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The Railroad Question.

In this issue there appears a communication from one of our Lynn citizens suggesting that several of the townships appropriate fifty thousand dollars towards building an electric railroad from Tryon to Chimney Rock. The suggestion is a good one and we see no reason why it should not be carried out.

Polk county is equal and even superior in many respects to its neighboring counties. The only drawback to Polk is the lack of a railroad. Whenever this county is supplied with a way for people and produce to come and go, it will grow at an alarming rate and will, we believe, surpass many counties that have had the advantage of a railroad for a number of years.

As our correspondent truly says, the time to act in this matter is now. Let us do something and do it at once. This way of waiting for a railroad to drop from the sky without any effort on our part, is a sure way not to get it. Let us all get to work at once and push this thing through. It takes time and work to get anything of value and if we really want an electric railroad we must work for it.

We would be pleased to hear from the citizens of Tryon, Mill Spring, and Cooper Gap on this all important and interesting question. Meanwhile let us all stir up the matter more and decide on some definite mode of procedure.

Notes and Comments.]

A dozen or more notable publications are discussing the race problem again. But pretty soon the editors will go off on a vacation, and give the office boy a chance.—Constitution.

A homely philosopher says that many well-meaning people make a failure of life because they spend nine hours in hoping for the best, and only one a-working for it.—Constitution.

While holding court recently at Greensboro, Judge Cooke strongly denounced the filthy condition of the court room and made the assertion that if it was not thoroughly cleaned he would not hold the April term.

Jim Tillman has announced his withdrawal from the race for Congress from the second district. This is the first real service this man has ever rendered the people of South Carolina, and we give him credit for it.—Gaffney Ledger.

Just so soon as a farm paper begins to attempt teaching the farmer how he shall vote in place of telling him how to manage his farm, just so soon does that paper depreciate in value to the farmer. Farm papers should not meddle in politics. The most successful farm journals today are those that let politics alone.

C. E. PAGE, the mail carrier, between Columbus and Tryon, says that J. D. Rockefeller lost one of his valuable cows the other day and promptly increased the price of oil one-half cent on the gallon in order to recover his loss. Poor Rockefeller! Let us take up collection for him! Mr. Page ought not to talk so about a poor unfortunate citizen like the standard oil magnate.

AN ELECTRIC RAILROAD.

MR. EDITOR:—We beg space in THE POLK COUNTY NEWS to say a few things on the Electric R. R. that has been mentioned heretofore.

While it may be true that a great many mistakes have been made by the people of Polk county in days gone by as regards appropriations of railroads, etc., it has nothing to do with what may be done now. And the great question that should interest us most now is, "what can be done?"

We believe that if Tryon, Columbus, White Oak and Cooper Gap Townships would appropriate fifty thousand dollars to aid in building an electric railroad from Tryon to Chimney Rock via Lynn, Columbus, Mill Spring, Cooper Gap, etc., that we would not have any trouble in finding men of money who would come and build and operate the road. And owing to our peculiar situation as regards the railroad question we have got to move in the right direction and keep moving. Do not give up now. Is it not time for us to besmirch ourselves as we never have done before and do something and do it now. We have no promise of the tomorrow, next week, month or year and life is too short to keep procrastinating and keep on waiting and waiting for something or somebody to do something for us. The truth of the matter is that nothing is going to take place that will ever be of any consequence to us unless we go to work and agitate and stir it up ourselves.

So in our weak way of looking at things, we do not believe there is anything that would develop our county any sooner than an electric railroad as above outlined. "C." Lynn, N. C., March 21st, 1904.

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