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Good Roads Convention.
 Spartanburg, Special.—The annual convention of the Good Roads Association of South Carolina met here in the courthouse. The morning sessions were devoted to the discussions of questions on good roads while the afternoon part of the programme was given over to the inspection of good roads machinery and giving practical demonstration. There were present quite a number of supervisors and commissioners from various parts of the State, Greenville, Chester, Abbeville, Laurens, Marlboro, Lexington, Richland, Manning, Greenwood, Anderson, Union, Cherokee and other counties being well represented. Addresses were made by Governor Ansel F. H. Hyatt, J. W. Nash and President E. D. Smith of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association. All of the speakers pointed out the necessity of the counties' building good roads. In speaking on this subject, Governor Ansel declared that money spent in building permanent highways is a good investment and the good results will be felt for generations to come. He congratulated Spartanburg on its fine streets and sidewalks and expressed the hope that the people would vote an issue of \$200,000 for building good roads throughout the county. Messrs. Nash, Smith and Hyatt made excellent talks on improving the highways. Mr. Nash spoke in support of a bill he had passed at the last session of the Legislature providing for an election to vote on issuing bonds in the sum of \$200,000 for building good roads in this county. There is some opposition in certain sections of the county to voting the bonds and Mr. Nash, in a most convincing manner answered all objections to the question. The election will be held August 20th.

Complete Rural Service For Laurens.
 Complete rural delivery service has been ordered established in Laurens county, South Carolina, effective September 1, 1907. The service will consist of 25 routes of which none are new. Routes amended: Clinton—No. 3; Graycourt, Nos. 1 and 2; No. 3 by transfer of No. 1 from Lanford Station, No. 4 by transfer of No. 2 from Alma Lanford Station, No. 2 renumbered No. 1; Laurens, Nos. 2, 3 and 4; No. 6 by transfer of No. 1 from Alma Owings, Nos. 1 and 2; Princeton, No. 1. Routes not changed: Barksdale, No. 1; Clinton, Nos. 1 and 2; Cross Hill, No. 1; Laurens, Nos. 1 and 5; Mountville, Nos. 1 and 2; Princeton, No. 2; Reno, No. 1; Waterloo, Nos. 1 and 2.

Mill Site Secured.
 Gaffney, Special.—The stockholders of the Merrimac Mills at the last meeting appointed a committee to select a suitable site upon which to locate the structure. That committee, in company with two engineers, selected a tract of land belonging to the Gaffney Land & Investment Co., just north of the city, and adjoining the grounds of the Globe Mills. Work will commence on the buildings just as soon as the material can be got on the ground. It is the purpose of the management to have the mills in operation by the first of next January.

Given Fifteen Years.
 Union, Special.—The jury in the case of Arthur Davis, negro, charged with the murder of Clarence Gist, of this State, at Carlisle on the night of May 23 returned a verdict of manslaughter. Davis was immediately sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary after hard labor.

Gang of Carbreakers Held.
 Marion, Special.—As a result of good work by Agent S. C. Bannister of Pee Dee and Atlantic Coast Line Special Agents Wheeler of Florence, Musselwhite of Wilmington and Koop man of Florence a regularly organized gang of carbreakers has been unearthed at Pee Dee. Several of the gang were placed in jail here. Goods in cars passing Pee Dee have been mysteriously disappearing for some time, and Agent Bannister suspected that there was an organized gang committing the robberies.

Baptists Meet in Greenville.
 Greenville, Special.—Very attractive announcements have been sent out concerning the South Carolina Baptist assembly to be held in Greenville, Aug. 12-16. The assembly is called together by the Sunday school committee of the State mission board and is a summer gathering of Christian workers. Among the number of interesting addresses to be delivered is one by Governor Ansel. The meeting will doubtless be largely attended.

Struck Down by Lightning and Instantly Killed.
 Reidsville, Special.—While en route to his home five miles north of Reidsville Mr. Green Craddock was struck by lightning and instantly killed. He and Mr. W. B. Williams took shelter under a barn during the severe electrical storm. Mr. Williams was badly shocked and burned about the face, but soon regained consciousness and will recover. Mr. Craddock's age is about 50 years and he leaves a wife and eight children.

POSTAL'S MEN QUIT

Telegraphers in Chicago Walk Out By Hundreds

BUSINESS SERIOUSLY CRIPPLED
 Resolution Adopted in Meeting of Strikers That Every Operator in the City Holding a Card Shall be Called Out—Postal Men Demand 25 Per Cent Increase, 8-Hour Day and Recognition of Union With Ultimate Aim of Aiding Western Union Strikers.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—The 500 operators of the Postal Telegraph Company struck Friday night at 6 o'clock. This, with the 1,100 men out from the offices of the Western Union throughout the city, makes 1,600 men now on strike in Chicago.

At a meeting of the operators held in the afternoon a resolution was unanimously passed declaring that every operator in the city having a union card should be called out.

A short time after the meeting had dissolved demands were presented to the officials of the Postal company asking for an increase of 25 per cent in wages, an 8-hour day and recognition of the union. If these were not passed upon the strike was to follow.

The strike throughout the day has been marked by absence of trouble of any kind. Chief of Police Shipley informed the leaders in the afternoon that he would not allow any picketing or violence, and he was informed that none was intended, and that every effort would be made to keep the men peaceable.

When the strike of the Postal employees, Chicago is left with about 37 commercial telegraphers, who are endeavoring to transmit the business of both telegraph companies, whereas under normal conditions fully \$500,000 are necessary to do the work in Chicago.

Other Western Union offices which became involved in the trouble together with the number of men who quit work are:
 Salt Lake City, 36; Helena, 40; Kansas City, 330; Dallas, 105; Fort Worth, Tex., 40; Colorado Springs, 10; Denver, 83; New Orleans, 60.

Dr. J. F. Ensor Dead.
 Columbia, S. C., Special.—Dr. J. F. Ensor, for the past ten years postmaster at Columbia, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane during reconstruction, former chief surveyor of the port of Charleston and for several years deputy collector of internal revenue, died at his home here Friday afternoon in his 72d year. He was a native of Maryland and served six years in the Federal army in the war between the States as surgeon. He came here in 1868 and served as medical purveyor for the Freedman's bureau in this State.

A NAVAL MONSTER

England Building Largest War Vessel Ever Planned

UNITED STATES TO BETTER THAT
 Washington Naval Circles Excited Over Report That Keel is About to be Laid Down New Ship to be No Less Than 30,000 Tons Displacement, and Design is Believed to Include Many Novelties, Including Assembling of Three Guns in Each Turret.

Washington, Special.—Naval circles are agitated over a report which reaches Washington that the British admiralty is about to lay down the keel for a giant ship that will be 50 per cent greater in tonnage than the redoubtable "Dreadnought." It is difficult to secure any information respecting the plans for this ship, and it is said that the British government is agitating the press in order to build the ship secretly, by the fact that the British navy is thereby kept at least two years ahead of any other navy in point of design, a most valuable consideration in these days, when a battleship is frequently obsolete in the course of five years after going into commission.

It is understood that the new ship is to be of no less than 30,000 tons displacement, against 20,000 tons of the Dreadnought, but aside from the mere matter of superior size, the design is believed to include many novelties some based on the experience of the Dreadnought. Such a one, for instance, is understood to be the contemplated assembling of three guns in each turret, so that if the new ship is equalled with the six turrets, she will carry no less than 18 guns in her main battery. The calibre of the guns, however, will, it is believed, remain at 12 inches, the present standard.

The report of the British plan has caused some of the bolder designers to proceed to greater length and to propose the laying down of a battleship of 40,000 tons displacement, placing the American navy clearly in the lead. Naval designers are believed to be willing to undertake the construction of such a ship. It would cost no less than \$20,000,000, but in view of the predominance it would give to America as a naval power it is argued by the advocates of the proposition that such a ship would be an economical investment by tending to ensure peace.

100 Additional Union Mechanics Join Building Trades Strike.
 Washington, Special.—Acting on orders from the executive officers of their unions 100 more union mechanics joined the building trades strike here Saturday. According to the labor leaders every building under construction, where non-union mechanics were employed, is now tied up and nearly 300 men have quit work. The employers' association claims that it has been able to fill the places of all the strikers with the exception of bricklayers. The union men declare that the strike will be extended next Monday.

Officers Raid Counterfeiter's Den.
 Uniontown, Pa., Special.—In a raid on an alleged counterfeiter's den at Smithfield, several men were arrested a large number of moulds captured and a big quantity of spurious coins found concealed about the place. The men were all foreigners. It is claimed that the plant has been in operation several weeks, as the neighborhood is still hunted for the counterfeiters. The authorities have been for some time and believe all implicated have been captured.

Martin A. Knapp Weds Miss Nellie Maynard Gardner.
 New York, Special.—Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the inter-State commerce commission and Mrs. Nellie Maynard Gardner, daughter of the late George L. Maynard, of Syracuse, were married at the Hotel Manhattan, in this city in the presence of a few family friends by Bishop Edward C. Andrews, of the Methodist Church.

Bomb Laboratory in School.
 Moscow, By Cable.—The police searched the imperial technical school and discovered the central revolutionary laboratory for manufacturing various explosive powder, regular supplies of which were being shipped to various interior points. The police seized a number of bombs, 600 time fuse appliances, and some forbidden literature and arrested twenty male and female students of the school.

PROMINENT PEOPLE

Secretary Root is said to be the most inaccessible man in Washington. Ferdinand of Bulgaria is the only sovereign in Europe who speaks Yiddish. The oldest member of the Institute of France is M. Rousseau, who is in his ninety-first year. Secretary Taft says that he is anticipating with much pleasure his visit to the Philippines. Abbe Curran, in Paris, has hit upon the scheme of giving a lottery ticket to every person who attends mass, good for a drawing of provisions. The King of Siam is a practical exemplar of nepotism. His one brother and twenty half-brothers fill all the important administrative and executive posts in the government. Nearly all the sovereigns of Europe have essayed painting as an amusement, and King Edward of England and the Kaiser have been more than ordinarily successful with the brush. King Carlos of Portugal, however, is by universal consent the ablest artist among crowned heads. The statue of Parnell, the Irish leader, has arrived at Liverpool from Rome, where it was cast from the model executed by Mr. Augustus St. Gaudens. H. F. R. A., the distinguished Irish-American sculptor, is to be erected in Dublin's principal thoroughfare, O'Connell street—better known as Sackville street. Augustus St. Gaudens, noted sculptor, who died in his home in Cornish, N. H., was born in Dublin, Ireland, March 1, 1848. He was brought to America by his parents when he was only six weeks old, and after a very indifferent education in the primary schools of New York he was apprenticed to a cameo cutter at the age of thirteen.

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