

SOUTHERN PORTS

SHOULD HAVE DIRECT AND ESTABLISHED LINES

With South American and Mexican Ports—President Finley Sets Forth the Advantage and Importance.

Mr. W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway, addresses the following letter to The Times and Democrat on the subject of the importance of direct steamship lines from South Atlantic ports to South America:

Editor, Times and Democrat, Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Sir: Referring to my letter of December 14, 1909, to editors of Southern newspapers, on the interest of the South in the expansion of our export trade with the Latin-American countries, I take the liberty of addressing you on the great importance of direct and regular steamship communication between the South Atlantic and Gulf ports and those countries.

It is obvious, of course, that if the products of the Southern States are to be sold in Mexico, Central and South America, and the West India Islands, they must be carried to those countries. Mexico is the only one with which we have rail communication, and to a great part of that country, especially from our territory south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi, traffic can be moved efficiently by water as well as by rail. There are direct and regular lines from some of the South Atlantic and Gulf ports to some of the Mexican, Central American, and West India ports. There are no such lines to any South American port. New York is the only port on our Atlantic coast from which there are regular steamship sailings to ports south of Venezuela. There are four regular steamers per month from New York to Brazil; seven to the River Plata, and three or four to the West coast, making a total of seventeen or eighteen. From European ports there are fourteen to Brazil; eighteen to the River Plata, and three to the West coast, or a total of thirty-five. The inferiority of the service from the United States is even greater than is indicated by the comparative number of sailings, as the steamers from European ports are generally faster and have superior passenger accommodations.

From our South Atlantic and Gulf ports there is occasional communication by tramp steamers with ports south of Venezuela, but as a rule such of the products of the Southern States as find their way into the markets of South America are sent through Northern ports. In fact, a considerable proportion of the exports from the United States to the east coast of South America, south of Para, Brazil, go from New York across the Atlantic to Europe, and across the Atlantic again to South America.

For instance, in a report on trade conditions in Brazil, by Special Agent Lincoln Hutchinson, published by the Bureau of Manufacturers, it is stated that at least fifty per cent of the American hams sold in Brazil are shipped by way of England, and considerable proportions of other kinds of traffic move by the same route. It is sometimes argued that, if our merchants and manufacturers would devote sufficient attention to cultivating Latin-American trade, and would develop a sufficient volume of traffic, there would be no difficulty about securing adequate transportation facilities. To a certain extent this is true. There are large numbers of so-called tramp steamers constantly looking for traffic wherever it is to be found, and any shipper in any American port, who had a full cargo for South America, would doubtless have little difficulty in finding a ship to carry it. The difficulty is that our merchants and manufacturers, in their efforts to build up trade with the Latin-American countries, come into competition with European rivals who are generally served by regular lines of steamers receiving aid, either in the form of subsidies or of liberal payment for carrying the mails, from the countries whose flags they fly. Vessels from these countries sail on regular schedules. The South American merchant ordering goods in Liverpool or Hamburg by mail knows when his order will be received, and just when he may expect it to arrive. If he sent his order to the United States, unless it was from one of the comparatively few points having regular sailings, he could have no idea when it would be received by the American shipper or when the goods would be shipped. Therefore, while it is true that, after traffic has once been developed, there would probably be no difficulty in obtaining all the ships needed to carry it, the difficulty of building up such a trade is greatly increased by lack of direct and regular steamers carrying the mails and passengers as well as freight. In the report on trade conditions in Brazil, above referred to, Mr. Hutchinson tells of instances in which it took twice as long to get mail orders from the United States as from Europe, and says: "In a very large part of our Brazil trade the mails are an important factor, and there can be no doubt that many orders which might otherwise go to our manufacturers, go to Europe instead." In a similar report on trade conditions in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay, Mr. Hutchinson says: "There are some direct mails to the River Plata, but they are carried on slow freighters and the service in general is greatly inferior to that from Europe, both

MAYOR'S COURT.

Were Kept Quite Busy on Monday Morning.

There were no cases tried at the Mayor's Court on Saturday morning but on Monday there was the usual crop. The first guest was Bill Hampton, who was charged with being helplessly drunk. Bill was so drunk that he had to be taken off the train at the Atlantic Coast Line depot. However, Bill gave the mayor and the court a nice distinction between being asleep and drunk—he was asleep. If he was asleep he found out that the public hotel rates for the night was \$5 or twelve days.

John Govan, who plead guilty to the charge of being helplessly drunk, received a hand out of \$2 or five days.

Sarah Marshall, who, by the way, seems to be something of a bear in her neighborhood, is always having trouble with her neighbors. They had her up, charging her with disorderly conduct. The whole thing seemed to be some row over a note which could never be located by the mayor. This case was dismissed.

Phillip Sims was charged with being drunk and violating the hack ordinance. He plead not guilty, but after hearing the testimony the mayor thought otherwise, and Phillip was required to deposit \$2.

Henry Dickson, charged with disorderly conduct and keeping the neighbors awake, plead not guilty and after a good warning the case was dismissed.

W. N. Hunt was up again, charged with being helplessly drunk; he plead not guilty, but was requested to leave the city and until he does so, will be kept in durance vile.

BANK OF ELLOREE.

Report for the Past Year Makes Fine Showing.

The stockholders of the Bank of Elloree held their annual meeting Friday afternoon. Mr. D. W. Haigler, of Cameron, was nominated chairman of the meeting, and Mr. W. M. Fair, secretary.

President Robert Lide submitted his annual report of the condition of the bank to the stockholders. President Lide's report, as compared with same date last year, showed an increase in net earnings of 50 per cent and an increase in deposits of 60 per cent and the bank had extended the usual accommodations to its customers, with no bills payable on hand to date.

The stockholders rendered their thanks to the officers and directors for the creditable showing made.

The following old directors were re-elected for the ensuing year: Robert Lide, W. F. Stack, A. A. Dantzer, E. F. Irick, J. D. Shuler, P. L. Felder and J. S. Weeks. The directors met after the stockholders' meeting and elected the following officers: President, Robert Lide; vice president, W. F. Stack; cashier, W. M. Fair.

Mr. P. P. Hunzicker was elected assistant cashier, succeeding Mr. C. B. Dantzer, who has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Bank of Orangeburg.

Revival Services.

Revival services were begun in St. Paul's Methodist church on Sunday morning and will continue through this week. Rev. L. P. McGee, the pastor, will be assisted by Rev. Liles, of Texas, who will do the preaching. Mr. Liles is a good speaker and an earnest, forceful preacher. Services will be held at five o'clock in the afternoon and at half past eight o'clock at night. All are invited to attend all the services.

in dispatch and in frequency. Constant annoyance and delay results, and merchants who have no direct American ties will, other things being equal, place orders in Europe rather than in the United States."

There are differences of opinion as to the methods which should be adopted for the improvement of our steamship communication with the Latin-American countries. I think we can all agree, however, that if we are to realize the full benefits of our geographical relation to those markets and of the demand which exists in them for goods which we produce, something practical must be done to secure the establishment of regular steamship lines. Whatever policies may be adopted to this end, it is so manifestly to the interest of our section that all Southern products shipped to those countries should go through Southern ports, that not only those engaged in business at those ports, but the Southern people generally, should work together in some practical way to secure direct lines from the South Atlantic and Gulf ports. Those ports have the great advantage of shorter distances, especially to all points in Mexico, Central America, the West Indies, the northern coast of South America, and points on the West coast reached by way of the Tehuantepec and Panama Railways. This advantage with respect to the West coast ports will be greatly increased on the completion of the Panama Canal, and it is important that the people of our section should be prepared to make the most effective use of that waterway.

This is a matter which concerns all the people of the South so vitally that I believe all those interested in Southern development should work together in an effort to bring about an improvement in our steamship service to all the Latin-American countries.

W. W. FINLEY, President.

MEET THIS WEEK

SUPERINTENDENTS TO HOLD A CONFERENCE.

Number of Important Subjects to be Considered—A Campaign in August.

The county superintendents of education of South Carolina will meet in Spartanburg on Wednesday for a conference with State Superintendent of Education Swearingen. The conference will be held at Wofford college. Several days ago Mr. Swearingen addressed a letter to all of the superintendents calling for the meeting and since that time he has received a letter from almost every one accepting the invitation. No official program has been prepared but several subjects of vital importance will be discussed.

The following are the subjects to be taken up for discussion: Supplies, blanks, reports, etc. State aided high schools for the year.

Lengthening the term of our weak rural schools. A balance of \$13,000 is still available for this purpose and hundreds of districts need to take advantage of this fund.

Prizes to be awarded by the Rural School Improvement association.

The new library list adopted by the State board of education May 1.

Plans for the educational campaign in August.

Benefits of summer school work.

All of the subjects are live as will be noted and their intelligent discussion will no doubt be productive of much good to the schools of the State.

Great interest is being shown in all sections of the State over the educational campaign which will be held during the month of August. The county superintendents will have charge of the meetings to be held in the different counties and the discussion of this subject at the conference in Spartanburg will no doubt be of great benefit.

About 50 of the most prominent men in South Carolina have consented to be present at the meetings and make addresses. The superintendents are to furnish three local speakers at the meetings.

Full plans for the campaign will be announced in a few days by Mr. Swearingen.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

Given by Miss Maud Riley in the Advance Section.

Thursday evening at her country home, Miss Maud Riley in an "at home" party entertained some friends complimentary to Miss Julia Cope, of Cope. The guests were received in the large and tastily arranged parlor by Miss Riley and pleased shortly thereafter for a while with instrumental and vocal numbers by Miss Fike and Misses Sturkie.

The interesting feature of the evening's entertainment was a lively 20-minute contest in word building. Miss Tarrant, the successful contestant, was awarded the prize, a box of choice candy, which was presented in a few appropriate words by Mr. D. S. Murph. After a delicious course supper served in the dining room the guests returned to the parlor and engaged in games until the parting hour, all having agreed that Miss Riley showed herself an agreeable hostess.

Those present were: Miss Mattie Tarrant of Springfield, Miss Julia Cope of Cope, Miss Bessie Reed of Denmark, Miss Mary Fike of Spartanburg, Messrs. D. S. Murph, Clifton Redmond, Norman Robinson, Willie Johnson, Henry D. Livingston, Dr. and Mrs. Sturkie.

Store Robbed at Elloree.

At Elloree on Thursday night the general merchandise store of The Stack Company was broken into by robbers and a number of articles stolen therefrom. The burglar or burglars gained entrance by breaking one of the large glass windows on the side of the store, making a space just large enough to get in the store and, judging from the blood stains on the glass and the articles touched, must have been badly cut in his operations with the glass. The cash drawer was rifled and a few dollars in silver taken. Several pairs of shoes, and some dress wear were taken. It is possible that a number of other articles were stolen, but owing to the large stock carried, it could not be detected. A reward of \$25 has been offered by the town authorities for the apprehension and conviction of the robber or robbers.

Seed Oats Wanted.

The Columbia State says a large grain jobbing company outside of the State has written Commissioner Watson saying that they wish to buy a large quantity of South Carolina seed oats. For several years the growing of grain crops has been advocated by Commissioner Watson and this emphasizes the need for diversification. If any of our readers have seed oats for sale they might find a purchaser by writing to Commissioner Watson at Columbia.

New Dog Law.

The City Council at its meeting Friday night suspended indefinitely, the operation of the ordinance requiring dogs running at large to be muzzled. An ordinance which will not be effective until April 1, 1910, was adopted requiring the payment of a tax of \$2 for each dog, and further an official insignia evidencing the payment of the tax or suffer the extreme penalty of the law—death.

COTTON REPORT.

Good prices are being offered for cotton in Orangeburg. Monday the local cotton buyers had the price slated at twelve and a quarter cents per pound.

New York Futures.

	High.	Low.
January	12.52	12.71-72
July	12.45	12.60
August	12.38	12.62
October	12.54	12.71-72
December	12.58	12.74-75

BOWMAN NEWS.

Local Items Gathered by Our Hustling Correspondent.

Bowman, July 12.—Special: Col. R. L. Shuler, one of Bowman's pioneer merchants, died at Branchville on Friday last about noon and was buried at Shiloh church some few miles above here on yesterday in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. Col. Shuler, on account of ill health, sold out his property here and moved to Branchville some few months ago, at which place he and Mrs. Shuler were living up to the time of his death. He did a thriving business in cross-ties here for a number of years. On account of bad health he was forced to retire from the mercantile and timber business entirely. He was a veteran of the Confederate war, serving faithfully to the end, and was a member of Capt. Lagares company of heavy artillery, stationed on James Island. Col. Shuler was born and raised on his father's old homestead in Providence township near the 60-mile post on the State road leading from Columbia to Charleston.

He leaves a wife, Mrs. Nancy Shuler, to whom he had been married about 40 years. Of the large family of brothers and sisters, only one of the latter, Mrs. Mary Martin, survive him. He was 65 years old.

It seems that Bowman is determined to hold its record as the championship town of South Carolina as to marriages, considering its size and population, and then, so many of them surprises. Mr. Frank Ott left here yesterday afternoon for Orangeburg, only two or three of his intimate friends knowing his intention when he left town, but Cupid always leads the way triumphantly and there was no exception in this case, for by appointment he met Miss Birdie Carn, who came down from Columbia and the two happy hearts were soon melted into one. Rev. Mr. McGee, of the Methodist church performed the ceremony, after which the couple left for Bowman, arriving here late yesterday evening. Miss Carn is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Carn of Bowman and had a position in Columbia, and Mr. Frank Ott is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ott of Bowman.

Mr. James Arant, of the Providence section, was in Bowman for a short while Saturday. This was Mr. Arant's first visit to this town in 18 years. Says it exceeds his expectations.

"DUNDEE."

STOCKING PARTY

Given by Mrs. J. L. Reeves at North Last Week.

Monday evening of last week Mrs. J. L. Reeves gave at North in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Baptist church a novel entertainment in a "stocking party." A little sock accompanied each invitation card, a piece of poetry, explaining that the receiver in order to be admitted must pay double as many cents as the number of sock or stocking worn.

The socks containing the admission fee were collected at the door by Mrs. J. B. Plunkett and the guests were admitted to the halls and parlor, richly decorated in red, white and blue and luxurious ferns and potted plants. Appropriate musical selections were rendered by 11 girls individually, between which refreshments were served free.

Mrs. Reeves was assisted in the decorations by Mrs. J. D. Dougherty, Mrs. W. L. Whetstone, Mrs. J. A. Livingston. More than 100 people attended and \$22.40 was realized. The undertaking was an entire success and Mrs. Reeves is complimented on her efforts.

Married at Elloree.

Mr. J. S. Uimer and Miss Adelle Dantzer, youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. J. D. Dantzer, were happily married at the Elloree Methodist church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the Rev. A. S. Leslie officiating. The marriage was a very beautiful one, the church being tastefully decorated for the occasion, and there was a large assemblage of the friends of the contracting parties present. Directly after the ceremony the bridal party and friends repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where a bountiful supper was served. The couple were the recipient of a number of handsome presents. The happy couple have the congratulations and best wishes of all.

Cordova vs. Pine Hill.

About three hundred people witnessed a pretty game of ball at the town of Bolen Saturday between the Cordova team and a mixed aggregation from Limestone, Neeses and Pine Hill. The features of the game were Holman's catch of a long fly in center and Whetsell's pitching for Cordova. Batteries—Cordova, Whetsell and Tatum; Pine Hill, Bonnett and Boyleston. Neese and Bonnett. Score, 4 to 5 in favor of Cordova. Umpire, F. Neese.

A Card.

Cope, July 12.—Editor Times and Democrat: An error in the name of the place of the meeting of the Sunday School convention was made in your paper. The convention meets at Canaan and not Cameron as was published in your paper of last Thursday a week ago.

Too Much Rain.

Advice from Elloree says considerable delay in farming operations has been caused in that section by continued rains of the past six weeks, and the farmers in the immediate vicinity are discouraged over the present outlook. The crops under these conditions, however, are holding up as well as could be expected, and with good seasons from now on a fair yield is expected.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Anyway, if a man is in debt he proves that he once had credit. Men distrust men too much in general and not enough in particular. The dentist does a wide-open business. Have your carpets been massaged yet? Sometimes it's a good thing if it turns out bad. An optimist takes a day off when he has the toothache. The man in the moon looks like a high ball when he's full. A peach of a girl ought to become a well-preserved woman. He's a poor musician who is unable to play upon your feelings.

Stricken in England.

Mr. A. Bennett, who went on a visit to his old home in England about four weeks ago, was stricken over there with paralysis one day last week, and is now extremely ill. This will be sad news to the many friends of the old gentleman over here, and the wish is universal that he may be soon restored to complete health.

TO THE POLE

LIEUT. SHACKLETON INTENDS TO MAKE ANOTHER TRIP.

Hardy Explorer is Now the Lion of European Capitals—Predicts Record for Lieut. Peary.

Lieut. Ernest Shackleton, the intrepid Antarctic explorer, who planted the British flag within a few miles of the South pole, is now the popular lion in the capitals of Europe. At present he is in London, where he is being dined and wined every day in the week. Lieut. Shackleton, at a dinner given in his honor this past week, made the chief subject of his discourse the trip to the North pole of Lieut. Robert E. Peary. The English explorer is of the opinion that Lieut. Peary will make a great, new record in Arctic exploration. He said Lieut. Peary will doubtless advance the Stars and Stripes much farther North than any previous trip.

Lieut. Shackleton, who has the Antarctic record for nearness to the South pole, went to within 178 kilometers of the goal, which is within about 70 miles. He hopes to make another trip to the Antarctic ocean within a few years, and, with the innovation in methods of traveling over the ice he will then introduce, he hopes to reach the pole. The lieutenant and his hardy assistants had many narrow escapes from death on their hazardous journey.

LARGE STILL DESTROYED.

Successful Raid by Revenue Officers in Greenville.

A dispatch from Greenville says illicit whiskey makers are flourishing in Greenville county, despite the many raids which have been made lately on them by county officials. Two or three are destroyed at every raid, but that many more are found on the next raid in the same section. Deputy Collector Scruggs, Officers Goldsmith, Colley and Special Officer Corn, went to the northern part of Greenville early Wednesday and destroyed one large still near Devil Folk, in the Dark Corner. This still had fourteen fermenters, a 200-gallon boiler and the capacity of the still was 175 gallons. Three thousand gallons of beer were poured on the ground by the raiding officers. Between Cleveland and Riverview, near the foot of the mountains, a double still was destroyed. One boiler supplied two stills. Each still had a capacity of 150 gallons. There were eight fermenters to each still. Each still had a capacity of fifty gallons. Officers caught no one while making the raids, but quite a good deal of property was destroyed. Every week a large number of these "mountain dew" plants are found and made away with, but they spring up in another part of the mountain, and the business is flourishing now possibly more than it has within the last few years.

Mr. Curtis Carter Dead.

Mr. Curtis M. Carter departed this life Saturday at 12 o'clock noon, at his late residence on Windsor street. The deceased moved here from Jamison about four years ago. He died from a stroke of paralysis, which came upon him suddenly, and he died in about twelve hours after being taken a widowed mother, a wife, a little daughter, four brothers and two sisters survive him. Death claimed Mr. Carter just in the prime of life—29 years 8 months and 19 days. He was a good, honorable man. A loving, affectionate husband and father and a man who loved his neighbors. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Thatcher at Mt. Prospect Methodist Church, Jamison, S. C. and his remains amidst the shaded trees where he had spent so many happy hours in his boyhood days.

A Friend who Knew Him.

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"I understand that you called on the plaintiff, Mr. Barnes. Is that so?" questioned Lawyer Fuller, now chief justice, says Success.

"Yes," answered the witness.

"What did he say?" next demanded Fuller.

The attorney for the defense jumped up to his feet and objected that the conversation could not be admitted in the evidence. A half hour's argument followed and the judges retired to their private room to consider the point.

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COTTON GOODS ADVANCING.

Markets for Cloth and Yarns Show Upward Tendency.

The cotton goods and cotton yarn markets were considerably unsettled during the past week by the necessity for readjusting prices near to the high levels of cost caused by the rise in cotton. Buyers have begun to pay the advances named thus far, which have been about half the amount that will be required if a 12 cent basis on cotton is to rule for the early fall months.

Tickings, demins and other colored cottons were advanced sharply. Drills and sheetings were advanced 1-8 cent to 1-4 cent a yard, and will go higher, in the opinion of the trade in New York. Bleached cottons have been advanced 1-2 cent on the medium counts and 1-2 cent a yard on the fine counts. Wide sheetings were advanced 1 cent a yard to a basis of 25 cents for 10-4 goods.

All these advances named are but indications of the general rise which has taken place. Distributors are now notifying their trade of the advances made in the primary markets. Good crop reports have done much to stimulate interest in general buying, while cotton has been rising.

Cotton yarns have been advanced sharply since the cotton rise and there has been a broader inquiry. Trading has been limited somewhat by the unwillingness of mills to tie up machinery at this time for the late months until they can learn more about future cotton prices.

DEATH TO HIP SING.

Five Chinamen Sentenced to Death in Boston, Mass.

Five Chinamen were sentenced to death in the Superior Criminal court, sitting in Boston, Mass., this week. They were accused of shooting up Chinatown in August, 1907. All the convicted men are members of the Hip Sing Tong and their victims were members of the On Leong Tong. Boston's Chinatown expects more trouble, as bad Chinamen are known to be in the vicinity.

Then Chinamen originally were brought into court for trial on the case. One of them, Yee Wat, died while awaiting trial. The late District Attorney John B. Moran, non-prosecuted the case of one, Yee Jung, and Wong How, Dong Bock Ling and Wong Dock were granted new trials.

Min Sing, Joe Gey, Hom Woon, Leong Gong and Warry Charles, received the death sentence, being the largest group that was ever condemned to death in Boston at one time. Two of the group protested innocence of any part in the shooting which resulted in the killing of four men. The others accepted sentences without moving a muscle.

Died at Branchville.

Col. R. L. Shuler, of Branchville, formerly of Bowman, S. C., died Friday afternoon at 12 o'clock, at the residence of his niece, Mrs. W. V. Witherspoon, where he had resided for the last four months, since his health began to fail. He was 65 years old.

Col. Shuler served during the entire late war between the States and was stationed on James Island, under Capt. Legare, in the heavy artillery corps.

He was born and raised in the Four Holes section in Orangeburg county, near Providence church. He left no children. His wife and one sister survive him. He was buried at Shiloh church, near Bowman, S. C., Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Forty years ago he married Miss Barbara Fair.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

PICKED UP ALL ABOUT BY OUR REPORTERS.

What is Happening in the Country as Well as in the Cities and Towns.

Mrs. B. H. Moss and children have gone on a visit to Hendersonville.

Rev. G. E. Davis, pastor of the Baptist church, is still very sick.

Mrs. Sims Sellers is home again from a very pleasant visit to Charleston.

Prof. N. T. Salley, of Greenwood,