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### A PROFITABLE TRADE?

The Western North Carolina Railroad is 188 miles from Salisbury to Paint Rock. If the first mortgage bonds at the rate of \$15,000 per mile were put on, as offered by the Best proposition, they would amount at par to \$2,755,000. Deduct the present mortgage due the state, as per the Best proposition, and there is left \$1,855,000. Deduct from this the probable cost of completing the road from Asheville to Paint Rock, \$675,000, and there is left \$1,220,000 bonds. This at \$15,000 per mile, would build 81 miles of the Ducktown road or to within about 49 miles of Murphy. At \$15,000 per mile for 49 miles, \$735,000, it would leave the state owning the road 513 miles, with \$4,695,000 bonds on hand, and \$1,215,000 surplus bonds on hand.

This is what Lest & Co. are going to make, saying nothing about the surplus earnings of the line between Salisbury and Paint Rock. Can the state afford to sell out this valuable piece of property on the terms offered? Let tax payers and business men think before acting.

But the Governor says that the line from Asheville to Paint Rock, completed, is reasonably estimated to be worth \$3,000,000.

### THE EXTRA SESSION

Gov. Jarvis has, in addition to his Proclamation calling together the General Assembly, on the 15th of March, addressed to the people an elaborate defence of his course in the matter, giving detailed reasons for his action. We are free to say that it is not plain why this subject compels the extra session. The next session comes in January next. Why cannot the matter lie till then? Nor do we believe the people of the state are in impatient haste to make up their minds exactly what to do.

The normal attitude of this great enterprise is this:—the road is completed to Asheville and the expensive tunnels all cut; that the 45 miles from Asheville to Paint Rock is three quarters graded; that the state has already built excepting 45 miles, the most difficult 183 miles, from Salisbury to the Paint Rock, has climbed the craggy Swannanoa, has bored through the tunnels and is now ready to descend to the easy accomplishment of the great line which will open into the Mississippi valley and the northwest. How does it happen that just now, right at the approaching fruition of these great labors, the state is in a hurry to get rid of what they have invested, and give it over to a private party, for \$350,000 in first mortgage bonds, payable after the completion to Ducktown?

Why cannot the state put on these \$15,000 per mile of first mortgage bonds, build the road to Paint Rock, and use the balance of the \$2,745,000 to build the road towards Ducktown, as well as those gentlemen whom Mr. Best represents? Is the state of North Carolina and every body in it to acknowledge their incapacity to complete this great through line, which most certainly take its share of transmontane travel and traffic? It certainly ought to be completed for less than \$15,000 per mile from Asheville to Paint Rock, a distance of 45 miles. Why is it, that right now, this sale of that which is a valuable property must be hurried up at an expense of \$30,000 or \$40,000 to the people, for the assembling of the legislature.

Among the reasons which the Governor gives for this haste is the heavy annual tax of \$188,000 which he says is 12 cents upon each \$100 of property in the state. But this New York syndicate certainly is not going to do this. They will borrow the money on bonds. Why can't the state do it as well? Is not our very excellent Public Treasurer, Mr. Worth, backed by the state, worth as much as Best & Co. in financial markets? The Governor flings in as objections, such things as the completion of the Western Asylum for the Insane, the right of the people to keep up their school system, the right to have their own way, the right to give their property up to private capitalists, throws a sop to

the cerberus of the west, and as much as tells them that this is their last chance to sell.

This whole dilemma is not of our getting up. It is one of those elegant enticements of democratic financiering entered into since they held the legislature. It may be that Gov. Jarvis thinks it is a heavy load to carry in the coming canvass. But at least, any proposition which may be made ought to be submitted to the people, so that they may have a chance to say what they think about it. This will give us another box at the voting in November, and in the mean time this cat-in-the-meal may show itself in its true character.

### SECRETARY SHERMAN'S CLEVER CAL BOOM.

An article recently appeared in the Illinois State Zeitung, entitled "A Clerical Boom." Divested of all verbiage this article states four propositions.

1st. That Secretary Sherman is a candidate for the Presidency.

2d. That Bishop Hood of North Carolina, one of the most influential negro clergymen in the south, has come out strongly in John Sherman's support, giving as his reason that "he promises to divide offices equally among the white and colored Republicans. He has always been true to our cause."

3d. That there was considerable dissatisfaction among the negroes in North Carolina, that Sherman's cause was so successful in that state and that he was likely to carry most of the southern delegations.

4th. That "with the exception of the Irishman, there is no more persistent office seeker than the negro."

Analysis often does away with the force of words however plausible, and after stating the basis of this unjust and libelous article, it can be only necessary to observe, in answer to the first charge, "that Secretary Sherman desires to be President," that the same remark applies equally to all the other candidates in the field, and that on general principles it is not an unworthy ambition for one that every patriotic American might not aspire to.

In reply to the statement that the leading negro Bishop of the south, who has done so much for the elevation of his race, a Christian gentleman and scholar, wholly out of politics, who believes that Secretary Sherman will treat the whites and blacks alike, because he has always been true to the cause of equal rights, free speech and honesty, the leading tenets of the Republican party. This is also a charge to which the Secretary can well afford to plead guilty, backed as he is by his long public career, during which he has shown by his works that he is a true and tried Republican, always in the heat of the conflict and in the forefront of the battle. It is no news that he was a Republican captain and leader in the fight for free speech and free soil, that he stood shoulder to shoulder with the noble band who so long fought against fearful odds for universal liberty in the land, and the equality of all before the law.

This eminently, unselfish and hostile attack upon him by the Illinois State Zeitung, simply proves to his friends by the words of his enemies, that with him for President the whole influence and power of the Executive office would be wielded to enforce the law, and to maintain the liberty and rights of all men, white or black, throughout the length and breadth of the land.

In answer to the 3rd charge, that the negroes are dissatisfied, because government officials interfered in the selection of delegates, is a statement easily made, but the writer of this article fails to furnish even evidence, going to show that the case is as he states it, and the general tenor of unfairness in his article, would naturally oblige him to produce proof, if he desired his statements to be credited by fair minded citizens. All that this assertion amounts to, is that the opponents of John Sherman, who have been aggressively at work, and constantly proclaiming the strength of their candidate in the south, discover when the delegates are elected that there is a strong feeling among the southern Republicans, that prosperity is dependent upon peaceful business and not upon partisan strife. They know that Secretary Sherman's policy brought out of panic and business stagnation, the present prosperous times, which bids fair to put the south on such a basis of prosperity as she has never seen in her palmy days. And his statesmanship long ago relegated the "bloody shirt" to the rear, and brought forward the great industrial development of the country as the future issue of the party, to secure which, his bold and honest financial policy has aimed. That Democratic ascendancy in the next Presidential election would make it absolutely uncertain as to

what the financial policy of the country will be, is evident from their refusal to discuss that topic in the present Congress, as they are well aware that they are almost equally divided as to the question of hard and soft money.

That the continuance of a Republican administration would insure a candid and honest policy is, undoubtedly true, but that that policy would be the same, that it would be the necessary sequence and continuance of Secretary Sherman's grand financial management is by no means sure. The only sure method of continuing the present business success of the nation, is by electing the present Secretary of the Treasury for the next four years. We could and would continue the firm, honest policy which he inaugurated and brought to a successful completion, and if permitted, by having control of the next administration, he could substantially carry the nation beyond all positions, by falling back to the irregular and unprosperous method which preceded his management of the Treasury. But we will discuss this unworthy attack upon a great public servant of the people, who has labored so long and so efficiently in their interests, by observing with a great American humorist, that this article, like the playful wasp has its sting in the tail, where it is observed, "that with the exception of the Irishman, the negro is the most persistent office seeker." This remark would seem to prove, at least should, to the one who wrote it, that whichever way the negro went, whether he believed Grant would re-establish armies in the south, or Blaine promise him offices, or he had hopes to receive them from Sherman, in any case, which ever way he went it was wholly from selfish motives; as on his own reasoning it is not very important how, why or where he lands so far as he remains in the Republican party. It does seem, however, rather unbecoming in a German paper to manifest such race vindications against the Irish and the negro—particularly when the German sentiment for universal brotherhood and freedom has been so strong in the land of liberty. But it is all a part and parcel of what is evidently an inspired attempt, perhaps by some disappointed officeholders, perhaps by those who have been refused in their claims against the government, perhaps by those who have a desire that some other Republican should be the nominee of the Chicago Convention; whoever it is and for whatever reason, the writer may be assured that of this, that Secretary Sherman is the candidate of the business men of this country for the next Presidential election—that he is very likely to receive an almost solid southern delegation, that he will be the favorite son of Ohio, that he will have generous support in the northwest, that he will divide Pennsylvania and New York after Gen. Grant's name is withdrawn, either in or before the convention and that in New England he will receive four-fifths of their entire vote—and what is more certain than all this, if nominated he will be elected, which cannot be said so surely of any other candidate, because Gen. Grant, justly or unjustly will be opposed by a sentiment against a "third term" which was recognized by Congress and the various states in convention not many years ago—and in Mr. Blaine's case there can be no question that he would be immediately put upon the defensive, which fact, aside from any unjustness which might be involved in it, is an important element to be considered by the Republican party which in the last Presidential election was outvoted by several hundred thousand of the popular vote. Truly it will not be unwise for all Republicans to remember, in the present strife of the friends of the various candidates for the nomination of the party, that there is a possibility of any one of them being nominated and that it is as unwise as it is unjust, to make unfounded charges against men whose standing has always been a credit to the party, and whose services to the nation have long since been recognized as entitling them to the gratitude of the American people.

### CITY ITEMS.

Chew Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco.

**\$20 IN GOLD.**

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The residence of Mr. Robt. Orrell, on the corner of 3rd and Red Cross streets, was entered by thieves on Thursday night. They were run off.

A dangerous and disgusting habit of rocking houses, tearing down fences, &c., has been indulged in of late under the cover of night. The Mayor has offered a reward for the apprehension of the villains.

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The Wilmington Market Company will formally turn over to the city, on Monday, the New Market building.

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The Howard Relief Fire Company, celebrated their 24th anniversary on Wednesday last by a parade and engine practice.

The schooner A. F. Randolph, which was ashore on the "Fingers," and abandoned, and which was subsequently sold at auction and purchased by Messrs. Sol. Bear & Bro., has been successfully gotten off and brought to this city. She is now on the floating dock.

The Post is only one dollar a year—the cheapest paper in the South. All can afford to take it and pay for it. Notwithstanding the high price of paper and other material, we have not increased the subscription price of the Post; but those who take it must pay or their names will get a scratching.

ALL ABOUT YELLOW TOBACCO.—W. A. Davis, editor of the Oxford, (N. C.) Torchlight, has just published a handsome little book containing the experience of fifty of the most successful yellow tobacco farmers in Granville county, N. C. If you want to learn all about tobacco from the plant bed to the sales room floor, you should enclose 25 cents in postage stamps to W. A. Davis, Publisher, Oxford, N. C., and receive his book, post-paid. The tobacco grown in his county (Granville) has a greater reputation than that of any other county in the United States. Feb 29 31.

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Mr. Cassidy's many friends in Wilmington will be glad to hear of his success in life.

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After the ceremony was performed, the happy couple, accompanied by their waiters and numerous other friends, repaired to the residence of the Rev. Garland H. White, where a most excellent supper had been prepared for the occasion, which was highly enjoyed by all present. We extend to Mr. Davis and his lovely bride, our best wishes for a long life of unalloyed happiness. W. B. WHITEHEAD.

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The Rev. W. J. Hull, of the Topsail Circuit M. E. Church, South, will preach this morning, at 11 o'clock, at Oak Hill, on Myrtle Grove Sound, and on this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Bethany church.

HANDSOME GIFT.—The fire department of this city, is not wholly unappreciated, and it should be a source of congratulation that their efforts have been so much appreciated of late. In this connection the following correspondence speaks for itself:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 19, 1880.

Col. Roger Moore, Chief of the Fire Department:

SIR—Enclosed you will find a check for one hundred dollars, which please distribute among the fire companies, as you may deem proper, for services rendered at the late fire.

I am, however, under special obligations to the Cape Fear company.

I have the honor to be, Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant, S. H. MANNING.

Office of Chief Engineer Fire Department, City of Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 24, 1880.

Gen. S. H. Manning:

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 19th inst., with inclosure of one hundred dollars, I have received; and in accordance with the request contained therein, that I should distribute it, as I may deem proper, among the fire companies, for services rendered at the late fire, and noting that you feel under special obligations to the Cape Fear company, I have divided the amount among the companies that were present at the fire in the following manner, which I hope may meet your approval:

Cape Fear company, \$25; Little Giant company, \$20; Adrian company, \$20; Hook & Ladder company, \$17 50; Steadman Bucket company, \$17 50.

Thanking you for myself, and the brave men composing the different companies, for this handsome acknowledgment of the services rendered by them on that occasion, and assuring you that your recognition of their services is fully appreciated.

I am, yours truly, ROGER MOORE, Chief Engineer.

Dr. W. W. Harris, who was formerly in the practice of medicine in this city, has returned to his old profession, as will be seen by a card in another column. His practice will be as it was, Homoeopathic, in which he had great skill and success.

CORRECTED NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 5, of 1880.—UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FLORIDA—RANGE LIGHTS FOR CROSSING THE BAR AT ENTRANCE TO FERNANDINA HARBOR, FLORIDA.—Notice is hereby given that, on and after March 15, 1880, the lights known as Amelia Island Range Beacons will be changed, and a new range established for crossing the bar in the best water at the entrance to Fernandina Harbor, Florida.

The new lights will be catoptric, fixed red, and will be shown from skeleton frame towers pyramidal in form; the front one white, the rear one white and black.

For entering the harbor, keep the lights in range until the Amelia Island main light bears S. S. West. The bar is then crossed, and the vessel may be hauled up toward the entrance to Cumberland Sound.

The approximate positions of the light-house, as taken from the Coast Survey Charts, are as follows:

Front—Latitude 30° 42' 01" North Longitude 83° 41' 52" West.

Rear—Latitude 30° 41' 52" North Longitude 81° 26' (42") West.

Magnetic bearings and distances of prominent objects are as follows:

Amelia Island Main Light bears from front beacon S. 4 W., 13 nautical miles.

Fort Clinch bears from front beacon W. by N. 3/4 N., 3 nautical mile.

Amelia Island Main Light bears from rear beacon S. 4 E., 13 nautical miles.

Fort Clinch bears from rear beacon N. W. 1/4 W., 3 nautical mile.

By order of the Light House Board, JOHN ROGERS, Rear Admiral U. S. Navy, Chairman. Office of the Light House Board, Washington, D. C., Feb. 17, 1880.

The Revival in Fayetteville.

FAYETTEVILLE, Feb. 27, 1880.

DEAR EDITOR:

Never in the recollection of any person now living, has there been such a revival of religion as is now felt here.

For more than four weeks Evans' Methodist Chapel (col.) has been crowded day and night. The meetings were commenced on the 28th of Jan., and up to the present time, 320 have professed, and 84 have joined the church. According to the report at the last conference in November, the church numbered a little over 300, and now it numbers over 1000. The revival is extending to other churches, and it is hoped that it may become general.

Yours, &c. A.

SORGO HAND BOOK.—We are in receipt of a copy of the Sorgo Hand Book for 1880, published by the Blymyer Manufacturing Co., of Cincinnati. It contains a description of the varieties of Sorgo and Imphee Cane, and the Early Amber Sugar Cane, mode of culture, manufacture into Syrup and Sugar, &c.

LETTER FROM AN OLD VIRGINIAN.

Secretary Sherman's strength not only by strong—hope of carrying Virginia—What a Democrat at Richmond says—What Webster said of Hamilton is true of Sherman, &c., &c., &c., &c.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Feb. 26, 1880.

MR. EDITOR:

Your valuable Journal has the ring of the right metal. It is doing yeoman service wherever it reaches. Almost every day I meet men from different sections of Virginia and find a remarkable unanimity in favor of Hon. John Sherman, as the standard bearer of the Republican party for the Presidency. His strength is not noisy or clamorous, but solid, energetic and efficient. A man of Mr. Sherman's high character, personally and as a statesman necessarily commands the admiration of friends of good government and an honest, faithful and efficient administration of the same.

We are not without hope in Virginia. The Bourbon party of this State is broken and demoralized. The re-adjusters will, no doubt, have an independent electoral ticket. Now is the opportune occasion for the Republican party. Now is the time to break the solid South. Now is the day for every true Republican to stand by the principles of his party and never desert its flag.

As to the situation in Virginia, one of the best informed democrats in the State, writes from Richmond as follows:

"As a Virginian and a democrat, I regret the aspect of the political outlook here. Affairs, to tell the truth and shame the devil, are in a very ticklish position just now. No matter how much the leaders and the papers on our side strive to hide the present condition of affairs, it will leak out, and the aspect is such as will not only require the wisest statesmanship to save Virginia to the solid South, but it will require concessions as well."

Six weeks ago I sounded the key note—that the safety of the conservative party required the resignation of the famous State committee of thirteen, and I am glad to see that some of the staunchest democratic papers have taken it up and advocated this step. Looking at the matter as it stands, unless the committee, who ruled the re-adjusters out of the conservative party resign, and let their places be filled by men progressive, liberal minded men, then Virginia will, to a certainty, cast her electoral vote for the republican presidential nominee whoever he may be."

All parties admit the eminent qualities of Mr. Sherman's statesmanship, financial ability and personal integrity. As history repeats itself, we may somewhat appropriately apply to Mr. Sherman the language of Daniel Webster, in speaking of Alexander Hamilton:

"His success in restoring the public confidence and placing the financial affairs of the nation upon a sure and solid foundation, is too well known to require notice here. How he fulfilled the duties of such a place, at such a time, the whole country perceived with delight, and the whole world saw with admiration. He smote the rock of the national resources and abundant streams of revenue gushed forth."

The Hon. Henry G. Davis, United States Senator from Western Virginia is known to be an uncompromising ultra democrat, but a man of high integrity—and perhaps has been more vigilant than any other Senator in efforts to expose fraud and mismanagement in the Treasury Department.—After all investigations, he arrived at very much the same conclusions as did our Pontius Pilate on a certain memorable occasion, to-wit: "I have examined him before you, have found no fault in this man, touching those things whereof ye accuse him."

The Washington correspondent of the Richmond Star says:

"Senator Davis, of West Virginia, has fallen in love with Secretary Sherman since he has been investigating Mr. Sherman's Department. As his loyalty to the democratic party cannot be doubted, his candid opinion of Sherman is interesting if somewhat extravagant. He said the other day that while he differed radically with him in politics he had always admired Mr. Sherman's ability, respected his honesty and placed great confidence in his integrity of purpose and wise judgment. He had been in a position to see and know thoroughly the details of Sherman's administration of the Treasury Department, and considered him the ablest man that had been in control of the national finance for many years, and he sometimes thought he was the equal of Alexander Hamilton and Albert Gallatin. He believed he would make a good President. Mr. Davis, it

will be remembered, is chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and his duty as such bring about occasional conferences with the Secretary of the Treasury."

If the National Republican Convention will give us Sherman, success is certain. A statesman of the highest type will be placed at the helm of the great ship of state, and he has the skill and experience to guide her in safety through all perils and dangers.

OBSERVER.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CITY OF WILMINGTON, MAYOR'S OFFICE.

February 25, 1880.

\$25 REWARD.

THE ABOVE REWARD WILL BE PAID for information sufficient to convict any person or persons who have been guilty of late of stoning houses, pulling off palings, and taking off gates from fences, or of committing any similar depredations in this city.

S. H. FISHLAKE, Mayor.

### NOTICE.

I WOULD RESPECTFULLY TENDER my services as PHYSICIAN and SURGEON to the citizens of Wilmington and vicinity.

Office on North side Market between Second and Third Streets.

F. W. POTTER, M. D.

### 200 MEN WANTED

To work quarrying stones at Rocky Point, N. C., for the United States Government Works