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NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

The News of Old North State Gathered and Put in Condensed Form.

Big Run on the Wachovia.

Salisbury, Special. — The run on the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co. Thursday morning made the State sit up and take notice. Messages from all sections came and the stupid, if not malicious lie, started Wednesday shows that truth sometimes feeds upon cranks while falsehood fattens at Lucullan feasts. It took a long time and required a great amount of wisdom to handle the situation in a way to hold the confidence of the depositors. There was a whisper that a run on the High Point Bank had been started. The story went on wings and men and women spent uneasy hours. They were there with hysterics and their certificates of deposit. But Cashier Snider and President Lee S. Overman were there with the goods and as fast as one man took out his gold, other men with faith came and backed up the institution that is entitled to all the confidence of all the people of the city. It is doubtful if the bank has a cent less than it had when the lie began its circuit. All those who called on the bank for their deposits were paid promptly and after the score was over, many returned their cash to the bank again.

Only Female Deputy Marshal.

Greensboro, Special. — While it is not generally known the Western district of North Carolina has one of the few—perhaps the only—lady deputy marshals in the United States. There is nothing to prevent a marshal appointing a woman, but it is not generally considered desirable for one. The woman who holds that position in this district is Miss Nessie Myrick, a niece of Marshal Milikan. Miss Myrick went to Salisbury to serve a restraining order upon Mr. Hayden Clement, Assistant Attorney General for the State of North Carolina. The order is one of the many processes that have been issued since the beginning of the litigation relative to the enforcement of the State's new rate law. Miss Myrick recently served the papers in Reidsville in the case of Jas. P. Richardson & Co., against the American Tobacco Company.

Reassessment of Railroads.

The corporation commission makes public a statement of the re-assessment of railroads other quasi-public corporations. It shows that railroad property has advanced from \$70,077,361 to \$34,412,833. The assessment of the Atlantic Coast Line is made \$30,000 a mile; the Seaboard Air Line \$20,424; Southern Railway (all lines) \$25,572; North Carolina Railway division of Southern \$47,373, giving this division a valuation of \$10,573,762 against \$6,680,000 by the last assessment. Ninety-nine other quasi-public corporations are assessed \$7,072,616 against \$6,173,428 by previous assessment.

Girl Drowned While Wading.

Newbern, Special. — A distressing accident occurred near here in the drowning of Bessie, the 7-year-old daughter of J. J. Rhodes, captain on a river steamer. Rhodes had taken a family to Wilkinson's Point for a day's outing and they were having a most enjoyable time. The little girl went wading and stepped in a deep hole and sank immediately. The strong current took her down the stream and it was with considerable difficulty that the body was recovered. The body was in the water an hour and a half.

A Hint to Hurry.

Goldboro, Special. — An official run has been served upon the several railroads centering here, by the Corporation Commission notifying them that the union passenger station for Goldboro must be completed according to the plans submitted by the railroads and approved by the Commission last January, by November 26 under penalty.

Found Dead in Road.

Newton, Special. — Monday morning about 9 o'clock Mr. J. P. White of Mountain Creek township, left his home near Denver to walk to the house of his son, Mr. Locke White, about a mile and a half distant. About 11 o'clock the farm hands of Mr. E. D. Bamble, on their way to dinner found Mr. White lying near the path, with his head in a branch. He was dead and the supposition is that while bathing his head in the endeavor to cool the intense heat, he died or fell and was drowned.

Zeke Lewis Not Guilty.

Monroe, Special. — The jury in the case of Zeke Lewis the second of the defendants tried in the Anson county lynching cases, brought in a verdict of not guilty after being out an hour and three-quarters. After the verdict was announced Judge Peebles requested the jurors to take their seats and said as there were only two more days of this special term, the regular term of Superior Court beginning next Monday there would not be time to try another case. "But," he continued, "if we had time I would not try another one of these cases. There is so much feeling here in favor of the defendants that the trial of any more cases now would be a farce. I suggest to the solicitor that he move for a removal to some other county. Lynching will never cease in North Carolina until there is a strong, healthy sentiment against it. There is no doubt that this lynching was committed and we have 23 men indicted here for the crime, yet a great many well-known citizens of Anson county have admitted here on the stand that they had contributed money to the defense. There is a strong popular feeling here too in their favor and I don't see any use in prosecuting them further here now." All the rest of the defendants were required to give bonds of \$5,000 each inside of 15 days for their appearance at the next January term of Union County Superior Court.

Drew Money Out; Got Robbed.

Spencer, Special. — Following a run which was made on the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co., here a customer who withdrew \$700 was robbed of the same within a few hours after he left the bank with the cash. There is no clue to the guilty party. H. T. Hackett another depositor of the same bank was robbed of \$30 by a room mate who skipped the country. The run on the bank began early in the day and continued until noon, all checks being paid promptly and without the least embarrassment to the bank. Conditions became normal in the afternoon and many depositors returned to the bank with their money.

In Deep Water.

Reidsville, Special. — Dick Seales a colored man of Madison, was drowned while seining with Mayor McMichael and a party of citizens near Madison. The unfortunate affair happened at the point where the Dan and Mayo rivers run together. Seales stepped into deep water and endeavored to swim to the bank. The current however was too swift for him and he was drowned before assistance could reach him. It is believed that he either died from fright or heart failure before he sank.

Verdict for \$5,000.

Asheboro, Special. — In the case of M. W. Parish against the High Point Randleman, Asheboro and Southern Railroad for personal injuries the jury has just returned a verdict for five thousand dollars in favor of the plaintiff. No motions made in the case yet. Lawyers Spence and Moffitt and other parties to a supplemental bill in equity with a reference to the rate bill, were served with a second installment of orders and an ancillary bill. Court will continue next week.

Coast Line Acquires Fayetteville Property.

Fayetteville, Special. — Thursday afternoon Harry Walters, of Baltimore, one of the largest stockholders in the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad conveyed twenty-four pieces of valuable property in this city to the railroad company.

Girl Burned to Death.

Morehead City, Special. — Tuesday morning about ten o'clock the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Guthrie while in the act of starting a fire in the cook stove took the half gallon kerosene oil can which was filled, and began to pour oil on the wood, when the oil ignited and exploded in the can.

Boat Refused Rowlands.

Raleigh, Special. — The application for release by Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Rowland, under habeas corpus proceedings, was refused by Associate Justice Conner, of the Supreme Court. He announced that as the burden was on the Rowlands to show their innocence of the charge of the murder of Charles R. Strange, Mrs. Rowland's former husband, and that as this had not been done, he remanded them to jail for the next term of court, without any prejudice to either them or to the State.

DEATH OF SENATOR PETTUS

Alabama's Senior Senator breathed His Last at Hot Springs, This State From Effects of Apoplexy, With Which He Was seized Friday Morning—Entire Body Paralyzed and Consciousness Was Never Recovered.

Asheville, N. C., Special. — United States Senator Pettus of Alabama, died Saturday night at 10 o'clock at Hot Springs this State from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy with which he was seized while at the breakfast table Friday morning. His entire body was paralyzed and he never recovered consciousness since that time.

Senator Pettus arrived at Hot Springs about a week ago from Tate Springs, Tenn. Up to the time of the seizure he was apparently in the best of health. At the breakfast table Friday it is said he was unusually cheerful, and when he was stricken the guests of the hotel thought he merely had a fainting spell. Physicians were summoned from Asheville for consultation with the local physicians and it was seen that there was no hope of the Senator's recovery. His relatives were telegraphed for and they are now on the way to the death bed of the deceased.

Senator Pettus celebrated his 86th birthday at Tate Springs last week, and on that occasion his unusual vigor was the subject of comment. By a primary arrangement of last summer he will be succeeded in the Senate by Ex-Governor Joseph F. Johnston, who will serve until the Alabama legislature meets. Mr. Johnston was born in Lincoln county, North Carolina, and has many relatives there.

Murder and Suicide.

Charlotte, N. C., Special. — Mrs. Madge Powers, wife of Harry T. Powers a Morehead street grocer was found dead in her bed room in the north end of the store building Saturday morning about 7 o'clock. Hard by her lay her husband, unconscious and dying. A pistol lay within a few inches of Powers' right hand. Blood oozed from a bullet hole in the forehead of his wife and flowed freely from the wound back of his right ear. Murder and suicide—every bit of evidence pointed that way. It was plain that Harry Powers had, for some whim of his own, shot his wife dead in her tracks and then turned the gun on himself. Dime novels, cigars, cards and whiskey were among the ornaments of the pitiful looking room. Whiskey, empty bottles and a half-filled glass sat on the little table by the door. The entire affair is a very tragical as well as mysterious one, and whiskey coupled with domestic troubles is doubtless the cause.

An Historical Event.

Norfolk, Special. — In commemoration of the establishment of the house of burgesses, or legislative assembly in America at Jamestown, July 30, 1619, there will be held at the Jamestown exposition on July 30, next, the two hundred and eighty-eighth anniversary celebration, one of a series of many historical celebrations at the exposition. The programme includes addresses by Former Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois and Representative J. Warren Keifer of Ohio, former speaker of the house of representatives.

Bad Head-On Collision.

Petersburg, Va., Special. — A head-on collision occurred Saturday night about 9 o'clock a short distance north of Stoney Creek, Va., between Atlantic Coast Line train No. 85, "Florida Special," and second section of No. 80, northbound. Both engines were badly damaged, the mail car stove in and the head express car on No. 80 derailed. Engineer Bradshaw on No. 85 assumes the blame, saying that he forgot his orders. One man was killed.

An Adventure.

London, By Cable. — Mrs. Josephine Leslie the American woman who cut a wide swath in English Society on the strength of the professed friendship with wealthy Americans, and against whom J. Pierpont Morgan testified was sentenced to five years in prison on the charge of obtaining a large sum from Miss Annie Blount an Irish heiress under false pretenses.

Bank President Swindled.

South McAlester, I. T., Special. — J. J. McAlester president of the American National Bank, paid \$10,000 cash for a worthless "gold" brick offered by a man representing himself to be a miner. The brick when offered for sale, was taken to Muskogee appraised at the government office and found to contain 80 per cent of pure gold. When the deal was completed, the McAlester banker got a worthless imitation of the brick the appraiser had examined. The swindle was discovered a few hours after the transaction.

AGREE TO ABIDE BY NORTH CAROLINA LAW

Governor Glenn Succeeds in Having State Law Enforced

THE PEOPLE GENUINELY PLEASED

Officials of the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line Meet With Governor Glenn and After a Conference of Three Hours a Treaty of Peace is Made—By the Terms of This Agreement the 2-1-4 Rate Law is to be Observed After August 8th and All Indictments and Prosecution Now Pending Against the Southern Are to be Stopped.

Raleigh, N. C., Special. — It can safely be said that Governor Glenn's office was the centre of attention not only of North Carolina but of the United States. The line between State and Federal sovereignty had been sharply drawn and the situation was tense in the extreme. The tension was as to whether the State should win or lose in the rate case there was no happier man in the country than Governor Glenn when at 7 o'clock in the evening he announced that the law was supreme in North Carolina and that the old State is the first in the Union which ever resisted a railway and stopped it. There was a rattle of applause as the Governor made this ringing declaration while he smiled like a boy and people pressed forward to shake his hand, the first being the armless president of the Baptist University for Women at Raleigh, Robert T. Vann.

Officials Arrive.

The incidents of the day began with the announced arrival Saturday of private cars on which were the two general counsel of the Southern Railway, Alfred P. Thom and Alexander P. Humphrey, and President Thomas M. Emerson, General Counsel Alexander Hamilton, Assistant General Counsel George B. Elliot, of the Atlantic Coast Line and George Rountree who represented the Coast Line stockholders. These officials and attorneys conferred together and wished to have a conference with Governor Glenn at 11 o'clock, but his attorneys, ex-Governor Aycock and Speaker Justice, of the House of Representatives, were not present, so the time was fixed for the afternoon. President Emerson had to leave two hours before the conference. The Governor desires that reporters should be present, but left the matter to the railway people, who objected, so he requested the newspaper men to retire.

A Three Hours Conference.

The conference lasted three hours each side withdrawing to prepare papers for signature. At 6:30 o'clock the conferees left the Governor's office, all smiling. Speaker Justice was the first to announce the result and said to the eager reporters: "All is settled except the three law suits and the 2-1-4 rate goes into effect as soon as the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line can figure out the schedule." A quarter of an hour later the Governor came out and read to the eager little audience the following agreement which is signed by Thom and Humphries:

The Agreement.

"First, the railway puts the 2-1-4 cent rate into effect not later than August 8th, next.

"Second, the State to appeal from Judge Pritchard's order discharging parties in Asheville on writ of habeas corpus.

"Third, the Southern Railway to appeal to the State Supreme Court in the Wake county case and if the case is decided against it to take it by writ of error to the United States Supreme Court.

"Fourth, that both sides cooperate to have said cases advanced and argued together and speedily determined.

"Fifth, the State, at its option to indict the Atlantic Coast Line in one case.

"Sixth, all indictments and prosecutions now pending to be dismissed and no others to be instituted for any alleged violations of law up to the time the new 2-1-4 cent rate is put into effect as far as the Governor can control the same.

"Seventh, the Governor advises all persons against bringing any penalty suit pending final determination of the question involved and asks the people as a whole to acquiesce in this

arrangement.

"Eighth, the suit pending before Judge Pritchard at Asheville to be diligently prosecuted without the State's having any question of jurisdiction."

No Contempt Proceedings.

The Governor stated that Messrs. Thom and Humphrey, also, as counsel for the Southern Railway, undertake that it will not inaugurate contempt proceedings because of anything heretofore done by any of the State officers in connection with this rate litigation, and that the road will do what it can to prevent the inauguration of any such contempt proceedings."

This arrangement between the Southern Railway and Governor Glenn is also assented to by George Rountree attorney for R. Nelson Buckley and other Atlantic Coast Line stockholders, complainants and by Alexander Hamilton, general counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line Company, except that they do not consent that the Atlantic Coast Line shall be indicted in one case but as to the leaving the State at liberty to do as its sense of duty may dictate, this agreement being signed by Hamilton and Rountree.

ARREST OF MR. FINLEY.

Very Sensational Development in North Carolina Rate Case Trouble.

Asheville, N. C., Special. — The climax in the railroad rate matter was reached Saturday morning when W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway Company, was served with warrant at the Battery Park Hotel, charging him with aiding and abetting in the violation of the North Carolina passenger rate law. The warrant for President Finley's arrest was sworn out by Police Captain Lylerly at the instance of Police Justice G. S. Reynolds and was served by Police Officer Branch Williams. The news of the arrest of President Finley spread like wildfire and soon every one on the streets had something to say about it. It was the one topic of conversation, the sensation of the day. President Finley, however, did not pay a visit to the city police court, as was intended. Before the officer serving the paper could execute the command to "Have the body of W. W. Finley in police court," a United States deputy marshal served a writ from the United States Circuit Court on the police officer and Mr. Finley the marshal and the patrolman found their way to the United States Federal Building instead of Justice Reynold's court. The warrant served by the police officer charged Mr. Finley as president of the Southern Railway Company with aiding and abetting in the violation of the State rate law by collecting more than 2-1-4 cents a mile passenger fare. The warrant was issued under the common law. During the hearing on the writ of habeas corpus before Judge Pritchard considerable testimony was had relative to whether or not the application for the writ was made before the warrant for Finley's arrest was served. Mr. Finley was sworn and gave testimony. He said that he verified the application for a writ for his release after the officer had appeared in his rooms and served the warrant.

There is a rumor that contempt proceedings may be begun against the parties who are responsible for the arrest of Mr. Finley although nothing definite is known on this score.

Fifth Rioter Found Guilty.

Roanoke, Va., Special. — George Phillips, indicted by a grand jury for rioting, in connection with the smashing of Greek restaurants by a mob two weeks ago, was tried in police court and fined \$20. He was the fifth man found guilty of rioting. Thomas Divers, who was fined \$50 and given 30 days in jail for the same charge has given notice of appeal to the higher court and furnished bail.

Run Through and Killed By Pitchfork Prongs.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Special. — News was received here of a peculiar accident which occurred at Kernersville late Saturday afternoon, resulting in the death of Mr. Dewitt Marshall the 19-year old son of Mr. A. F. Marshall a prosperous farmer living near Kernersville. The young man fell from a load of wheat-straw and struck a pitchfork, the prong of which penetrated his breast, killing him almost instantly.

College Destroyed by Bolt

Winter Park, Fla., Special. — The music hall of the Rollins college was struck by lightning and completely destroyed. The equipment was partially saved, but four pianos and the splendid domestic school outfit were burned. The building and its contents were insured. President Blackman being in the North no statement respecting the plans for the future can be made.

DIFFERENT PLANT.

Friend—Do you raise egg-plant in your garden? Amateur gardener—No, my egg-plant is in the henhouse, out behind the barn.—Somerville Journal.

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