

THE OLD BLUE RIDGE ROUTE.

Prospects for Road Encouraging, Says Norryce.

(Anderson Intelligencer.) There has been very little printed from this office lately concerning the Blue Ridge railroad, and because of this fact, some are beginning to lose hope as to the success of the efforts recently made looking to the completion of this road.

There is absolutely no reason for losing hope and interest in this latest and greatest enterprise launched by the Anderson Chamber of Commerce. Prospects are far better to-day than when the people, a short time ago, were full of enthusiasm. The only thing tangible then was the necessity of the road from our standpoint. There had not been an expression, even from Southern officials. Conditions are now changed. The completion of the Blue Ridge is a necessity from the standpoint of the Southern officials. The earnest facts presented by the delegation from Anderson and other points along the route, have had the effect to put the Southern officials to thinking, and the secretary of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce has been given a tip to the effect that a proposition will most likely soon be made to the people between and including Walthalla and Charleston that if one million dollars (\$1,000,000) be subscribed to bonds the completion of the Blue Ridge road will be begun.

The main facts that are pressing upon the Southern officials the necessity for the completion of this road are something like this:

Coal and coke has formed up to June, 1910, about 33 1-3 per cent of the tonnage haul per annum of the Southern railroad, and these fuel products were obtained in Tennessee. The Southern railroad does not enter any section of the Virginia coal fields. Since 1910 the Norfolk and Western railway has been opened direct from the Virginia coal fields to Charleston, operating over the South-bound from Winston-Salem, N. C., to Wadesboro and over the Atlantic Coast Line from Wadesboro to Charleston. During 1910 the C. C. & O. railway has been completed from Spartanburg through the Tennessee coal fields into Kentucky. These are competing lines with the Southern in the haul of coal and coke and with these advantages: Coal is found in such quantities in Virginia that it is easily mined in abundance, thus giving an unlimited output and unlimited haul. The grades of the Norfolk and Western, south-bound and Atlantic Coast line are one per cent, thus reducing operating expenses to the minimum and enabling an engine to do four times as much hauling as over such heavy grades as are to be found on the Southern around Asheville. The C. C. & O. is well graded and is a direct and shorter haul from the coal fields.

The coal in Tennessee is mined by hand. The Southern is forced to haul it over steep grades to Asheville and still steeper grades south. The operating expenses over this route form the maximum of operating expenses. One engine on the Norfolk and Western will pull four times as many coal cars over its tracks as an engine on the Southern road via Asheville. Besides, the Southern is hampered by the rulings of the interstate commerce commission in the matter of long and short hauls. Absolutely no avenue is left open by which the Southern can meet the competing lines above referred to, and the whole thing narrows down to the fact that the Southern is forced to complete the Blue Ridge in order to maintain its earnings. There is no other course left open to it, and no one is more fully awake to the fact than President Finley. The Blue Ridge must be completed, or the coal fields of Tennessee forever closed to the Southern.

Cotton and all its products form less than 8 per cent of the tonnage haul of the Southern per annum. Grain, grain products and hay form less than 5 per cent; merchandise, less than 9 per cent; manufactures and miscellaneous, less than 8 per cent. So it can be seen at once that coal and coke, forming 33 1-3 per cent of the tonnage annual haul, must be taken care of. The completion of the Blue Ridge gives a direct and short haul and a one per cent grade can be easily established.

The recent letter from President Finley to Gen. M. L. Bonham, a synopsis of which was given in the papers at the time, is very encouraging, from the fact that Mr. Finley has been severely up against labor troubles with his engineers, firemen and brakemen, yet he stops in the midst of it to assure Gen. Bonham, who is the chairman of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce committee on railroads, that demands of our delegation to Washington shall be presented to the board of directors to be held this month, and all matters presented by our delegation have due consideration.

As to the \$1,000,000 proposition

LEXINGTON DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

J. P. Bouknight, White, Killed—Alleged Slayer Missing.

Lexington, June 7.—The body of J. Pink Bouknight, a prominent farmer of the Shady Grove section of the Dutch Fork, who, it is thought, was shot and killed at an early hour yesterday morning while heading a posse of "white caps," by Will Collins, a negro, was laid to rest at Shady Grove church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the presence of a large congregation of friends and relatives. Will Collins, who did the shooting, has either been killed and his body thrown into Broad river, or he has succeeded in making good his escape, according to the most reliable information obtainable from that section to-day.

The first news of the death of Bouknight reached Lexington yesterday morning, when Coroner Clark received a telephone message stating, in effect, that J. P. Bouknight was dead, and requesting officers to come over and hold an inquest. No particulars as to how he came to his death were given, and attaching but little importance to the message on account of the meagreness of the information given, the coroner ordered Magistrate Lorick, of Irmo, who lives not far from the scene, to hold the inquest.

Negro Suspected of Arson.

After making rigid investigation Deputy Sheriff Miller was not able to give any real particulars of the tragedy further than that it was reported that Bouknight had been shot in the stomach with a shotgun while making an effort to enter the home of Will Collins through a window. It seems, however, from what can be gathered from those who will have anything to say, that Will Collins had been accused of burning the barn and stables of Joel Fulmer, a prominent young farmer of the immediate section, and that suspicion as to his guilt was strong.

On Monday night, it is said, a party, variously estimated to number all the way from 25 to 50 armed men, went to the home of Collins and demanded that he come out, and after being repeatedly requested to show himself, and refusing to do so, it was decided to break in the house, and J. P. Bouknight headed the way. When he had gotten into the window, according to the story, he was pushed upon by Collins, whose head struck against the door.

The negro rushed for the window and fell over the body of the man he had slain, and as he lay on the darkness, with nothing but his night clothes to protect his body, he was fired upon by the crowd. The deputy sheriff traced the negro, or a fleeing man at least, for a distance of about three hundred yards to the edge of the woods, where all traces were lost.

Opinion is divided as to the whereabouts of the negro, but the majority believe that he was killed and his body thrown into the river to hide the crime. Others declare that the groans of the dying man so frustrated the party that their attention was diverted from the negro and that he made his escape. One of Collins' children received a wound in the back.

The wife of Collins, it is said, makes the statement that she told her husband to shoot, believing that she, together with her two children, would all be killed. She gathered her two children in her arms and managed to make her escape in the darkness.

By "Parties Unknown." The verdict of the jury of inquest was in effect that the deceased, J. P. Bouknight, came to his death by a gunshot wound in the hands of parties unknown to the jury.

Four Lost Attempting Rescue.

Hattiesburg, Miss., June 8.—Four persons lost their lives to-day in an effort to save the life of a five-year-old girl, who had ventured out too far while wading in Bowie river, two miles north of here. The dead are Mrs. B. C. Tanner, Ernest Tanner, aged 12; Henry Tanner, aged 15, sons of Mrs. Tanner, and Annie Coursey, aged 7. They were members of a Sunday school party.

to be submitted to the people from Walthalla to Charleston, the secretary can only say at present that he has ample reason to believe that this will be the proposition, and it is hoped that when it comes Anderson county will do her part liberally and promptly.

L. E. Norryce, Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

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KILLED WITH KNIFE AND GAG.

North Carolina Woman Found With Cloth Stuffed Down Throat.

Charlotte, N. C., June 8.—A shocking murder and burglary has just been reported from Jamestown, N. C., occurring early this morning. The mutilated body of Mrs. Dr. Hill, of Lexington, N. C., was found in an upstairs room at her mother's home at Jamestown. Mrs. Ragsdale, the mother, on arising, found a bundle of valuables in the dining room, and becoming suspicious, searched the home. Upstairs she found her daughter's body stained in blood and cold in death.

Burglars had tied a stocking about her neck and stuffed cloth down her throat.

Mrs. Hill is a sister of a prominent cotton manufacturer of Jamestown, and is well known. Posses are scouring the woods for the murderers. The house had been ransacked.

Woman Attacked at Barnesville, Ga. Barnesville, Ga., June 8.—Unknown parties are said to have broken into the home of J. M. Sims, a well known traveling man, living on Greenwood street, in one of the best and most thickly settled portions of the city, Tuesday night, about 9 o'clock, and choked Mrs. Sims into unconsciousness, leaving her prostrate on the floor, ransacking furniture and trunks with the evident purpose of finding money. This was the condition which, it is said, Mr. Sims and his children found the home when they returned from an entertainment at Gordon institute at 9.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Sims's condition since has been such that she has been able to give but little information on which to make an intelligent effort to run down the alleged perpetrators of the crime, and considerable mystery surrounds the affair. Mrs. Sims, however, gave a description of a masked white man, and further asserts that he had companions; with him in the house. There has been considerable excitement over the matter.

Says He Has Killed 57 Persons.

St. Petersburg, June 9.—Startling revelations were made to-day by a criminal who murdered an army officer and the officer's wife at Sebastopol. The man was arrested at Tallahassee and says he has in the course of his career killed fifty-seven persons, including Dr. Poiff, a surgeon of Kansas. A doctor's assistant and his wife were accused of his death, and being convicted they are now serving terms of imprisonment.

THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS BIBLE QUESTION CLUB.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON BY REV. DR. LINS COTT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS BIBLE QUESTION CLUB.

The object of the International Press Bible Question Club is to promote, by questions, through the press, thought and investigation on the teaching of Scripture in connection with the International Sunday School Lessons.

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JUNE 18TH, 1911. The Downfall of Samaria. 2 Kings xvii: 1-18.

Golden Text: He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. Prov. xxix: 1.

- (1.) Verses 1-6—Who was the last king that reigned over the kingdom of Israel? (2.) What was the character of Hoshea? (3.) Who did Hoshea succeed as king, and how did he come to the throne? (2 Kings xv: 30.) (4.) What became of Hoshea? (v: 4.) (5.) By whom was Samaria taken and the kingdom of Israel blotted out? (6.) Verses 7-8—What was the real first cause of the blotting out of the kingdom of the ten tribes? (v: 20.) (7.) What were the secondary causes of the overthrow of the ten tribes? (8.) How much has God to do direct with our national prosperity or with our national suffering? (9.) When we suffer from epidemic disease that we can trace to bad sanitation, or to any other cause over which we have no control, why is it either right or wrong to say that God inflicted the suffering? (10.) How much has God to do with the sinking of a ship that was allowed to leave port in an unseaworthy condition? (11.) What were the general habits of "the heathen" that Israel had imitated? (12.) Verses 9-12—What specified sins is Israel here accused of, and what relation did they have to the blotting out of the nation?

MILLIONAIRES NOW NUMBER 4.

Week's Work Brings Another Into the Ranks with Seven Figures.

As we predicted last week, there is another "millionaire" in the C. W. Pitehford Upton Plano Contest this week. The work of vote getting still goes on, and while there is no great prospect for a fifth "millionaire" for the coming week, still there are going to be others before the contest is over. Watch!

The votes cast up to Wednesday, June 7th, are registered as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Contestant No., No. Votes, Contestant No., No. Votes. Lists names and vote counts for various contestants.

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A Toast for All.

A speaker at a meeting of British engineers recently said:

"Gentlemen, I congratulate you upon your work in uniting the remote portions of the British Kingdom and bringing together its diverse peoples—the Englishman who loves his beer and his Bible, the Welshman who prays on his knees on Sunday and on his neighbors the rest of the week, the Scotchman who takes communion and everything else he can lay his hands on, and the Irishman who doesn't know what he wants and won't be satisfied until he gets it."

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CLEMSON COLLEGE MATTERS.

Important Changes in the Laws Governing Scholarships.

(Correspondence Florence Times.) Clemson College, June 8.—At the recent meeting of the Legislature several important changes were made in the laws governing the Clemson scholarships, with a view to securing the fairest possible method of awarding these scholarships.

Among the most important provisions of the new law is that applicants who have been in attendance at Clemson College, or "any other institution of higher learning known as a college or university," are debarred from receiving scholarship appointments if there are any eligible applicants from their respective counties. Such a person is, however, allowed to stand the competitive examination, but, no matter how good an average he may make on it, his application will not be considered unless the number of other applicants making the required grades is not sufficient to take up the scholarships vacant. This is done in order that the applicants who have had the greater opportunities may not have an unfair advantage over a less fortunate, but equally worthy, competitor.

One who has forfeited a scholarship at Clemson College or any other State institution by reason of failing to maintain his class standing is entirely debarred from appointment on the very fair and reasonable suggestion that he is not the "most needy and worthy young man" for which the scholarship is provided; nor is a person eligible who, during the current year has won, or holds, a scholarship at both the Citadel and Clemson, and about the time for Clemson to open decides to go to the Citadel. This would cause a vacancy at Clemson which perhaps could not be properly filled, because of the most worthy, or even all of the other applicants having made other arrangements.

Heretofore some confusion has been created by applications for scholarships having to be filled prior to the examination. It is now provided that no applicant shall be debarred from standing the examination because he has failed to fill out the necessary certificate of formal ability as required by the law, but this certificate must be in the hands of the president of Clemson College before the applicant can be considered eligible for a scholarship, or not later than upon August 1st. The blank certificate can be obtained from the president, or from the county superintendent of education, on the day of examinations.

Hereafter the Clemson faculty, instead of the county superintendent of education, will make the award of the scholarships. If a scholarship vacancy shall occur and the county to which it belongs has no eligible applicant, the Clemson faculty may fill the vacancy by awarding the scholarship to some eligible applicant from another county, or, if the vacancy occurs after the opening of the session, to a student of the college. However, any such appointment shall not last longer than the current session.

The competitive examinations, covering the common school branches of study, will be held by the county superintendent of education at the county seats on the second Friday in July from 9.30 a. m. to 4 p. m.

No entrance examination will be required of students who have satisfactorily completed the second year's work in the high school, or, in other words, the ninth grade, as shown by a certificate. This is a new rule which will prove more convenient to many. This does not, however, apply to the applicants for scholarships.

The equipment of the college is being improved in every way. Prominent among these improvements is the new building with additional apparatus, new barns and improvement of the cadet barracks, all of which will be completed by next September. Provision is being made for 200 additional students, increasing the capacity to 800.

MIND BLANK SINCE 1890.

Lost Memory of Fifteen Years, Now Living in Past.

(Atlanta Journal, 9th.) A man whose mind has been a blank for fifteen years, who is literally living in the past, who cannot be made to realize that this is June, 1911, instead of June, 1896, is the striking phenomenon which Associated Charity workers believe they have in the person of Ralph W. Thompson.

On June 2d a well educated, well dressed man, apparently 60 years of age, suffering from a stroke of paralysis, wandered into the Associated Charity offices in the Goul building. From whence he came or where he was going cannot be learned.

Repeated questions put to the man during the past six days are responsible for the theory that he is living in the past; that in some phenomenal manner the happenings of the past fifteen years have been torn from his brain, leaving his memory of things prior to that intact.

This strange phenomenon is a former newspaper man, according to his own statement, and has worked for the Associated Press, the Savannah Morning News, the Washington Post and other papers. Letters to the Associated Press and to the papers named failed to show that Ralph W. Thompson was ever connected with them. However, this does not shake the faith of the charity workers, who believe that Thompson worked with the publications named, but that he has forgotten the dates or even the approximate dates of the time when he was employed by them.

He stated that he was with the Savannah Morning News just five years ago, and that his daughter then married a prominent Savannah man. The Associated Charities communicated with Savannah and found that the man named by Thompson, who is now deceased, did marry a Miss Thompson some 20 years ago.

He gives the names of many people well known in the newspaper world with whom he says he worked. Investigation developed that all were dead.

He gave the names of two well known business men, one of whom is now the president of a big New York insurance company, as intimate friends. The insurance man is now traveling across the European continent and cannot be located by the charities. Thompson, who acts peculiarly on the point, says that this man will honor any draft which he presents. The other business man named is also in Europe and he cannot be located.

The Associated Charities is very much interested in the peculiar case, and Thompson will remain in their care until they can find out the truth of his case.

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Raise for Postmasters.

The salaries of upwards of a thousand postmasters in offices in every State and Territory will be increased on July 1 next, as the result of the annual adjustment of compensation announced last week by the United States post office department.

The increases are mostly \$100 a year, a few running to \$300, while in occasional cases reductions are made because of diminished business. The adjustment is based on the gross receipts of the offices.

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