

WILMINGTON TO BE OUTLET?

C. C. & O. COAL MAY GO THAT WAY

New Railroad May Make North Carolina Coast City Its Seaboard. The... With the Carolina Central—Extensive Improvements, Such as Heavier Rails, New Cross-ties and Ballast For the Roadbed Indicate That This Move is Contemplated if Not Definitely... Authority Knows Anything—What This Project, if True, Would Mean to Wilmington.

Will the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad make Wilmington the outlet for the vast coal fields which this railroad taps, or will Savannah be selected as the seaboard terminal? That is a question that is agitating the minds of Wilmington business people generally, and is interesting everybody along the line of the Carolina Central Railroad.

Nobody Knows Anything. Nobody in authority seems ready to say that this is what the improvement along the line of the Carolina Central mean. Not that they stand in the attitude of observing secrecy or cloaking a mystery, but they profess to be in complete ignorance as to what the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio people mean to do for a terminal.

The Man Who Stood Like a Stone Wall at Spartanburg Proved His Courage on the Battlefield of Virginia Long Ago. Spartanburg Herald. Sheriff John Nichols, of Spartanburg, S. C., sends us an account of how John Nichols, the sheriff of the county, saved a negro in his custody from an attack of a mob. The negro has since been tried, convicted, and sent to prison for thirty years, as punishment for the crime of assault. Our correspondent incloses an account by an eyewitness of how the same man, a mere boy then, at the battle of Spotsylvania Court House, went to the shelter of the Confederate rifle pits, under a murderous fire, to carry water to a wounded Federal officer, who had lain groaning near for some time.

DEEPENING THE RIVER. No one else knew anything. The objection to Wilmington as a terminal that might arise from lack of water on the bar or in the channel will be overcome before the people of that section are through, for they are determined to have a 30-foot channel from Wilmington to the sea and they are in earnest about it.

TRACKAGE IMPROVEMENTS. Sherlock Holmes would probably find more evidence in the trackage improvements to justify the belief that there is "something in the air" than in the terminal improvements. I rode from Hamlet to Wilmington on the rear end of the train with the engineer of roadbed and the meaning of the activity was pointed out. All the way from Bostic to Wilmington track gangs are busy replacing the 50-pound rail with 65-pound rail. The difference in the ease of riding is appreciable, and the lighter rails would stand for heavy coal business. The 65-pound rails are coming from the main line, which is being relaid with 75-pound rails. All along the line the links are being taken out of the track, new cross-ties are going in by the thousand and at the Wilmington end, or rather at Navassa—this side of the first river crossing, the tracks are being raised four feet. This last work was undertaken because of the lesson learned in the recent floods, when the track was under water and business for several days paralyzed.

BALLASTING THE ROADBED. Another move—an important as heavier rails and new cross-ties—is that of ballasting the roadbed. Toward the Wilmington end of the line this is being accomplished with clinkers from several big plants that are engaged in extracting the marketable products from barytes. This material is said to make very fine ballast, being heavy and hard as iron, but it is probably no better, if as good, as the wash gravel which is being used on the Pas Deo river. At present the roadbed toward Bostic is receiving this ballast. All of this means that the Carolina Central will very shortly be able to handle more and heavier traffic, and that passenger travel on the line will no longer be the reproach that it has been because of its many discomforts.

The choice of Wilmington as the seaboard terminal of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio would mean great things for the section traversed, by the Carolina Central. First, it would mean cheaper coal for the consumers in this section; it would mean a greater and more rapid development for the territory which the Carolina Central traverses, because the growth and development of Wilmington as the gateway of the State must inevitably redound to the prosperity of North Carolina.

DIRECT LINE OF STEAMERS. The inauguration of at least one direct trans-Atlantic line of steamers from Wilmington would work wonders from a commercial viewpoint, and this feature would follow quickly the fixed status of the port as a coaling station. Incidentally a great amount of business, both trans-Atlantic and coastwise, would go to Wilmington from which Norfolk and Newport News now reap the benefits, for manifest reasons—Wilmington is nearer the centre of the great pathway across the Atlantic, and in coaling these steamers would be enabled to avoid the passage around Cape Hatteras when the trip to Norfolk necessitates. For the benefit of the uninitiated it is noted in passing that tramp steamers which carry the cotton and naval stores of America from New Orleans, Galveston and other ports, similarly located, cannot carry a sufficient supply of coal to take them to their destination and therefore steam up to the most convenient coast point which offers what they want and take on bunker coal. This necessity is the prime reason for the fact that Newport News, as small as it is, has been able to show up an export record that ranks the port as third in the list of South Atlantic coast cities. The ready cash that this trade in bunker coal brings to a seaport, in addition to the volume of money that passes between the carriers and the producer, can hardly be accurately estimated, but is so considerable that the transferring of the trade to Wilmington, or even the greater part of it, spells untold prosperity to the State's gateway.

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THE WEATHER.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Weather forecast: Virginia, fair Monday; warmer in central and north portions; Tuesday rain except fair in southwest portion; light to fresh east to southeast winds. North and South Carolina, Georgia, east Florida, fair Monday and Tuesday; light to fresh northeast to east winds. West Florida, Alabama, partly cloudy Monday, probably showers at night of Tuesday, light east to southeast winds. Mississippi, showers Monday or Monday night; Tuesday partly cloudy; light southeast to south winds. Louisiana, showers Monday or Monday night except fair in southwest portion; Tuesday partly cloudy; light southeast to south winds. East Texas, generally fair Monday and Tuesday; light to fresh southeast to south winds. West Texas, fair Monday and Tuesday except possibly showers and cooler Monday in the panhandle. Tennessee, partly cloudy Monday, showers in afternoon or night in west portion; Tuesday fair, colder in west portion. Kentucky, showers Monday or Monday night; Tuesday fair, colder. West Virginia, showers Monday or Monday night; warmer Tuesday; showers and colder.

LOCAL OFFICE, U. S. WEATHER BUREAU. Charlotte, Nov. 22.—Sunrise 7:06 a. m.; sunset 5:14 p. m. TEMPERATURE (in degrees). Highest temperature 69. Lowest temperature 51. Mean temperature 61. Excess for the day 3. Accumulated excess for month 9. Accumulated excess for year 62.

PRECIPITATION (in inches). Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. 0. Total for the month 1.67. Accumulated deficiency for month 0.25. Total for the year 50.23. Accumulated excess for year 5.12. Prevailing wind direction N. E. W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

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South Carolina Negro Killed by Another. Observer Bureau, 1230 Berkeley Building, Columbia, S. C., Nov. 22.

Alton Worthy, colored, was shot and killed last night near Dent's, five miles from Columbia. Manuel Johnson, colored, is in jail as a suspect. Worthy was accused of wronging the daughter of Howard, who last night threatened to kill Worthy. The shooting took place about 8 o'clock last night and the body was found this morning.

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HELLO THERE

"Sumthin' doin', masy, and right now, top, in dis here town, and don't you forget it. A lot mesty, and a draftin' of documents by de Powers, all by its little selfy. Bi-am-b, Honey, de peoples, dem fokes what does the voten and electin of dem missioners, will say, 'How's it you fellows ain't a given us pore devils what's to be governed by dis here scheme? He the wee bit of a say so, now and den? Don't we pay no taxes? Don't we 'll sit wise.' "Hush Up De, John Jeeems. "Don't you know you got no business with fair's of State. You an me and us tax payers in dis here town an sure of but one thing. If we take our Billy Malone with that fellow Kestler, he'll make it work and earn like the very old boy, and we'll get what he promises—knows all about Billy Malone and like to tell one about it. (See whis, ever see the money him and other fellow takes in, on Saturdays? Regular show." "So long, Mary."

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