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C. F. & Y. V. RAILROAD.

We gave our views two weeks since in regard to this road and expressed the hope that it would be fostered as a State enterprise...

Just here, the question naturally suggests itself, why sell the road? If foreign corporations can buy our roads after being built, or build roads through our State and make money out of them, why cannot the State do it?

In addition to the direct income to be derived from the road, the State having control of it, will have the power to discriminate in favor of her own people and cities.

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The annual production of tobacco in North Carolina is 52,500,000 pounds. This item will do to "chew" upon for some time, and then can be put in your pipe and smoked.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Meaning of the Word Sauratown.

I have been asked for information regarding the word Sauratown given to the mountain in this county. The word Sauratown, as Major P. Well, Director of the Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, informs me, is possibly a corruption of the Algonkian word Sauroon, signifying Southern. According to the narrative of Colonel de la Sataus or Shawnee were driven at an early day by the "Fire Nations" from the neighborhood of Lake Erie to the Carolina. A portion of them were for a long time living upon the headwaters of the Santee (Catawba) and Great Pedee (Yadkin) rivers under the name of "Oatawagannah."

North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station—Bulletin No. 1.

February 18th, 1881.

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Telegraph to Leaksville—Col Sharp has completed his line from this place to Leaksville. We are glad to see this improvement. The Colonel is a stirring man and we expect much from him towards the development of the upper Dan country—Danville Times.

A New Field for the Iron Industry in North Carolina.

The following paragraph clipped from the Baltimore Sun, of February 12th, contains some potent facts for the people of this State as well as other sections:

DANBURY, N. C., Feb. 8, 1881.

There are three railroads in course of construction in North Carolina—the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley, the North Carolina Midland, and the Danville, Mooresville and Southwest railroads—each of which, according to the respective located routes, would intersect at or near a point on a tributary of Dan River called Walnut Cove, in Stokes County, a region rich in magnetic iron ore, which is conspicuous for its freedom from phosphorus. The quality of this ore for making an iron of superior grade for softness, toughness and tensile strength is attested by the excellent hammered iron that was formerly made, on a limited scale, at a number of bloomeries in that county.

North Carolina Outrages.

North Carolina is guilty of still further outrages. In addition to the lynching and moonshining, the State has fifty seven cotton factories in operation, with all they can do. Now England manufacturers could be looking after this.

If North Carolina should multiply the cotton mill "outrage," loyal New England will be moved to more wrath and indignation than was provoked by the alleged ku-klux conspiracy. For the worse the ku-klux could do was to kill a few North Carolina negroes, while every cotton mill in that State kills just so much New England trade.

It is one of the most encouraging Southern signs of the times that the example of North Carolina is being extensively imitated elsewhere in the South. There is no reason why cotton should not be manufactured where it is raised. There is every natural facility for so doing, and we firmly believe that in ten years there will be ten cotton mills where there is now one.

PAYING FOR PAPERS.—Mr. E. J. Hal, in a late letter to the Fayetteville Examiner, in speaking of paying subscriptions to newspapers, says: "In connection with this I recall the venerable Winship Steadman, of Pittsboro, who for many years—thirty or forty I believe—a ways paid in advance to a day his half yearly subscriptions to the Raleigh Register. If all newspaper subscriptions were like these I would be sure thousands of dollars better off than I am; and other editors could doubtless say as much. The fact is that payment in advance is best for both printer and subscriber, and is the only system on which a newspaper ought to be published. It is universal here, I think."

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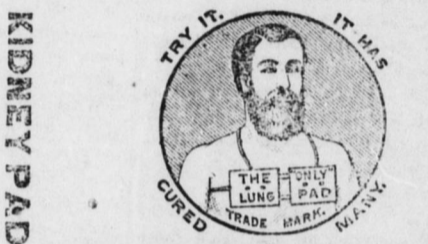


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