

RATES SHOULD BE REDUCED

RAILROADS VS. THE PUBLIC
While Paying Large Dividends to Stockholders...

and protection they place a premium upon the most heinous crimes and as a consequence they are forcing issues which they can ill afford.

All concede your fairness and wisdom and viewing the politics of North Carolina as an interested spectator, I have not failed to observe the healthy influence you have exerted.

This letter is prompted by an editorial on "Railroad Passenger Rates" which appeared in your issue of Saturday, August 18th.

They are the mere creatures of the State owing certain duties to the public and while the investors are entitled to a fair return on their money, their first and paramount obligation is the performance of the public duties they have assumed.

Thereby the public has been deprived of its just dues and the stock has been given an inflated value as a basis for rate-making.

Trains may be delayed, passengers may be subjected to the loss and inconvenience of missing connections to the point that it seems a rare exception when the thousands of visitors to this section in summer find a train on time and shippers are unreasonably delayed in their shipments.

As matters now stand, it is currently believed that the Murphy branch is barely safe and I know it is insufficiently operated.

Coming back to my mutton—if the Southern Railway is paying twelve and a half per cent. dividends on its preferred stock...

ASHVILLE, Aug. 21, 1906.

TENDENCY OF MOB RULE

It is to inflict Death Penalty for Every Crime... Hold Their Destiny in Their Hands...

The bold and defiant spirit of the mob in passing and executing sentence on a certain class of criminals is the fruitage of inheritance and teaching.

Lynching for the nameless crime, and the crime itself, have been so frequent in the South of late decades that the people by reflex action as it were, expect the one to follow the first.

Our leading citizens, from governors down, have persistently and hopefully contributed unsparingly of their time and money in building schools, churches, and charitable institutions as means to advance the masses among us to a higher plane of citizenship.

ASK US DILWORTH DRUG STORE

With the knowledge of negro sympathy for a black criminal and with Southern ideas deeply imbedded in the constitutions of Southerners, it is not strange that when a heinous crime is committed by a negro...

THE WEATHER
Washington, Aug. 22.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday...

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
Charlotte, Aug. 22.—Sunrise 6:42 a. m.; sunset 7:57 p. m.

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR SLOAN
In Answer to a Communication From Mr. W. A. Potts He Details What Was Done in Two Alleged Blind Tiger Cases.

On Sunday, June 24, 1906, I saw two colored persons who were very much under the influence of whiskey (or some other intoxicating beverage) I had a slight suspicion where they had gotten it, and on Monday morning I had a conference with our town officer, who after a little further investigation swore at a warrant against certain individuals for retailing, and when apprehended this party was brought before me and tried.

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PRISONER OF WAR AT THE PARK TO-NIGHT

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