

Maryland stocked her waters with shad six years ago, and the catch at Havre de Grace has increased from 7,000 in 1873 to 23,000 last year.

Don Cameron may plant and Reo Coe Conkling water, but the nominee of the Cincinnati Convention will see to it that there is no increase.—Washington Post.

Rev. Edward Cowley, who was convicted of cruelty to children in the Shepherd's Fold, New York, has been transferred from the Tomb to Blackwell's Island.

Resolved, that the fifty-eight Pennsylvania delegates to the National Convention shall vote as one man. Resolved, that Don Cameron is that one man.—

An exchange says of the 160,000 houses standing within the boundaries of Philadelphia, twelve out of sixteen are mortgaged. And that's the case in many Southern cities and towns.

The Blade says the straightening and otherwise improving the channel of Lower Creek from Erwin's old mill place in Burke, to Lenoir, a distance of twelve miles, will be completed the coming summer.

A party of capitalists are now making arrangements to start in Oxford on an early day extensive gasworks. This oil is very valuable and is largely used in dyeing silks, and in the preparation of liniments, &c.

Mrs. W. W. Astor wore diamonds and pearls at a dinner at the White House lately which were worth nearly or quite one million dollars. A Washington dispatch says: "She was attended by two detectives, dressed as gentlemen."

Utica has proved, what Harrisburg indicated, that but for the machine-power of the city delegation the Grant movement would have no life whatever. It clearly has no popular strength worth considering.—Philadelphia Press, Rep. Organ.

Says the New York World: "One year from to-day Mr. —, Democrat, not heretofore, put in nomination for that high office, will be inaugurated President of the United States, having been elected in November, 1880, by 228 votes to 141, of three-hundred."

And thereupon nineteen stepped to the front, and said they would take sugar in their'n.

Efforts that seem calculated to accomplish the purpose are being made to restore harmony among the Democrats of New York. We do not expect that Tammany and Thiden can ever be reconciled, but these factions can be brought into harmonious action so far that they will give a hearty support to the candidate, who doubtless will be under the influence of neither. If so, then New York is safe for us.

Mr. Everts has long been made to play second fiddle in the Cabinet to Secretary Sherman, who, having Presidential aspirations, has been allowed to shape the policy of the weak brother who is nominally President. Just now, however, Mr. Everts is inclined to kick against the pricks, and on the question of the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine, he is said to differ widely from the President that his resignation is expected.

Statesville American: The engineers of the Midland Railroad Company arrived in this place last Monday, and at once commenced operations. The site selected for camp is about two miles from town, on the plantation of Col. Julian Allen.

A gentleman informs us that there is a living in Alexander county a man who is now ninety-six years of age, who never nursed from his mother's breast, and has drawn liquor ever since he can remember. He is now robust and hearty, and able to do full day's work, about a day and a half.

An organized gang of robbers has been preying upon the good people of Catawba for some months. The Flicker says they came all arrested and lodged in jail last week. They are now six blocks. A Richmond letter says they were trapped.

The Poe Dec Herald says that unusually small grain crops are looking unusually well.

THE STATE'S PROTECTION.

Sec 11. That in the event said William J. Best and associates, their assigns or successors, shall fail to carry out said contract, the cause of damages shall be that the grants made to them under said deed of trust shall become null and void; and upon the certificate of the commissioners provided for in section fourteen of this act that such failure has been made, said Trust Company shall deliver to said State or its duly accredited agent, or agents, the stock of and claims against said railroad company, together with the paper writing signed by the commissioners of said State, and deposited with said Trust Company, as well as all other instruments assigned to said Trust Company in trust for said William J. Best and associates.—*Syndicate Bill* introduced by Gov. Jarvis and others.

Comment: if a private citizen purchase a plantation for \$10,000, and make two payments of \$2,000 each and then fail, what then? What does the law say? Does the original owner of the land return him the \$4,000 and take back the land? Not a bit of it. He retains the title in the land and pockets the \$4,000. In other words, the purchaser loses all he has paid.

millions be made to a Northern Syndicate on terms far more favorable than those that the law provides in cases of private sales? Why should a private citizen, who may sell property, be better protected in his interests and rights than a great State selling out a great railroad line?

We are not lawyers, have consulted with none, and only ask the question? It looks to a plain common sense eye that the terms for the sale of a railroad ought to be as stringent as those required in the sale of a house or a tract of land.

Ought Best and Company, if they fail in their contract, to be let off as easily as the above section indicates? We pause for a reply.

In section 13 we read that Best and his associates, in case of a failure on their part "to observe and perform the contract made with them" by the State shall nevertheless be allowed a lien upon the road from Salisbury to Paint Rock to the extent of their "actual and necessary" outlay "in building, repairing and equipping said road," but the amount shall not exceed \$850,000. Thus the State, as we understand it, would become actually indebted to said Best and his associates for the sum of \$850,000. There is already a lien of \$850,000; so here would be an indebtedness of \$1,700,000.

It is a lie to be made, let it be genuine; let there be no afterclaps. If we are to have an extra session at a great cost to sell out let the sale be complete. We do not wish to hear some time hence that there has been no sale, but an additional debt has been created and that too after the heavy expense of the extra session. But if a sale is made in order to be on so better terms for the Syndicate, as we have said above, than those which prevail in private transactions as between man and man.

The Governor claims that the road from Salisbury to Paint Rock will be worth fully \$3,000,000 when completed. Mark that if you please, and now see what sort of a trader he is. He proposes to sell the road for considerably less than a million and a half—(\$1,500,000)—or about \$1,400,000. We say this because it is evidently estimated in the bill of sale that \$850,000 or less will complete the road. The \$850,000 lien upon the road is valued at \$550,000, we believe. So we find the Governor anxious to sell property which he says will be worth \$3,000,000 when completed, and it will require not more than \$850,000 to complete this, and for how much? The lien upon the road costs the State \$550,000 really, as we understand. Eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars or less will complete the road, equip it, etc. It will be worth \$3,000,000 when this is done. It must be sold, however, for what appears to be \$1,400,000. This is called a good sale.

The Star repeats: it is not opposed to getting rid of the "overgrown and pampered elephant"; but it favors getting rid of it on the "best possible terms," and insists that the sale shall be bona fide, complete, final, with no afterclaps. The Star further insists that the terms shall be equitable but stringent, and that the State's important interests shall be fully protected.

It further suggests that three or four of the best lawyers—such as no rings or influences—be selected to report upon the Syndicate bill, and to make it strong wherever they find it weak.—*Wilmington Star*.

The Railroad Sale.

The Greensboro Beacon, in speaking of the Best's proposition:

1st. Mr. Best offers no money for the State's interests, only bonds upon our own property—which really makes the State stand her own security. These bonds may or may not be worth anything.

2nd. Mr. Best asks permission to mortgage the entire road from Salisbury Asheville, (now 145 miles completed) a \$15,000 per mile—which will give him over two millions of dollars, with which to prosecute his work. Of this sum he proposes to pay the State \$550,000 in these new bonds.

3d. There is only 45 miles of the Paint Rock branch to build, and much of the grading and masonry done upon that. If Best can build by mortgaging, why can't the State?

4th. The State has to furnish 500 hands, board, clothes and guard them for three months (until Best can get his bonds upon the market)—when he will pay the State (some say in bonds—the bill fails to say how)—just about what it costs the State to keep them. What we get our money back—if bonds—nothing to relieve the dear people of the cost of supporting the convicts.

5th. It is claimed that when these 45 miles are completed the whole road will pay a handsome per cent upon the money expended. Be this so or not, it could certainly be mortgaged for enough to iron it, and relieve the State of this expense. Mr. Dortch believes it could be sold for \$3,000,000 in cash.

6th. If the State will complete this road and if any of the great lines to the Pacific should come this way—she might sell for a sum in cash sufficient to pay the entire debt of the State (\$5,000,000) after its reduction under the new bonding process now going on so successfully.

7th. If we are too poor to own any works of internal improvement, let all be sold—but sold to the highest bidder for cash or outstanding bonds—but never, for new bonds to be issued upon the credit of the works proposed to be put upon the market—which is the Best proposition, if we understand it.

These are a few of the reasons we have for opposing the sale of this road.

Reporter's Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON D. C., March 3d, 1880.

It was a substantial Democratic victory in the competent opinion of Speaker Randall, when the new House rules were adopted yesterday. The rules, however, are fair, and able radicals like Frye of Maine, favor them, with the exception of the 21st rule, which allows political legislation on appropriation bills. There was a hard contest on this rule, but the Democracy triumphed. The River and Harbor matter, it was decided should remain with the Commerce Committee, and not go to the Appropriations Committee. This indicates a disposition to spend a great deal of money on rivers and streams, etc., during the next year.

An attempt is being made in the Senate to stir up a political discussion by getting the Louisiana question, in a new form, before that body. The country has known no other such disgrace in its history as that which attaches to it from the Louisiana frauds in 1876 the subsequent forgeries and perjuries of its radical voters, and the appointments made in Louisiana by Messrs. Hayes and Sherman. One would think radical Senators would be the last to disturb the situation. But this present movement may be made in the interest of Kellogg, and offset by new falsehoods and inventions, the force of the Committee report in the Shafford Kellogg case.

The House Ways and Means Committee yesterday decided, substantially, to let the tariff alone during this session. Either a Committee of Congress or a Commission of private citizens, will doubtless be authorized to investigate matters connected with the subject, with authority to report in one year.

General Fitz John Porter's case will occupy the week in the Senate. It was called up by Senator Randolph of New Jersey on Monday, and Senator Logan spoke on legal points in the case yesterday and I suppose, will to day and tomorrow.

It takes a man a great deal longer to tell something he don't know than it does to tell ten times as much about a subject he is familiar with.

Logan may speak on legal points for thirty days for all I know. Dan.

It is said that it will cost \$850,000 to complete the Western Road to Paint Rock. It now owes \$850,000, but when completed it will be worth \$3,000,000. Six per cent on this amount is \$150,000. This is not an extravagant estimate for its net earning. So, in ten years, the road will pay off the whole of its debt and the road will belong to the State, for the money saved between the actual and estimated cost (\$19,000 per mile for 45 miles, 8 of which are graded), and the amount saved by working convicts will cover the interest.

Newbern and Shall: There is considerable building going on in Newbern now. One gentleman pointed ten houses in course of erection yesterday.

Four car loads of spokes for wagons were shipped last week to St. Petersburg, Russia.—Rufus Massey, of Stokes county; and his family, eight in number, left Wednesday, for Missouri, to better their condition. Mr. Massey has been a prominent and well-to-do citizen in North Carolina, and it is hard to see him go away and take his large family with him. Thirty other substantial people went from Davidson county, Thursday, to the Southwest.—*Greensboro North Star*.

The great fear with some of the politicians of the State seems to be that if the Western road is not given away (they call it selling) that it will not be finished. We don't see why that is, there are but two political parties in the State, both alike interested in its completion both pledged to finish it.

Yesterday a few of the boys on Hillsboro street made a kite eight feet high and five wide, and sent it up in the camp ground in rear of Maj. Tucker's. It was perhaps the largest kite ever made here and attracted much attention, both by its great size and good qualities as a sailer.—*Raleigh Observer*.

Some of the State papers, Republican and Democratic, are jubilant over the thought that it will require but ten days at \$775 00 per diem, and \$5637 75 mileage, or \$13,387 75 altogether for the Legislature to give away the Western road.

If the Western road is completed by the State it will be done by the people's money, so this Legislature should adjourn as soon as organized, and give the people a chance to say whether it shall be given away or not.

Salem Press: The new woollen factory of T. B. Lash, of Bethania, is at work and will be in full running order ere long.—The burnt buildings in Winston are being rapidly rebuilt, and will be nearly if not quite similar to the old fronts.

Tarboro Southerner: Nothing preventing, a big cock fight will take place at Rocky Mount on the 9th, 10th and 11th of March, between Nash and Edgecombe. The winning side will pocket \$500. Twenty one cocks on each side.

A bill amending the law in regard to carrying concealed weapons is before the Legislature. It provides instead of the "habitual carrying of concealed weapons," they shall not be carried at all.—*Montgomery Messenger*.

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