the scene and extracted bills to the amount of \$4,740, which he took to the Seaboard Bank and turned over to that institution.

Detective Spratt returned to the house and together with Cotton awaited Henson's return. Henson expressed considerable surprise when greeted by the officers.

He denied all intention to defraud when brought before the rail at police headquarters. Although Chief Kiser and Captain Ford questioned him for about five hours, he denied all guilt and stood steadfastly by his declaration of innocence.

The \$5,570 which was taken off him at police headquarters was in \$100, \$20 \$10 and \$5 bills and was tucked in his overcoat pockets, the labels being pinned to the coat with safety pins.

DENOUNCES T. R. AS AN AGITATOR

Bishop Says Oyster Bay Man Can Pull Down But Can't Build Up.

UNWORTHY OF HIS FOLLOWING

Time Has Come, Says Speaker, To Put End to Dangerous Antics of Certain People.

Atlanta, Jan. 14.—Theodore Roosevelt and his followers were denounced here in a sermon by Bishop Warren Candler of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church as "inflammatory agitators" who, though in a pronounced minority and unworthy of any respectable following, have a power to pull down without the ability to build up any worthy religious, political or social institution.

"The time has come for the conservative people of all classes in our country to put an end to the dangerous antics of certain parties who, having taken leave of both sober reason and sound conscience, seek to draw unstable minds after them to the injury of themselves and everybody else," said Bishop Candler.

"It is quite possible that there are evergrown fortunes in some sections of our country, but we dishonor ourselves and damage our social system by proposals to correct this evil by uniting schemes of popular robbery under the power of excited majorities.

"There is no use to mince words in such a case. A band of thieves using the ballot for ends of injustice of the jury-box for purposes of spoliation is no better morally than a band of burglars with their jimmies and explosives. And yet this kind of thing has been encouraged among us in the name of the rights of the poor and the 'common people.'"

"In the name of common honesty, let us cease the effort to correct the crimes of officials in corporations by stealing from all the stockholders. Stealing is stealing, whether done in bulk or in detail.

"When a candidate for the Presidency in the recent national election was shot by an assassin many said it was the outcome of the bitter denunciation of that candidate by his political enemies, and his foes were cursed accordingly.

"We have quite enough of hysterical reformers and feverish reformatory. Fitful convulsions and faithful consciences are rarely, if ever, found together. Hysteria and a well-poised mind are never united."

SHAKESPEARE CLUB MEETS

Joint Meeting of Sections A and B Held Yesterday.

A joint meeting of sections A and B of the Shakespeare Club was held in the Club rooms yesterday afternoon. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. H. M. Bonner, Misses Sarah Stewart, Mary Ward and Myrtle Disoway. Business of importance to the club came before the meeting, after which the members read Act iv of "Midsummer Night's Dream."

From an attractive tea table the hostesses served tea and sandwiches.

Those present were: Misses Bettie Windley and guests Miss Lelia Miller, of Baltimore and Elsie Walker, of Brevard, Laura Ives, Appie Caho, Lizette Hanft, Sarah Stewart, Mary Ward, Mollie Heath, Deta Roberts, Myrtle Disoway, Mesdames Charles Thomas, W. B. H. Blanford, L. L. Dameron, H. R. Marks, Cecil Gabbett, C. D. Bradham and H. M. Bonner.

"GIRL FROM RECTOR'S."

Managers Lovick and Taylor have secured the famous comedy Success, "The Girl From Rector's" to play for one night—Jan. 18—at the Masonic Theatre. This piece opened at Weber and Fields Music Hall New York and continued over one year. The receipts grew from the opening day, and night after night the records established by Weber and Fields at the height of their success were repeatedly shattered.

W. K. RUSSELL PARDONED.

Governor W. W. Kitchin Monday granted a pardon to W. K. Russell, white, convicted at the October term of Pamlico County Superior Court on a charge of seduction and sentenced to a term of one year in the State prison. The pardon was granted on condition that the prisoner pay the prosecutrix six hundred dollars and also to pay the costs of the case.

PAST YEAR GOOD ONE WITH BANKS

All Of The Financial Institutions Of New Bern Found 1912 A Good Year.

ANNUAL MEETINGS ARE HELD

National Re-Elects Old Officers—Other Banks Defer Elections Till Later.

The regular annual meeting of the stock holders of the National Bank of New Bern was held at its banking rooms yesterday between the hours of twelve and one and the following were elected directors: Jas. A. Bryan, John Dunn, E. K. Bishop, E. B. Hackburn, A. L. Ward, J. A. Jones, T. G. Hyman and G. H. Roberts. The directors met immediately afterwards and re-elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Jas. A. Bryan, President, John Dunn, Vice President, G. H. Roberts, Cashier and W. W. Griffin, Asst. Cashier.

At the New Bern Banking & Trust Company the following directors were re-elected: J. B. Blades, W. B. Blades, T. A. Green, J. W. Stewart, R. N. Dully, T. L. Warren, J. S. Bassnight, C. E. Foy, B. B. Hurst, L. H. Cutler, Jr., L. J. Moore, E. H. Meadows, Joseph Gaskill, J. S. Miller, J. V. Blades and K. E. Bennet. The directors will meet later to elect officers.

The old board of directors, composed of C. S. Hollister, E. H. Meadows, Jr., K. E. Pennett, C. D. Bradham, Wm. Dunn, Clyde Eby, J. W. Stewart, C. V. McGehee, W. F. Abberly, T. A. Uzzell, H. M. Groves, W. P. Metts, W. J. Swan and G. C. Speight, was re-elected by the stockholders of the People's Bank. Officers will be elected later.

The past year was one of the most uniformly successful the local banks have ever known. During the year a new bank, the Citizens Savings and Trust Company, was organized and this newest banking enterprise together with the older institution starts upon the new year with every prospect of a fine business.

CONVICTS ESCAPE QUICKLY CAUGHT

Two Get Away From Lenoir County Chain Gang and Leave For New Bern.

ONE IS CAPTURED ON TRAIN

The Other Nabbed at Bridgeton In The Act of Leaving To Go To Norfolk.

Monday morning Luther Neal and John Moulton, two colored convicts on the Lenoir county chain gang, managed in some way to elude the vigilance of the guards and made their escape. Their unceremonious departure was soon discovered and a search instituted but so well had they covered their tracks that there was not a clue as to which direction they had taken in departing for pastures new.

Sheriff Taylor was notified at Kinston and after considering the matter came to the conclusion that the men had come to this city and at once decided to follow. Boarding the east-bound train the Sheriff walked through the car reserved for colored people and there, reposing on one of the seats, was John Moulton. The escaped convict saw the officer just a second or two after the latter had discovered the fugitive but his attempt to jump through the car window was nipped in the bud.

Moulton was brought on to New Bern and placed in the county jail where the Sheriff continued his search for the other fugitive. Chief of Police Lupton was communicated with and after he had become conversant with the facts, began a search which resulted in locating Neal who had gone over to Bridgeton with a female friend.

Policemen A. A. Ipoek and McDaniel were sent over to that place to place Neal under arrest. They left this city on the midnight train and as fortune would have it, the escaped convict was at the station there making preparations to leave for Norfolk. He was placed under arrest and brought back to New Bern. Sheriff Taylor and his prisoners returned to Kinston yesterday morning.

U. S. BEHIND IN ARMY AVIATION

Brigadier General James Allen Laments that Congress Cannot Be Interested.

NO HEADWAY MADE IN 1912

All Of The Other Great Powers Making Great Strides. This Country Lags.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Brig.-Gen. James Allen, chief officer of the Signal Corps, deplors the facts that the year 1912 has shown no advancement in aviation in the United States Army except that of the individual efforts of the aviators themselves and other officials directly interested in the advancement of this new arm of the nation's offense and defense.

"It is time some real enthusiasm should be shown by Congress," declares the veteran officer, who returns from the service February 13. "We practically are standing still in this great and scientific problem, while France, England, Germany, Russia, Japan and most all of the larger foreign nations are making wonderful strides," he continued.

According to General Allen the United States Army has but 14 biplanes ready for instant use, and only 14 officers capable of flying, while practically every foreign nation completely and overwhelmingly outclasses this country in the size of its aerial fleet.

Individual efforts of the aviators were directed mainly during the last 12 months to the perfection of wireless telegraphy from flying aeroplanes. Splendid success was met with, messages being flashed as far as 15 miles from biplanes moving as fast as 60 miles an hour. The aviators were also successful in directing the fire of the artillery at Fort Riley, Kansas, at a hidden target from machines while at altitudes of 4,000 feet or more by using the wireless.

The army paid a great toll, however, in the death of two lieutenants and one enlisted man, killed at College Park, Md., during the summer. They were Lieut. Leighton W. Hazlehurst, Jr., Lieut. Louis C. Rockwell and Corporal Frank Scott.

ADD FINISHING TOUCHES

V. C. Fertilizer Factory at James City Nears Completion.

The contractors are now adding the finishing touches to the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company's new plant at James City, just across Trent river from New Bern, and unless some unexpected delay occurs the plant will be in operation in less than ten days.

The company's former plant which was located on the site of the present structure, was destroyed by fire several months ago. A few months later the contract for the erection of a new building was awarded to the contracting firm of Rhodes & Underwood of this city and they at once began work on the structure. No time has been lost and the building is now practically completed.

During the past two weeks much of the machinery which will be used in the manufacture of the fertilizer has been installed and the plant is now almost ready for operation.

HANCOCK AND SOUTH FRONT STREET PAVING.

T. L. Nicholson, chief engineer of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, was in the city yesterday conferring with the City Engineer in regard to the paving of Hancock and a portion of South Front street by the railway company. L. Lawson of Norfolk, to whom the contract for the work has been awarded, arrived yesterday morning and spent the day in making preparation for the beginning of this work. The grading of the streets will begin at once and the paving will be placed without further delay.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

New Bern Banking and Trust Co.—The Farmer's Opportunity.
Burrus & Co.—Now is the time to get that P. & O. stalk cutter busy.
People's Bank—The advantages derived.
New Bern Electric Supply Co.—Light wiring a science as well as an art.
S. Coplon & Son—Clearance sale begins Thursday morning Jan. 16.