

**MR. ROBINSON'S BIG DEAL.**

Some Additional Points About the Seaboard Air Line's New Purchase.

The News made mention a day or two ago, of the lease of the Georgia Southern & Florida road, running from Macon, Ga., to Palatka, Fla., by the Seaboard Air Line. Mr. Robinson, of the Seaboard Air Line, is given \$2,175,000 stock to guarantee 6 per cent interest on \$2,000,000 stock, and 6 per cent on the mortgage bonds of the road.

The Georgia Southern is 285 miles in length, and will connect with a new road to be built by Robinson of the Seaboard and Roanoke to Ellerton, Ga., where it will connect with his road to Norfolk, Va., thus giving the system two hours advantage over the Richmond and Danville between New York and Central Florida.

The deed by which the Seaboard Air Line obtained control of the Southern Georgia and Florida road yielded to the Macon Construction Company an enormous profit, considering the money invested. The Macon Construction has a capital of \$500,000, divided into fifty shares of \$10,000 each. It built the Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad, 285 miles, taking all the stock and bonds. It sold the bonds and from the proceeds built the road at \$15,000 a mile.

As the bonds were sufficient to build and equip the road the Macon Construction Company had all the stock, 42,750 shares, and \$1,000,000 they made off the bonds. The Seaboard and Roanoke and the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad bought the Georgia Southern and Florida by endorsing the bonds of the latter company at 5 per cent, and they received 22,750 shares of the Georgia Southern and Florida to secure control of that line.

and then guaranteed 6 per cent on \$2,000,000 stock in the Georgia Southern and Florida. The profit which Sparks and his colleagues in the Macon Construction Company divide is the \$2,000,000 preferred stock at 6 per cent, equal to \$120,000 on each share in the Construction Company, and each share in the Construction Company gets \$40,000 in the stock of the Georgia, Toledo and Florida Railroad. The largest single stockholder is H. J. Lamar, Jr., of Macon, who owns seven and a half shares, which, in 1887, when the Macon Construction Company was formed, represented \$75,000. For this he gets 3,000 shares in the Georgia Southern and Florida, which is worth to-day \$300,000.

The Alexander Man in Another Scrape.

Thursday afternoon the Stateville-bound train was brought up abruptly at a road crossing, and the passengers looking out saw a wagoner wrestling with a pair of mules. The tongue of his wagon had been broken off by the engine and it swept so close to the heads of the mules that they were turning around and tearing up the ground like animals with the blind staggers.

It turned out the man was the citizen of Alexander county, whose wagon was smashed by a falling tree at Derita. He had got a new rig and was on his way home. "Here a tree busted me all to pieces a day or two ago," he explained to the conductor, "and now your damned machine come mighty nigh taking my mules' heads off." The conductor advised him to get back to Alexander county and stay there. "If I ever get back home," was his reply, "you'll not be likely to see me in these parts soon again."

The Railroad Question.

The railroad meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night was quite largely attended. Col. Wm. Johnston presided. The matter of securing the Roanoke & Southern for Charlotte was fully and freely discussed. Col. Jones, Col. Anthony, Maj. E. F. Young, Mr. Walter Bream, Mr. E. D. Latta, Mr. J. H. Weddington and Col. Wm. Johnston made speeches. The outcome of the meeting was that the chairman appoint a committee to confer with the railroad men and see what can be done for Charlotte's interests. The committee appointed consists of Messrs. J. L. Chambers, E. F. Young, P. M. Brown, R. M. Oates, S. Wittkowsky, J. S. Myers, D. A. Tompkins, M. C. Mayer, T. L. Vall, R. A. Dunn, E. W. Latta and Geo. E. Wilson. Col. Brown is chairman of the committee.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

**THEY HAVE PASSED IT.**

THAT IS, THE BILL TO ALLOW CHARLOTTE TO ISSUE BONDS.

To-day's Legislative Proceedings. Special Orders for Monday To Adjourn March 9th.

Special to THE NEWS.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 28.—A bill was introduced to incorporate South Atlantic University. The joint select committee on the charter of the Petersburg railway, reports favoring granting of charter 99 years and not in perpetuity. Special orders for next Monday announced as follows: Atlantic & North Carolina railway extension bill; bill to create county courts of audit and finance for orphan; bill to make six per cent legal rate of interest; for Tuesday, bill to require stenographers in Supreme courts.

Bills passed third reading: Transferring Greene county from the third to the sixth judicial district; to require all physicians from other States practicing in this State to make oath that they are licensed or else stand examination before the State Medical Board; to require date to be put on all packages of seeds; to incorporate Norwood and Rockingham railway; to regulate amount of auctioneers bonds. Bills were tabled to release registers of deeds from liability as regards marriage licenses after oath is filed. Bills were introduced in the Senate to amend constitution so as to elect Legislators every four years. Bills passed supplemental to the bill rearranging Senatorial districts; to allow Charlotte to issue bonds. The House resolution to adjourn March 9th was adopted.

Swift Press Work.

The News' steam engine experiment proved a failure, but our press is now run by a trick that does lightning work. It is a new Otto engine, and it drives our big Cottrell press at the rate of 2,000 papers per hour. Should we get pushed, this rate could be considerably increased. The engine is a perfect beauty and takes up scarcely as much space as a parlor stove, yet its velocity and strength are wonderful. The engine was "got" by Mr. A. B. Whillman, who is a genius in his line and whose work is correct. It is a pretty thing to see a swift press at work and that can be seen every afternoon except Sundays, at The News office.

Two Bills.

The bill to prohibit the sale of cigarettes to minors is now a law and dealers had better keep a sharp lookout for the kids in the future.

The bill to prevent habitual drunkenness will probably become a law. It authorizes the wife, parent, &c., to serve notices on salaried forbidding the selling of salaried patron of punishment. Mr. Aycock thought the bill alone on the bill should be attached to a bill to amend suits. He moved its reference to the judiciary committee and the bill was thus ordered.

A Dangerous Place.

Since the new county road was cut through Mr. D. E. Hutchison's land, the old crossing whistle board for the A. T. & O. track has been unchanged, and several narrow escapes from serious accidents have occurred. Yesterday, Mr. Joe Hutchison, who was coming into town with a four horse wagon, barely escaped being run down at the crossing by an A. T. & O. train. The whistle board should be moved back to the distance proper for the new crossing.

**The New Apportionment.**

The new Senatorial apportionment bill passed by the Legislature of the State, provides for the following apportionment: 1st District—Carrington, Camden, Pasquotank, Hertford, Gates, Chowan, and Perquimans shall elect two Senators; 2nd District—Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Dare, Beaufort, Hyde, and Pamlico shall elect two Senators; 3rd District—Northampton and Bertie shall elect one Senator; 4th District—Halifax shall elect one Senator; 5th District—Edgecombe shall elect one Senator; 6th District—Pitt shall elect one Senator; 7th District—Wilson, Nash and Franklin shall elect two Senators; 8th District—Craven, Jones, Carteret, Lenoir, Onslow and Greene shall elect two Senators; 9th District—Duplin, Wayne and Pender shall elect two Senators; 10th District—New Hanover and Brunswick shall elect one Senator; 11th District—Warren and Vance shall elect one Senator; 12th District—Wake shall elect one Senator, Senator; 13th District—Johnston shall elect one Senator; 14th District—Sampson, Harnett and Bladen shall elect two Senators; 15th District—Columbus and Robeson shall elect two Senators; 16th District—Cumberland shall elect one Senator; 17th District—Granville and Person shall elect one Senator; 18th District—Caswell, Alamance, Orange and Durham shall elect two Senators; 19th District—Chatham shall elect one Senator; 20th District—Rockingham shall elect one Senator; 21st District—Guilford shall elect one Senator; 22nd District—Randolph and Moore shall elect one Senator; 23rd District—Richmond, Montgomery, Anson and Union shall elect two Senators; 24th District—Cabarrus and Stanly shall elect one Senator; 25th District—Mecklenburg shall elect one Senator; 26th District—Rowan, Davidson and Davidson shall elect two Senators; 27th District—Forsyth and Yadkin shall elect one Senator; 28th District—Stokes and Surry shall elect one Senator; 29th District—Hertford, Alexander and Wilkes shall elect two Senators; 30th District—Ashe and Watauga shall elect one Senator; 31st District—Catawba, Polk, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey shall elect two Senators; 32nd District—Catawba and Lincoln shall elect one Senator; 33rd District—Swain, Johnston, Rutherford and Wayne shall elect two Senators; 34th District—Transylvania, Madison and Jones shall elect two Senators; 35th District—Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson and Swain shall elect one Senator; 36th District—Macon, Cherokee, Clay and Graham shall elect one Senator.

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