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THE WESTERN N. C. RAILROAD.

To the exclusion of our usual variety of matter this morning we surrender much space on our outside pages to the publication of the proceedings of the board of directors of the Western North Carolina Railroad, at their recent session in Raleigh, to consider the proposition made by the Best syndicate to purchase the road.

We do not attempt to say here that our railroad interests have been badly managed, or that they could have been handled so that there might have been a different result. We are brought to look the matter squarely in the face, and we do not hesitate to say that with these millions of loss, the development of our resources, and the progress we have made as a State, including of course the enhancement of the values of our property, have more than compensated us for the outlay.

The board of directors, as we think, wisely declined to recommend the calling of an extraordinary session of the Legislature, at present, to consider the Best proposition. We have never yet been able to see the necessity for haste in a matter which is fraught with the best interests of the people of the whole State.

The late Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Adolph A. Borie recently died in Philadelphia, and his will was admitted to probate on the 10th inst. Among the bequests made is a legacy of ten thousand dollars to General Grant.

ROYAL REX.

He Makes His Appearance in New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, February 12.—Rex arrived yesterday and was received royally. The procession included a body guard of United States troops and the local militia.

The procession of the Mystic Krewe Comus tonight illustrated phases in the history of the Aztecs and their conquest by Cortes, in sixteen tableaux on floats: 1. Traditions; 2. The New Fire; 3. The Pyramid of Cholulul; 4. The Judiciary; 5. A Floating Island; 6. A Marriage Ceremony; 7. The Aztec American; 8. Banner of Cortes; 9. Analahuac; 10. Evil Omens; 11. Montezuma Visits Cortes; 12. Treachery of Alvarado; 13. Alvarado's Leap; 14. Cortes Conqueror; 15. Imperial Recognition; 16. Progress.

Parnell and the Herald Fund. SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 12.—Mr. Parnell, in a speech at Scranton to-night, said that if the New York Herald appointed a committee to distribute its fund in which the Irish people could place confidence, it would have his best wishes for its success.

A Scandal in Which a Southern Senator has a Hand. Special to the Courier-Journal. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The publication a few days since in an evening paper of a certain Southern Senator's name became seriously involved with a young woman, whose ruin he had accomplished, at first seemed to fall flat. Since, however, the scandal has become one of the general topics of conversation, and the indications now are that a whole story will come to light.

SPEND THREE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO ERECT A FINE MANSION AND THEN STOP WITHOUT PUTTING A ROOF ON IT.

This is about the comparative condition in which we find our railroad, and we do not despair of seeing our Legislature rise to the sublimity of patriotism and good statesmanship, if ever the occasion should come.

It is conceded that the bill introduced into the House of Representatives by Mr. Reagan, of Texas, to regulate commerce between the States has been effectively killed by the adverse report of the committee to whom it had been referred.

THE INDIANA ELECTION.—The Indiana election which is to be held on the first Monday in April, begins to attract some attention, although no offices are to be filled. Seven constitutional amendments are to be voted upon, one of which, if adopted, will defer the next election to November, and another would inaugurate a registry law.

THE GERMAN VOTE.—The Philadelphia Press, Republican, says one of the significant signs of the times, worthy the attention of the Republican political leaders, is the unanimous opposition of the Germans to the third-term candidacy of Gen. Grant.

GORDON AND STEPHENS.

An Apology Made and Accepted. WASHINGTON, February 12.—The New York Times this morning publishes a private correspondence between Mr. Gordon and Representative Stephens, with reference to the personal misunderstanding which arose between them at a recent meeting of the Senate census committee.

THE CATHOLICS AND THE RITUALISTS. NEW YORK, February 12.—A London special to the Herald states, on authority of private dispatches from Rome, that no doubt whatever remains of the reception of Rev. Arthur Wagner, a Ritualist, into the Church of Rome.

Another Millionaire Candidate. It is announced that Mr. James G. Fair, who is also a millionaire resident of San Francisco, will contest Mr. Sharon's return from Nevada to the United States Senate.

Where Contentment is Impossible. Contentment produces, in some measure, all those effects which the alchemist usually ascribes to what he calls the philosopher's stone, and if it does not bring riches it does the same thing by building up a habit of contentment.

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Report of the Committee on Coinage.—The Louisiana Senatorship—Committee Work, &c. WASHINGTON, February 12.—SENATE. Saunders introduced a bill to abolish all duties on the importation of salt.

HOUSE.—Stephens, of Georgia, chairman of the committee on coinage, weights and measures, reported back five bills relative to the metric system of coinage. Printed and referred to the committee of the whole.

THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE TOOK UP TO-DAY THE HOUSE BILL MAKING A SPECIAL DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION IN ADVANCE OF THE REGULAR BUDGET.

NOMINATIONS. The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: Geo. Tom, to be collector of customs at Cherrystone, Va.; Jno. S. Reed, to be postmaster at Huntsville, Ala.; F. Henry Omaha, to be postmaster at Donaldsonville, La.

CABLE FLASHES.

German Military Affairs.—Cost of the Franco-German War.—Irish Relief. LONDON, Feb. 12.—A Paris dispatch says the *Sole* announces that General Delorg, commander of the sixteenth brigade of German Infantry, has been appointed chief of staff to the fifteenth army corps, stationed at Strasburg.

Insurance on Lehman Factory. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 12.—The Lehman factory, burned yesterday, was insured in the Capital City Insurance Company, of Montgomery, Ala., for \$50,000, Home Protection, of Alabama, for \$25,000, Georgia Home for \$2,000, and in Northern and Foreign companies for about \$50,000.

STATE NEWS.

The new public hall at Winston is to be called the Academy of Music. Greenville has no town government, and gets along very well without it.

Durham will soon have a manufacturing or engaged on an extensive scale in making furniture and sash, door blinds, &c. The Greensboro Patriot reports the death of Mr. Howell, a lawyer and a prominent citizen of Randolph county.

Raleigh Dispatch: Mr. Richardson, of Philadelphia, will this week commence the manufacture of stone pipe at the penitentiary, arrangements having been perfected between him and the authorities of that institution.

A Chapel Hill student, in connection with the stock law, that township being the only one in the county in which the law was not strictly enforced.

RAILROADS.

CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA AND AUGUSTA RAILROAD. On and after Sunday, 12 m., the following schedule will be operated by this company: DAY PASSENGER.

GOING SOUTH. Leave Charlotte, N. C., 11 27 A. M. Arrive Columbia, S. C., 4 20 P. M. Leave Columbia, S. C., 4 25 P. M. Arrive Augusta, Ga., 8 35 P. M.

GOING NORTH. Leave Augusta, Ga., 6 50 A. M. Arrive Columbia, S. C., 10 45 A. M. Leave Columbia, S. C., 10 55 A. M. Arrive Charlotte, N. C., 4 00 P. M.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO OFFER TO THE TRADE ONE OF THE BEST LINES OF Boots and Shoes to be Found in the City of Charlotte, AND AT PRICES AS LOW AS THEY CAN BE MADE.

LADIES, MISSES and CHILDREN'S Fine shoes of the Best Makes, GENT'S HAND-SEWED BOOTS AND SHOES ARE OUR SPECIALTY, AND WITH A FULL LINE OF THESE, WE CAN SUIT AND FIT ANYBODY.

Lotteries. A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A FORTUNE.—SECOND GRAND DISTRIBUTION, CLASS B, AT NEW ORLEANS. Tuesday, March 9th, 1880—118th Monthly Drawing.

100,000 Tickets at Two Dollars each. Half-Tickets, One Dollar. LIST OF PRIZES: 1 Capital Prize, \$30,000; 1 Capital Prize, 10,000; 1 Capital Prize, 5,000; 2 Prizes of \$2,500, 5,000; 20 Prizes of 1,000, 5,000; 100 Prizes of 500, 50,000; 200 Prizes of 200, 10,000; 500 Prizes of 100, 10,000; 1,000 Prizes of 50, 10,000.

17th. COMMONWEALTH DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, AT MACAULEY'S THEATRE, IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1880.

FOR RENT.

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Burgess Nichols, FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c. A FULL LINE OF Cheap Bedsteads AND LOUNGES, PARLOR AND CHAMBER SUITS. COFFINS OF ALL KINDS ON HAND.

BENSON'S CAPSICINE POROUS PLASTER. A WORD TO THOSE WHO USE POROUS PLASTERS. It is a universally acknowledged fact that Benson's Capsicine Porous Plasters are Superior to all Others.

Groceries. SEED POTATOES, MAGNIFICENT GRITS, &c. BANANAS, FRESH FRENCH CANDIES, WALNUT AND OTHER TAFFIES, CARMELS, CARMELS, THE DELIGHT OF EVERY ONE.

Burwell & Springs. 50 BLS. E. K. POTATOES. 50 BLS. SNOW FLAKE. 50 BLS. PEERLESS. 100 BLS. GRITS. 10 BLS. LARGE HOMINY.

C. HILKER'S. 25 Barrels Early Rose Potatoes, and many other goods too numerous to mention.

JUST RECEIVED. 40 FINE TURKEYS. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR. CAPE COD CRANBERRIES, AND SWEET POTATOES, at S. M. HOWELL'S.

NICE LOT OF CALIFORNIA PEARS, CELEBRATED SODA CRACKERS, IN 8 AND 10 POUND TINS. LEROY DAVIDSON.

FOR SALE. A Valuable tract of land one mile east of the City of Charlotte, comprising about 150 acres. DWELLING FOR SALE.