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**A Railroad Suggested.**  
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H. A. LONDON, Esq.,  
Dear Sir:—Knowing that you are a strong railroad man, and that you desire to see the vast resources of your county developed I have thought that I would write to you.

At this time where every part of our State is being surveyed over and railroads laid off and being built, I have been surprised that no one has agitated the building of a road from your town via Mebane and Yanceyville to Danville, Va. If you will look upon the map you will find that it is a straight line and only 70 miles. A road built from your place would naturally run up the valley of Haw river, crossing the river near the old Jones Ferry and coming up by Oaks to Mebane, crossing the North Carolina Road at this place. After leaving this place a few miles it is generally a ridge route to Danville. Now this line would afford facilities for utilizing the vast water power of Haw River.

At the farthest point from the river (Swepsonville) no mill site would be more than six miles from the line of railroad, passing near several unimproved water powers and through a rich grain, cotton and tobacco belt. I have no hesitation in saying that the sandy belt of south Alamance and Orange counties and northern Chatham has some of as fine tobacco land as to be found anywhere.

The road after leaving this place would pass through northern Alamance and the full width of Caswell counties, one continuous tobacco belt, where the farmers know how to raise fine tobacco; it having been their money crop for more than 40 years. Every negro man knows how to make and cure fair tobacco.

From this place to Greensboro is 32 miles: from Greensboro to Danville is 48 miles: making from this place to Danville, via Greensboro, 80 miles. From this place, via Yanceyville, to Danville is 40 miles, making a short cut of 40 miles.

Caswell county is about 25 by 25 miles and is exclusively a tobacco county. I mean as a money crop, but they raise the finest wheat on their tobacco lots and generally raise enough corn to bread the people and feed their stock—I know this is no visionary wild scheme to build this road. Durham with their Lynchburg scheme hasn't a better location than this line would have.

I have talked this line for years but there is no one to take hold of it. But the time has come when it will be built.

A line further west than the one I have suggested would be too near the C. F. & Y. V. R. R., and any further east would be too near the North Carolina and the Durham and Lynchburg roads.

The Raleigh & Gaston and Raleigh & Augusta should build it as a feeder. If they do not I think that the Richmond & Danville will, as they could by such a route put their freight and passengers in Danville by the time they could get ready to start from Greensboro.

I write this to get you and those like yourself who are interested in the welfare and prosperity of Pittsboro and of Chatham county to think of this improvement.

Hoping that you will excuse me for thus addressing you, I remain yours truly,  
S. A. WHITE.

The above communication taken from the Pittsboro Record points out another way for us to have a railroad if we will do our part towards it. We certainly need one and badly need it. We are getting poorer every year and those counties in the State that two years ago, while we were talking so much of a road, went ahead and voted subscriptions to roads now have them, and to-day are enjoying the benefits of them—building up from centre to circumference. Compare Caswell's valuation of personal and real estate with any county with railroads and any of them will double us to-day and only a few years ago Caswell was rated as the second county in the State in point of wealth. The people of Chatham county for a long time were bitterly opposed to railroads. The public spirited young men and those who had money went to the live towns on the railroads to go into business, and that county, like Caswell, was only known by its name in the list of counties, but the people at last opened their eyes and went to work and they now have the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Road and a branch road from Pittsboro, the county seat, to Hayward and they are prospering. Caswell can do better. She is one of the best tobacco counties of

the State and if the resources of the county were properly developed it would be as it once was, one of the richest. We could have our own markets and build up towns of our own and thus increase the value of our real estate. Let the matter be put to the people and let them vote \$100,000 for a road from Pittsboro to Danville, with bonds to run for 20 years and it will be the best days work the people of Caswell ever done. The franchise taxes on a road of 25 miles through the county would pay the debt, and the taxes on the increased value of property and improvements in Yanceyville and along the line would more than pay the interest. This is no visionary scheme. It has been done in counties around us and all over the State, and many of them were deeper in debt and in a worse fix generally, if possible, when they went into it than Caswell is to-day. The impression has gone abroad that the people of Caswell do not want a railroad. There is an element in the county opposed to voting subscriptions by the county. They say they do not want the negroes to vote a tax upon their property. There are but few though who put up such a subterfuge. There is not the least foundation for such an argument against a subscription which is to be paid in twenty or thirty years. Who knows who will own the property in this county when the bonds would fall due. The very men who set up such an argument to-day, may control but little of the property in the county then. Let our public spirited citizens take the lead in this matter and have a proposition submitted to the voters of the county and it will be carried. As we have before said, Railroads are as important in this progressive age as good dirt roads were 50 years ago. We cannot get along without them. So let us move to have one. We are informed by Col. Geo. Williamson that there is a charter for the above road. He says it was granted by the Legislature of 1874 or '76.

The Chicago Tribune gives the average prices of wool for every year from 1824 down to 1887. The list shows that the price ranged from 47c to 70c, up to 1867, when the high tariff was put upon it. From 1867 the price fell and was from 25c to 50c, showing that the highest and best prices for wool were previous to the tariff in 1867. Since '82 and '83, when a portion of the tariff was removed the prices have improved. This knocks up Sherman's argument that the reduction of the tariff on wool in 1883 prostrated the sheep raising industry.

January 21st was the coldest day ever known in Minnesota. On that morning the standard government thermometer showed 40 below, the lowest notch that can be registered on it.

"The Crown Prince of Germany" is the subject of a timely article in the February number of THE COSMOPOLITAN, by Professor H. H. Boyesen, who once met him in Norway. The article contains many delightful anecdotes about the heir to the German throne, whose sickness has attracted world-wide attention.

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**What is this Disease that is Coming Upon Us?**

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It has been found that physicians have mistaken the cause of this disease. Some have treated it for a liver complaint, others for kidney disease, etc., etc., but none of these kinds of treatment have been attended with success; for it is really constipation and dyspepsia. It is also found that Shaker Extract of Roots, or Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, when properly prepared will remove this disease in all its stages. Care must be taken, however, to secure the genuine article. IT WILL SELL FASTER THAN COTTON.

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TESTIMONY FROM TEXAS.  
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