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J. A. BRYSON,  
Town Tax Collector.

## RAILROADS IN THE SOUTH.

Their Influence in Locating New Industries, Developing the Country and Advertising Its Advantages.

Under the caption of "Give the railroads their due," the Augusta Chronicle says:

It is customary, in some quarters, to abuse the railways, but they are often indiscriminately and unjustly blamed. Consider, for a moment what tremendous development they have instituted for this country and how very far behind we would be without these steel arteries of commerce and trade. It may be that the managers of these roads look primarily to their own interest, but who does not? But, it must be admitted, that they have in view the interests of the people also, for both are interdependent. Just now the movement of the railways, once east and west largely, is now conspicuously north and south. This is dictated by the change, in part, of grain movements from one section to the other. The gulf ports have cut down grain exportation one half, already, from New York. Cotton manufacture in the south has also directed railway transportation to this part of the country. The development of the iron and steel industry at the south has likewise played an important part in this transportation drama. The lumber interest of the south has grown prodigiously, and oil developments in Texas and Louisiana, along with rice culture in those states, augment the railway development.

The NEWS takes issue with the Chronicle on the above statements. Cotton manufacture would never have developed in the south without railroads; the iron and steel industries would have remained in the North had not the means for transportation been at hand, and the millions of feet of lumber would have remained in the mountains and swamps of the South had not the railroads made it possible to reach a paying market. Railroads have been the pioneers in civilization and development ever since the war between the states.

But the Chronicle's remarks are general—let us be a little more specific. When the writer came to this mountain section here was a stage line from Greenville, S. C., to Asheville, and that was the only route in for a visitor or a would-be investor. There was no railroad nearer than Old Fort—the Swananoa tunnel was not then completed. All the wealth of lumber in these mountains at that time was worthless and an incumbrance to the ground. We have seen fences—old fashioned rail fences—made of walnut rails which to-day, in marketable shape, would be worth more than the land they enclosed. We have seen houses covered with locust shingles made from timber that would now pay for a modern house with a slate roof. And this change has resulted from building railroads into these mountains.

Wherever a railroad is constructed an effort is made by the company to find paying business for the road—if it isn't in sight they proceed to develop and cre-

ate it. The railroads bring in men with money seeking investment and they proceed to introduce new industries—sawmills, tannin plants, tanneries, etc., are located and the railroads become successful.

But what of the people? They have found a market for what was an incumbrance, and as a result they build new houses, buy up-to-date furniture, send their children to school and proceed to get civilized.

It isn't quite eight years since the railroad was built into this county, and yet its civilizing and developing influence is seen and felt in every section. Land that couldn't then be sold for 50 cents an acre is now in active demand at \$3. Wood which had no value except to pay for cutting and hauling, has now a ready sale at \$2 a cord—even chestnut wood which is almost worthless for fuel brings \$2.25 at the tannin plant. Tanbark which had no market price before the railroad was built is now putting money in the pockets of men who live back in the mountain coves away from the railroad. Farm produce, fruit, cattle and sheep, poultry and everything eatable produced in the county, now finds a ready market at home, and the railroad is responsible for it. While the road is working for increased business to make it a paying investment the people at large are vastly more benefitted than the company can possibly be for many years to come. To drop the railroad out of this county would mean stagnation and death to every enterprise. "Give the railroads their due."

10,271,000 BALES.

Estimate Placed on Cotton Crop by Commissioners.

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 10.—Ten million, two hundred and seventy-one thousand bales is the estimate of the present cotton crop, made by the Association of Southern Commissioners of Agriculture, which adjourned here today after three days of continuous session. The estimate furnished is the result of a careful investigation made by the commissioners of the several cotton growing states.

The following is the estimate by states reported by the commissioners:

States.	Bales.
Alabama . . . . .	1,000,000
Arkansas . . . . .	870,000
Florida . . . . .	60,000
Georgia . . . . .	1,300,000
Louisiana . . . . .	750,000
Mississippi . . . . .	1,500,000
North Carolina . . . . .	50,000
Oklahoma . . . . .	200,000
South Carolina . . . . .	900,000
Tennessee . . . . .	300,000
Virginia . . . . .	16,000
Texas and Indian Territory . . . . .	3,000,000

The association passed numerous resolutions during today's session. Most important was one looking to the prevention of the importation of the boll weevil from Texas into the cotton states. It is urged that no cotton material be brought from Texas so long as the weevil is known to be in the state.

There seems to be need for a medical examiner at the White House to pass upon the sanity of uninvited and undesirable visitors.

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Daughters of the Confederacy of Union Springs will urge the Charleston convention to legislate against celebrations held on the Sabbath.

Near Nashville, in Berrien county, Gordon Bennett, a lad of 14, fatally wounded his cousin, Ben Cornelius, with a gun supposed to be empty.

"Al" Morrow, confidential clerk of Governor Dockery, of Missouri, has been indicted on a charge of aiding fraudulent naturalization.

Former Chancellor of the Exchequer Ritchie, speaking of Chamberlain's fiscal proposals, said that Great Britain should be careful not to give the United States cause for injuring Canada.

At the trial of a tutor in Germany for whipping a boy to death, the spectators became so excited by the revelations of brutalities that a lynching was feared in court.

All signs of the old Mississippi penitentiary will soon be removed from the site of the new capitol. No more convict labor will be used on the grounds.

At Berlin, it is reported that there are many plots to kill the kaiser. Nearly every day a would-be regicide is arrested.

The Rhode Island Republicans have nominated General Colt for governor and endorsed President Roosevelt.

Natural gas has been found near Huntsville and experts say the supply is sufficient to feed the city for 50 years.

At the meeting of the Feabody fund trustees in New York, Dr. A. S. Greer was appointed general agent to succeed the late Dr. Curry.

For the third time in ten days the Standard Oil trust has advanced the price of oil. Oil is higher than it has been in three years.

Joseph Chamberlain is losing no opportunity to spread his fiscal gospel. John Redmond says the new cabinet will soon go to pieces.

An Argentine gunboat has sailed to the Antarctic regions to search for the Nordenskjold expedition.

Will Winter at Lakewood, N. J.

New York, Oct. 9.—Former President and Mrs. Cleveland have taken a cottage at Lakewood, N. J., where it is understood they will spend much of the winter season. It is for the benefit of Mrs. Cleveland's health that the temporary change has been made. She has not regained her strength since the birth of the baby Francis Grover.

Employes Co-Operative Store.

Topeka, Kans., Oct. 10.—It is alleged here today that the Santa Fe employes have decided upon starting a co-operative store in Albuquerque to furnish groceries and supplies to the railroad men. The men have subscribed the necessary amount and selected a manager. They expect to pay cost for their goods plus a small percentage for running the store.

Steamship Rate War Probable.

New York, Oct. 12.—After a conference of the managers of the various steamship lines running the Atlantic formal announcement has been made here that the agreements of the north Atlantic conference which established the minimum rate for first and second cabin passengers traveling on the steamers of the lines bound by the agreements will be annulled today. Thereafter each company will be at liberty to make whatever rates it please, and a rate war may follow.

It is not possible for the proprietors to publish more than a very few of the numerous letters received in praise of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and telling of its remarkable cures. They come from people in every walk in life and from every state in the Union. The following from T. W. Great-house, of Prattsburg, Ga., speaks for itself: "I would have been dead now but for the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It cured me of chronic diarrhoea after seven years of suffering. I can never say too much in praise of that remedy." For sale by Z. W. Nichols, Brevard, and O. L. Erwin, Cherryfield.

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