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OLDC. Y.AYV. ROAD Built After Leas Yoars of
Patient Effort; Rume From Fayetteville to Mount Airy In an article in the Fayetteville Ob orver, Capt. James D. MeNeill given in aceount of the carly hietory of the Cape Yasir and Yedkin Valley Rall road whose reuniting the Corporation Commisaion is seektng under the consolidation elesses of the Eneh-مumbmins tranaportation act. Capt. MeSell, who was among those who ap peared before the Corporation Com-
minsion says:
"In the ear
Pear River had been opened up for teamboat navigation by the removal obatruetions under the supervinion ofy grandfather, George theNol. Tear Naviention Company, he in conunction with other roprosentative citizens, formed a company and seeur. da a charter for the Westem Railimad, 0. atart from Fayetteville and go th some point in the wentern part of the Salisbury. They also indueed the City of Fayetteville and Cumberland councy to subseribe 8100,000 eneh in bonds to ald in the construetion of the rond.
Many thousandy more of stock was Many thousands more of stoek wac
taken by individual citizens, and with this money; the road was built and quipped as far as Joneaboro, N. C. "The firrt locomotive for the rond, was brought up from Wilmington in sections upon a barge and was assem-
bled at the river bank in Campbellon, where the rails were first laid. well remember the day it was first
ateamed up and eame up town with ateamed up and eame up town with Mrs. Gurdon Deming at the throttle,
blowing the whistle at every crossing and ereating the one big senasation of
and the time. It was named after my grandfather, the "George MeNeil" and In a privileged kid was riding on the cender and felt like I was the biggest part of the show. It was the only
engine that the roua had for some time.
"The Civil War coming on, and the Confederate Government, having re moved all of the machinery and orFerry, Va., to Fayetteville, making this place the chief sapply of arm and ammunition of the Confederacy, the need of coal became a sational necespity, and the roed was of patinued,
to the cont mines of Chathaef epanty, at Eeypt, (now Cummoek) to cuiplyty coal to the arsenal and also to the port of Wilmington, to supply the
blockade nimners who were plying be blockade nuinners who were plying botween that port and Nasseu and keep-
ing the Confederacy in touch with the ing the Confede
outside world.
"After the war the road was operated locally for a few years, during which time under the inspiration of Mr. A. A. Melethan, the grandfather of our present mayor, another bond
issue was voted to aid in the construetion of the Fayetteville and Florence Railroad, as another feeder to our commercial life.
"In the 80's with the same end in
view, which we now view, which we now have, a company
was formed by a number of the leading eitizens of Wilmington, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Mt. Airy and others known as the North State Improve ment Co., to take over existing "net and re-ineorporste es the Cape Fear
and Yadkin Valley Railroad and Yadkin Valley Railroad, and to and north to Mount Airy, with the intention if inaking a inmectisa, with
th Norfolk and Wes + an and thereby Confederate Veteran is Sho From Ambush
Albemarie, June 28.-Frank Morgan, a Confederate veteran seventy eight years of age, was shot from ambuish near Oakboro Monday aftermoon. traveling a somewhat abandoned pathway, when suddenly and without warning he was fired upon by some one, a shot-gun having been used with
the result that he wes serionely the result that he was serioualy ing his Confederate badge and that the party who shot him posalbly tool him for a prohibition officer. It will be remembered that three or fou years ago near the same section a man
by the name of Shoe was shot and in by the name of Shoe was shot and in the woods, but the guilty party was never apprehended.
Sheriff Morton was called and unked to the acene of the shooting and scoured the woods for traces of
the assilint of Mr . Morgan, but chere seems to be no clue as to the guilty party.
While Mr. Morgan is seriously rounded it is hoped that he will recover.

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