

THE OBSERVER ENJOYS THE DISTINCTION

Among all the newspapers of the State, of having been made the mouthpiece of the contending parties to the railroad war which has but just commenced in North Carolina.

To begin: On the 23rd day of December, 1879, we stated: "Trustworthy information reaches the Observer that the responsible department of the New York city propose to take the Western North Carolina Railroad out of the hands of the State."

Our information came direct from Washington City, and it was understood that Senator Vance, if not the entire delegation in Congress, was warmly in favor of the measure.

The proposition of Mr. Best and his associates as presented, briefly stated, is this: The State, through its proper commissioners, to make a contract with our warranty of title to Mr. Best and his associates (and under the bill known as the Best contract, to his assigns) for the State's interest in the Western North Carolina Railroad.

"It is for you (to the people) to say whether your fellow-citizens of the West are again to be disappointed. For nearly a half century they have expected to see the State, at the end of a century you have responded to their appeals with all the means in your possession."

It was generally understood that the Western North Carolina Railroad was a milestone around the neck of the people, and especially of the Democratic party which was then in power.

"The Observer has been put down as unfavorable to the sale proposed by the syndicate. This is not strictly its position. Where it has started may easily be defined. If after an investigation of the whole subject by some commission representing the best interests of the State, it is found that it will be to the advantage of the State to sell out the railroad, we will be glad to see the State's interest in this grand North Carolina enterprise sacrificed in the interest of the New York syndicate."

It is a good thing for the New York syndicate to buy the road, it might be a good thing for North Carolina to have the Western North Carolina Railroad, then so it is; for the contrary, as we think, it is merely following out prudent counsel in the interests of the people's property, and we take the responsibility. The road will be finished in Asheville within a few months. Circumstances and the demands of trade and travel will force its completion to Paint Rock in a few more. We waited long and anxiously for the news that the Atlantic coast line will be completed, and this must be supplied. For twenty-

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The Emperor of Prussia and the Czar of Russia had a conference at Danzig last Saturday. They dined and talked, but what they talked about is best known to themselves. Some think the meeting has a political significance, others that it is a social one.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The morning bulletin has had the effect of alarming the public. The apprehension which was caused last night, and it is generally conceded by the attending surgeons that the patient is in a more favorable condition. Whether the lung trouble is a late hour last night will probably pass away or develop into an abscess cannot yet be predicted.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The President has experienced since the issuance of the morning bulletin a further amelioration of symptoms. He has been able to take an ample amount of food without distress, and has had several refreshing naps. At the noon examination his temperature was 99, pulse 100, respiration 20.

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ANOTHER TROUBLE

THE BRIDGE LONG A SKELETON AMONG THE KEYSTONE. A Trip to the White Mountains' Foot-—The Doctors Hope and Think They Have Mastered the More Difficultly.

ELBERON, N. J., September 10—1900. The patient passed an unusually good night. His sleep being uninterrupted except occasionally to enable him to take nourishment. The temperature from the parotid gland has almost entirely ceased. The opening from which the pus discharged is rapidly healing.

ELBERON, 12:36 p. m.—Dr. Bliss feels better this morning. He says that the President's pulse is about 100, temperature normal and respiration but slightly above that point.

ELBERON, 1:30 p. m.—Postmaster-General James, who saw the President this morning, says he found him in good spirits and generally much better than he had been for some time.

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