

The cause of several thousand miles of railroad has been changed within the past few days, so that now all the railroads in this State and through out the South have the same gauge and cars can be transferred from one railroad to another without any change or delay. This will be of very great benefit to the public and ought to decrease freight rates very materially. In this State the roads, whose gauge has been thus changed, belong to the Richmond and Danville system, and include the North Carolina railroad (from Goldsboro to Charlotte), the Western North Carolina railroad (from Salisbury to Pilot Rock and Murphy), the Richmond and Danville (from Danville to Greensboro), the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio railroad (from Charlotte to Statesville) and the University railroad to Chapel Hill. Heretofore all these roads used the broad gauge, that is the rails on their tracks were five feet apart, but now they have the same gauge as the other railroads in the State, that is four feet, nine inches, which is called the standard gauge. The rapidity and apparent ease with which this change was made, is simply wonderful. It was made in several thousand miles of track in a day or two with little interruption to the traffic. Every preparation possible to be made in advance had been made, and everything was done in the minutest detail with the precision of clockwork and not the slightest accident occurred. It is a striking and we may say a marvellous illustration of the system that engineers and their companies. It was a grand triumph of good management and an excellent skill.

The difference in the gauge of the railroads in this State has been a serious expense and great inconvenience to shippers of freight, especially bulky freight. The heavy and expensive necessaries of the long haul, freight from the vast interior road to those of the coast, will now be obviated, and the consequences will be run from the present. We have often been troubled by the uniform gauge when passing the town of Cary, the point where the Raleigh and Augusta Air Line railroad intersects the North Carolina road. Every day at that place must have been large piles of lumber that had been brought there in a sawmill along the line of the R. & A. L. road, being transferred piece by piece to the cars of the other road for shipment to Durham, Winston and other growing towns along the line of the R. & D. road. Now a car can be loaded with lumber at Cary or any other point on the R. & A. L. road and hauled through without change to any other station in the State.

Speaking of railroad troubles we are reminded of a prediction made by John M. Francis, the medical editor of the old Raleigh Freeman, when the construction of the railroad from Richmond to Danville was first undertaken. He endorsed the project and declared that the undertaking could be accomplished in the statement that our roads of once a month would have all of the freight between Danville and Richmond. Any one who has seen the train averaging over three miles. We commend this to the consideration of those engineers who believe in the construction of the Pittsboro railroad and predict that there will be no freight to carry on it.

The President was married at 7 p. m. yesterday in the White House to Mrs. Frances Pickens, a young lady of Buffalo, aged twenty-two years. She is the daughter of a former friend of Mr. Cleveland, who died several years ago, and Mrs. Pickens had become her guardian, so that their marriage was a quiet affair. On account of the recent death of the bride's grandfather the wedding was private, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. Dr. Sanborn, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Washington when Mr. Cleveland attends. The bride had been in Europe for several months, and arrived in New York on last Friday. This marriage and everything connected with it is the absorbing topic of the day, if one may judge from the columns devoted to it by the leading papers of the country.

This is said to be the first marriage ever solemnized at the White House, and it has created quite a flutter of excitement in the fashionable society of Washington. It is not every young woman who can marry the chief magistrate of such a country as ours.

Washington Notes.

Washington, May 31, 1886.

After a pleasant trip home and a visit to my family, I returned to my office on Monday, June 1st, and found a pile of letters and papers to be read. Among them was a letter from Mr. J. M. Francis, the medical editor of the old Raleigh Freeman, when the construction of the railroad from Richmond to Danville was first undertaken. He endorsed the project and declared that the undertaking could be accomplished in the statement that our roads of once a month would have all of the freight between Danville and Richmond. Any one who has seen the train averaging over three miles. We commend this to the consideration of those engineers who believe in the construction of the Pittsboro railroad and predict that there will be no freight to carry on it.

A Model Farmer.

For the encouragement of young men who wish to become farmers, the following is a list of the names of the young men who have been selected for the purpose of receiving a grant of land from the Government. The names are: Mr. J. M. Francis, the medical editor of the old Raleigh Freeman, when the construction of the railroad from Richmond to Danville was first undertaken. He endorsed the project and declared that the undertaking could be accomplished in the statement that our roads of once a month would have all of the freight between Danville and Richmond. Any one who has seen the train averaging over three miles. We commend this to the consideration of those engineers who believe in the construction of the Pittsboro railroad and predict that there will be no freight to carry on it.

Our Washington Letter.

Washington, May 28th, 1886. The President continues his good work of examining, dissecting and voting private pension bills. He cannot defend the Government's treasury against avarice and fraud, he is at least increasing the opening through which the money is dragged out. The President has given extensive reasons, and he added that he was by no means responsible to that influence which leads the judgment towards the allowance of a very small amount to be funded upon patriotic service to the nation's cause. Yet he did not believe it to be a duty or a kindness to the worthy citizens for whose benefit the scheme of pensioning was provided, to permit the directors of the nation's bounty among subjects not within its scope and purview. The Republicans have no intention of trying to pass these bills against the veto, but they hope to make some political capital out of them. Some of them have been writing to applicants that it is useless to present their claims to Congress as the President will not let them become laws. Their idea is that the would-be pensioners will be likely to vote for another Democratic President.

Non-Union Salts.

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Advertisement for Julius Lewis & Co., Raleigh, N. C. The ad features a diagram of a stove and text: 'ALL RIGHT COOK STOVES, HARDWARE OF HOUSE AND SHOE STOVES, RUBBER, PAINTS, OILS, PUTTY, GLASS, PLASTER, CEMENT. MAKING TOBACCO FLUES A SPECIALTY. May 6, 1886.'

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Advertisement for WEATT & TAYLOR. The ad features text: 'WEATT & TAYLOR, GROCERS and GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, RALEIGH, N. C. 1886-1887.'

Advertisement for SERGEANT MANUFACTURING CO. The ad features text: 'SERGEANT MANUFACTURING CO., Greensboro, N. C. FARRAR TURBINE WATER WHEEL, COOK AND HEATING STOVES, Saw Mills, Gano Mills, Horse Powers, Plows, Straw Cutters, Andirons, A-1 Quality at Every Description. Send for Price-List.'

Advertisement for WE ARE NOW DISPLAYING. The ad features text: 'WE ARE NOW DISPLAYING The Largest, Handsomest and Cheapest Stock of Spring and Summer Goods ever opened in Chatham.'

Advertisement for A Fishing Party Denied. The ad features text: 'A Fishing Party Denied. Yesterday afternoon Rev. J. C. Jerome, pastor of the Congregational church of this village, with his two sons and daughters and a young man named Davis, went out on the lake on a fishing excursion and failed to return at 3 o'clock as expected. A steamer which arrived at 4 o'clock reported having seen an overturned boat near Javinton Island, search was made and late in the evening the bodies of the whole party were recovered. Mr. Jerome was a wealthy gentleman, owning about \$250,000 worth of property. He came from New York two years ago. His wife, the artist and authoress, is a sister of the deceased. Show to the depth of several inches was reported last Thursday in various towns in northern Vermont, and fears are entertained of severe damage to crops by frost.'