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JUSTICE RATES WOULD HURT ROADS

So Says Officials Of The Southern Railway Company.

RATES ARE CONFISCATORY News Of Interest In Around The State Capital.

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Vice-President and Auditor Plant of the Southern railway was on the stand again to day developing before the special interstate freight rate commission a mass of figures designed to establish the contention of the North Carolina carriers that the impending intrastate freight rates prescribed in the Justice act are confiscatory and unreasonable. Following the comparison he presented yesterday of the North Carolina and Minnesota freight conditions and rates Mr. Plant today gave figures designed to show that the application of the proposed Minnesota rates in this State would cut the North Carolina revenue of the Southern railway from \$441,000 net to about \$30,000 net, a figure that would practically ruin the business of the company, put an end to all extension of business facilities and reduce the credit of the lines below the possibility of commanding credit or even maintaining the facilities now operated.

It has been agreed that there will be no cross-examinations of witnesses of the railroad companies until the attorney general and his associate counsel for the State have had time to digest the railroad testimony and prepare for the cross-examinations. This means that there will have to be a recess when all the railroad testimony is in to enable the counsel for the State to prepare for these cross-examinations.

North Carolina Leads the Country.

It is found by Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham that North Carolina leads the whole country for the fourth consecutive year in the production of cotton to the acre, the North Carolina average last year being 240 pounds, with South Carolina second with 234 pounds to the acre. For the year previous the North Carolina average was 315 pounds to the acre. It is found that the North Carolina tobacco crop is valued at \$30,988,000, the highest in the tobacco belt, with Kentucky second with \$2,000,000 valuation less. The North Carolina sweet potato crop led the country with 8,000,000 bushels, with Georgia second with 7,221,000 bushels. The Carolina wheat crop increased 1,750,000 bushels over 1912. The increase in oats was 7,000,000 bushels and increase in corn 4,000,000 bushels. The increase in corn crop for the past four years has been 21,000,000. The peanut crop the past year was the largest in the country.

There was a meeting of the executive committee of the University of North Carolina in the office of Governor Craig this afternoon at which there was informal discussion of a number of general matters to come up before the fall meeting of the trustees, scheduled for January 26. The members present were Governor Craig, Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Gen. J. S. Carr, Major John Graham, Charles Whedbee, Col. A. B. Andrews, Acting President Edward Graham. Matters considered were purely routine.

Senator Simmons in Raleigh. United States Senator Simmons arrived Tuesday to spend a few hours with his daughters, Mrs. L. A. Mahler and Mrs. Graham H. Andrews, before returning to his senatorial duties at Washington. He has been to New Bern and his Jones county plantation. He is looking especially well and is enthusiastic over the progress the present Democratic administration is making in general legislation, especially the tariff and currency acts, which he declares will prove most satisfactory and conducive to the prosperity of the whole country.

TWENTY-FIVE RESIDENCE LOTS TO BE SOLD.

On January 23 twenty-five exceptionally desirable residence lots located in west and town sites, opposite the new brick in plant will be sold at public auction to the white people of New Bern. This property is owned by W. S. Waters and is one of the best suburban sections of the county. On Tuesday, January 27, seven lots on upper Grand street, this same section, will be sold to the colored people. These lots will be sold by the same agent, and the terms of sale will be similar to those of the white lots.

BIG CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE SOON

PEPSI COLA BOTTLERS ARE PLANNING FOR EVENT.

Issue number 1, volume 2, of "Profit," the monthly magazine issued by the Pepsi Cola Company has reached the editor's desk and has been read with interest. Profit is one of the breeziest little trade magazines in the South and enjoys a circulation which is nation-wide.

Considerable space in the current issue is devoted to the annual convention of the Pepsi Cola Bottlers which will be held at the home office of the company in this city on January 20 to 22. These conventions are always well attended and prove of great benefit to the men who handle that delicious beverage which is helping to make New Bern famous.

Great preparations for this convention have been made and it is expected that the attendance will be even greater than ever before.

FARM LIFE SCHOOL TEACHERS VISIT HERE

CAME OVER FROM VANCEBORO IN AN AUTO-MOBILE.

Prof. J. E. Turlington, principal of Craven county's Farm Life School, and F. W. Sears, the Farm Demonstrator in this county and who is also located at the Farm Life School, motored over to New Bern yesterday and spent considerable time in looking over the local schools.

Both Prof. Turlington and Mr. Sears made short talks at the school, the former speaking on the subject of general education and the latter telling of the work being done by the Boy's Corn Clubs. These corn clubs are growing in favor every day and Mr. Sears is greatly interested in them and is devoting much of his time to promoting interest in them.

The visitors were greatly pleased with the work they found in the local schools and very highly complimented Prof. H. B. Craven, the principal, and his efficient corps of teachers, on the progress they are making.

NEW COMPANY PURCHASES POLLOCK STREET STORE

BAYLOR'S ESTABLISHMENT CHANGED HANDS YESTERDAY MORNING.

The Ready-to-Wear Garment Company, composed of J. J. Broadus and J. W. Sears of Vanceboro, LeRoy Harper of Pamlico and Max Jacobs of this city, have purchased the stock and good will of Baylor's store on Pollock street, this city, and will, at an early date, open up an up-to-date ladies' ready-to-wear establishment.

Baylor's store was opened a few months ago by Baylor's incorporated, of Richmond, Va., and has enjoyed an excellent patronage in the line which they carried. The purchasers of the establishment are well known all over this section and there is not the least doubt but that they will also do a gratifying business.

The stock now in the building is to be disposed of to local dealers in order that the store can be made ready for improvements which are to be made. A new stock will be purchased and installed before the establishment is thrown open to the public.

SERVICES TODAY.

Will Be Held In The Presbyterian Church.

Today the Christian people of New Bern are invited to gather in the Presbyterian Church in religious exercises of reading and scriptures, fasting and praying for nation wide communion. The services will be conducted by Mrs. T. J. Mitchell, Rev. J. B. Phillips, Mrs. M. E. Bryan, Mrs. Geo. Owen, Rev. McWhorter, Rev. W. A. Cade, Rev. J. S. H. Summerell and Mrs. W. A. West. The church bell will be rung every hour to remind the public of the service.

Dr. Marie Montessori, the noted Italian educator, is now in this country lecturing on her system of teaching. Dr. Montessori is one of the most brilliant women of Europe. She is a graduate of a famous college and has had much to do with advancing the cause of education in her own country.



Craven's Schools Are In Excellent Condition

Encouraging Report From the County Superintendent—Local Institution Is Rapidly Progressing—Preparing for Special Course at Vanceboro

The public schools of Craven county have begun the last half of the 1913-14 term and, according to the report of S. M. Brinson, county superintendent of public instruction, each institution is in an excellent condition and the prospects for one of the most successful terms in the history of the county schools is very encouraging.

In the local schools many of the pupils were absent when the second half of the term began on account of sickness. Since that time the majority of these have recovered and returned and the work is now going rapidly ahead. A few have not returned at present but these are expected to be back in their classes during the next few days.

Over at the public schools at Vanceboro and also at the Farm Life School at that place, the attendance is encouraging and the pupils are taking a marked interest in the work. At the Farm Life School Prof. J. E. Turlington, the able principal, is preparing for the special course to be given the young men and women of the county, beginning on Monday, January 26, and is expecting a large attendance.

Down in Township No. 7, where the new central school is in operation, much progress is also being made. This central school is a new idea in North Carolina but it is proving successful in every detail and similar schools will, next fall, be established at other points in the State.

Superintendent Brinson is greatly interested in the proposed teachers convention which will be held during the month of March and at which more than three hundred teachers from all parts of Eastern North Carolina will be present. New Bern can get this convention if proper inducements are offered and Mr. Brinson is anxious that it come to this city and making every effort to bring this about.

Japanese Volcano Is Still Belching Lava

Activities Were Reported As Abating Yesterday Afternoon.

Tokio, Jan. 15.—Official reports this afternoon from Southern Japan, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes have caused heavy loss of life, panic and very great property damage, are that the eruption of the Sakura-Jima volcano, which has caused most of the devastation, is abating. Just how heavy the loss of life may be cannot yet be determined. Sakura, where the greatest loss of life undoubtedly occurred, cannot be visited because the eruption of Sakura-Jima continues. Troops and warships are now in the vicinity and a search of the island will be made at the first opportunity.

Kagoshima, the nearest big city to Sakura, while suffering great damage from earthquakes does not appear to have sustained heavy loss of life. H. Ijima, former Japanese minister to China, sent a dispatch to the foreign office stating that ten persons had been killed and thirty injured here. He stated that great confusion prevailed.

All Americans in the vicinity are safe, the American consul De Ichman at Nagasaki telegraphed Americans at Kagoshima, and to Sendai.

Kanamoto is abounded with ashes and the masses of the people there are being directed to repairing the railroad so water and fire may be sent the hungry refugees near Kagoshima. With distress caused by the

Public Hearing To Be Held At Grimesland

Relative To Erection Of A Bridge Over Tar River.

The Journal is in receipt of the following from H. W. Stickle, Major, Corps of Engineers, United States Army:

A Public Hearing will be held at Grimesland, North Carolina, at 2 p. m., on January 23rd, 1914, in the matter of a bridge proposed to be erected over the Tar River, at or near Boyd's Ferry, N. C., by the County Commissioners of Pitt County, North Carolina.

At this hearing opportunity will be given to all interested parties to present their views, either orally or in writing, and it is especially desired that the views of navigation interests and of the officials of any city, town or local association, whose interests may reasonably be affected by the proposed structure, be presented.

Plans of the proposed structure, and map of its location will be available for inspection at the hearing.

Mt. Olive Preacher Is Strangely Missing

Rev. Charles E. Orton Disappeared Latter Part Of December.

Mt. Olive, Jan. 14.—Rev. Charles E. Orton, Freewill Baptist Minister, successful farmer and member of and auctioneer for the Williamson Real Estate company, of this place, left here Tuesday, December 30, 1913, on the 11 a. m. northbound train, and his whereabouts at this time is unknown to his family, friends or business associates, and his absence is a source of much anxiety to his friends and relatives.

To his family he said the day he left, "I am going up the road today." To members of the East Coast Realty company he said that he was going to Saratoga, in Wilson county, to look over some real estate and it is known that he purchased a ticket for Wilson, thought it is not known whether or not he did actually go to Saratoga. It is known, however, that he left Wilson that night on southbound Atlantic Coast Line train No. 84, for he informed W. C. Hatcher, general manager of the Mt. Olive Manufacturing Company, who left this train at Fayetteville, that he was going to Florence, S. C.

Since that time nothing whatever has been heard from him, although letters of inquiry have been sent in all directions. He was about 45 years of age and has a wife and several children, and no one knows the cause for his continued absence without letting his family hear from him, nor why he should have started for South Carolina. His friends are now beginning to fear that he has met with foul play and that the crime has so far been covered.

Masonic Opera House Will Be Warm.

The management of "A Private Tutor," wish to reassure the public that they will have the Opera House properly heated Friday night. In addition to the fuel furnished by lessees of the Opera House, the band have purchased dry wood to make doubly sure that the house will be warm.

Jack Corbet and the "Dream Girls"

Appeared before a packed house last night. Their act was roundly applauded from beginning to end—everybody seemed well pleased. If you enjoy good, clean comedy by all means hear this excellent comedy. Our picture program today is a good one—listen "When the Prison Door Opens." A Lubin drama showing how two unfortunates, after being released from prison, began life anew, and became honored citizens.

"The President's Special." A thrilling railroad drama by Kalem. "The Hoodoo Umbrella."

A side-splitting Vitagraph comedy, featuring Hughie Mack, the big, fat, funny comedian.

"Ancient Temples of Karnak." Scenes that give an idea of the devout allegiance of the people of India to the God of their forefathers.

Matinee daily at 3:45, 2 shows at night, 1st starts at 7:30, 2d about 9:15 o'clock.

Georgia Pastor Swallows Poison

Dictates "Farewell" Then Drinks Laudanum In Typists Office.

Girl Saved His Life

Knocked The Phial Of Liquid From His Hand.

Atlanta, Jan. 14.—Engulfed by debt and discouraged by his failure to find "one true friend" in Atlanta, the Rev. R. J. Huff, of College Park, active in mission work, made a spectacular attempt at suicide Tuesday by drinking laudanum in the office of Miss M. C. Childress, public stenographer in the Fourth National Bank Building.

He had just completed dictating a pathetic note of farewell to his wife and children and a formal statement to the newspapers in which he said he had been betrayed by "false brethren" and hounded by "ravenous beasts" of creditors when he lifted the bottle to his lips. He had paced the streets of Atlanta the night before in an effort to find a true friend, he said, and had failed.

Although he screened his action by holding the note to his family in front of his face, Miss Childress, who had taken alarm from the despondent tenor of the messages, saw the shadow of his hand reach into his coat pocket, draw out the deadly poison and raise it to his mouth.

Girl Dashes Bottle Away.

With a terrified scream, she dashed the bottle from his hand, but not before he had swallowed a considerable quantity of the laudanum. C. A. Withington, a travelling salesman who has desk room in Miss Childress' office, came quickly to her assistance.

They summoned doctors from the building and notified Grady Hospital. "Let me die; let me die," Huff begged piteously of Dr. John Wallace, who was the first physician to arrive. "I have tried to surmount the tide of indebtedness and have failed," he moaned.

"My own friends have betrayed me I walked the streets last night to find one friend and there was not one. I made up my mind that Jesus was the only friend I had and that the way to go to Him was to commit suicide."

The note to his wife and children, in which he sought their forgiveness for deserting them, was spashed and spotted with the laudanum which Miss Childress struck from his grasp.

Miss Childress had known the hard-working minister for several years as he had employed her at various times to do stenographic work for him.

Girl Friend Praises Him.

"He was one of the best men I ever knew," she said. "He always was doing kind deeds for other people that no one except himself and those he helped knew about."

"Until today he always had been of an optimistic spirit and had hoped for better days. I knew that he had been worrying about his debts, but he never had given an intimation that he thought of suicide."

"He made some money from his ministerial work and he tried to make both ends meet by accepting employment of other kinds. He was business all the way through and was constantly busy at something."

New Company Purchases Interest Of W. Pugh

Change In Ownership Of Large Wholesale House.

The newly organized firm of E. K. Bishop Company yesterday purchased from Walter Pugh his interest in the firm of Pugh and Brooks, wholesale merchants.

This business change will be of much interest locally. Mr. Pugh is well known in this section and the Pugh and Brooks Company have enjoyed a gratifying patronage since going into business.

For the present Mr. Pugh will remain with the new company, which will enlarge the business and carry a much larger and more extensive stock.