



OUR RAILROAD.

Now that "the die is cast" we may speak more plainly on the subject of the route of the road. The peculiarly warm, neighborly feeling that Chapel Hill has for Durham, caused nearly every one of our citizens to prefer Durham to University Station as the point of connection. We made all the effort in behalf of Durham that it was possible for sensible people to make. When it was said, in the Stockholders' meeting, that to go to Durham would probably lead on to Franklinton, or some other place on the Raleigh & Gaston R. R., the fate of the Durham route was sealed; for the Richmond & Danville Road would be idiotic to construct a line that would take large patronage from it. If the Raleigh & Gaston Road had appreciated its advantage and shown a spirit of liberality and enterprise, the case would have been different. It was University Station or no where. We could not build without the Mine Company. The Mine Company could not build without the R. & D. Road. The R. & D. Road could not, without stultifying itself, select a point that would lead to the diversion of freight and travel to others. So, nobody's to blame. As to Hillsboro, its action was too late, too indefinite, and, in any sense, insufficient. If these towns will not complain, we will not complain. We thank them for all the kindly interest they have expressed and sympathize for any losses of convenience or trade to which they were entitled. Our policy—our purpose—is to be contented. We have good reasons. If the road had run to Durham, Chapel Hill would have lost much trade, perhaps, that it will keep at home now. Durham never trades with us. We send our money away to Durham and Raleigh sometimes. We can find things at home at railroad prices, hereafter, and keep our money at home and save the time and trouble of travel. We have learned that the Richmond & Danville Railroad will see that we have connection with the Central train in both directions. This will put us at Durham within 15 minutes of the time that it would take a train to go direct to Durham. If we are going to Hillsboro or to any western or northern point, we would save that 15 minutes. It should be remembered that nearly all the freight from Chapel Hill comes down the North Carolina Road. As to the question of trade and convenience in travel, there is scarcely room for an imaginary advantage as to Durham or Hillsboro. No one has shown, and certainly, we cannot see, that there is, for us, anything more than a mere friendly sentiment pointing to Durham or Hillsboro, except the possibility of extension of the line. That possibility is well understood by those without whom it is an impossibility for the road to be built at all. As to the question—what would happen if the Mine Company should find that they did not want the road? we do not see that we need to consider it. The same inquiry might be made, no matter where the road might run to. If the Company should ever withdraw, it will be easier for us to provide for 8-12 miles than for 12-15. But it must be remembered that the State has a great interest at this end of the line, and will not be apt to surrender a great help to that interest without a rational effort to save it. When we get the road, we expect to keep it going, if we have to fill up between the cross-ties and get Cates or King to run a street car. The best of the whole affair is: we are getting the railroad more easily and sooner than we expected. Who would have believed it! All together—let's rejoice and be thankful!

MEETING OF THE ALUMNI OF THE UNIVERSITY.

On the 22d instant the Alumni Association of the University held a meeting in Raleigh. Hon. P. C. Cameron, the President, one of the truest friends of the interests of Chapel Hill, addressed the Association, making a stirring appeal for earnest and united action. He referred with pleasure to what had been done, since the revival of the institution, and prophesied great achievements for the future, if the sons would be faithful to their Alma Mater. In this speech, Mr. Cameron was, as usual, truly sensible. Good to the University means work for it. Appointments, meetings, discussions, resolutions, and committees are valuable, only as they lead to fruitful efforts that mature into substantial realities. It will not be doubted that devoted and persistent support by the Alumni would soon bear their cherished institution up to the standard that all true North Carolinians wish to see it occupying. But Alumni Associations seldom do much that is really helpful.

W. L. Saunders was chosen Secretary and Treasurer; E. B. Engelhard, Assistant Secretary. Mrs. C. P. Spencer was elected an honorary member. She eminently deserves it. The Alumni address will hereafter be delivered at the meeting in Raleigh in January. This is, perhaps, well enough, but there is room for doubt. The Legislature is to be asked to grant to the Alumni the power to elect part of the Trustees. This, too, is well; for the Alumni will never perpetrate the folly of electing any who are not warm friends of the institution.

President Battle presented to the Association the interesting letter of Dr. Deems in regard to the generous contribution as the beginning of the "Theodore D. Deems Memorial Loan Fund."

THE SOCIAL EVIL.

Such is the language that some people apply to a most degrading and corrupting evil in society. It is called the social evil. Still, it is not opposed as it should be—considering its baneful influence. It ruins young men, in health and character. It puts an end to self-respect, without which a human being is an object of pity and contempt. It destroys the peace of families. It leads to poverty and various forms of wretchedness. Tremendous as the evil, it prevails comparatively uncondemned and unopposed. The pulpit and the press are almost entirely silent about it. Now and then a few words of indirect reference to it may be found in books, papers, and sermons,—but rarely indeed do we find such remonstrances as the abominable vice should call forth. The civil law trifles with the fearful curse. The threatened penalties are pitifully insufficient, and the whole legal economy bearing on the subject is a practical conivance if not encouragement. But the word of God is not so wickedly modest as to overlook this great enemy to individuals and to society. Read Prov. 2nd chap. 17th to 19th verse; Prov. 5th chap. 3d to 13th verse; Prov. 6th chap. 23d to 35th verse; Prov. 7th chap. 6th to 27th verse; Prov. 9th chap. 13th to 18th verse; Prov. 22nd chap. 14th verse; Prov. 23d chap. 27th verse; Ecclesiastes 7th chap. 26th verse; Eph. 5th chap. 5th verse.

If you are guilty and these declarations of Almighty God do not arrest your infamous conduct, you may thereby know that your case is already most deplorable and will probably exemplify the horrible fate of the whoremonger, even to the uttermost damnation.

NORTH CAROLINA has been divided into four Census Districts. As Supervisors of these Districts the President has nominated three Democrats and one Republican. Orange county is in the second district; Mr. Jos. H. Cardwell, of Rockingham, is the Supervisor. He is a Democrat.

THE goose-bone prophets of Kentucky say that the latter part of February is to be the cold season. A man's sense may be known by the kind of teacher he chooses for himself. If he chooses a goose for his guide, he may become as wise as his teacher.

THE Hillsboro Southern Mail contains a notable article from Henry N. Brown, on the past, present and future of Hillsboro, particularly as connected with the University Railroad. After all, if the average enterprise of Hillsboro had been up to the energy of Henry Brown, the old town would be far in advance of its present state. If the effort to get our road to Hillsboro has no other effect, it may always be said that it called forth one of the quaintest and most truthful appeals ever addressed to the people of the noble old borough. After all that may be said of Mr. Brown's peculiarities, he has been the most heroic friend of the business life of his town; and if he had been less generous, he would have been far wealthier to-day.

At a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic-Conservative party, held in Raleigh, on Monday, January 26th, it was resolved to call a meeting of the State Executive Committee, to be held in Raleigh, on Wednesday, March 3d. It will then be decided what is best to be done about calling the State Convention.

STATE NEWS.

The Raleigh Observer says that Col. W. J. Hicks, Warden of the State Penitentiary, yesterday paid into the State Treasury \$2,000, received for work done on the Oxford and Henderson Railroad. The sum of \$1,705.67, received from various other sources, was also paid in by him.

Raleigh Observer: Mr. Peter M. Wilson, who has been city editor of the Observer for two years, having been called to more agreeable duties, necessarily vacates the chair he has so acceptably filled in this office. We are sure our readers, who appreciated the pleasant humor and good nature that always were to be found in his clever paragraphs, will long bear him in kind remembrance, and will, with all the Observer folks, wish him a useful and successful career in his new occupation.

Iredell Gazette: Mr. Wm. Overcash, who lives a few miles from Statesville, met with a fearful experience on Saturday last. He was plowing in his field, and at noon hitched and mounted his mule to ride home for dinner. Soon after starting and before he got out of the field, the mule took fright and threw his rider, who in falling became entangled in a trace chain. The mule then started off at a rapid gallop, dragging the unfortunate man by one leg twice around a large field, over stumps, now and then dashing him against the corners of the fence, and finally jumped a pair of bars which were partly let down, the body of the man striking against the top bar with such force as to knock the sap part of it entirely off. Crossing the bars the mule jumped about 12 feet, and the body of the man made a visible indentation in the hard ground about that distance from the bars. The mule then ran about 100 yards further, when by some means the chain about the man's leg became disengaged, and he was left lying on the ground. He was almost flayed alive, scarcely any part of his body that was not skinned and frightfully bruised, though no bones were broken. The distance over which he was dragged was measured and found to be 740 yards. His clothing was almost all torn from his body, and much of his hair was found sticking to stumps in the field. Strange to say, his physician, Dr. McCorkle, is hopeful of his recovery.

LIFE THOUGHTS. Your life is what you make it. The best philosophy—a contented mind.

If you would be strong, conquer yourself. A wise man's thoughts walk with him, but a fool's heart without. Whatever is obtained by deceit cheats no man so much as the getter. The man who lives right and is right has more power in his silence than another has by his words. Character is like bells which ring out sweet music, when touched accidentally even, resound with melody.

If we save the moments of time we will have enough for every needful work. Moments are the material of which days and years are made. If these be well improved, we will have years devoted to profitable employment. A lady witness said in a St. L. miscourt: "Give me the least grain of truth for a basis, and I can ruin the character of any woman in the world." Let gossips ponder this remark, and they will be brought to a realization of its truth.

History does not relate that Adam and Eve obtained their sweets by raising cane.

[Indianapolis Sentinel.] THE EXODUS MACHINE IN MOTIONS.

THE LATEST ARRIVALS IN INDIANA OF DELUDED AFRICANS.

On Friday night a special train of three coaches and a baggage car followed the incoming train over the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette road. The coaches were filled with North Carolina negroes to the number of nearly two hundred, including men, women and children. They were all shabbily dressed, and each carried a pack, in some instance not larger than a collar box, and from that size up to the dimensions of a barrel. These packs represented the sum total of their household goods. They were directed into the gentlemen's waiting room at the depot, and when they were all in every inch of space was taken up.

A Sentinel reporter gazed on this poverty-stricken crowd of humanity, as they sat huddled together, and in each face was depicted a blank look bordering on despair. A sadder spectacle is seldom witnessed, and could the men who are importing these ignorant creatures have seen the sight at the depot on Friday night, they would have certainly blushed for shame to think that they were engaged in such a nefarious business. The new-comers looked hungry and God-forsaken, and one old gentleman said they had not been "fed" since early in the morning.

The reporter attempted to interview some of these men, but in most instances their mouths were closed to any answers to questions propounded. It was very evident to the interviewers that they had been posted. After several attempts to ascertain the history of their coming, without success, the reporter finally singled out one negro with a disgusted looking countenance, and from him elicited the fact that the crowd was drummed up by one Scott, a darkey from Washington, who belonged to the "bureau of immigration," and that the negroes hail from Halifax, Johnston and Lenoir counties, N. C. Saturday a number of prominent Democrats, including the State officers, were called upon by the "exodus committee," and asked for contributions to relieve the suffering immigrants, claiming that all the money they had collected was exhausted, and that they did not have anything to provide for the immediate wants of those negroes already here, and as to the new arrivals they could not possibly do anything for them.

About ten of the negroes applied to Auditor Mason on Saturday for money to pay their fare back to North Carolina, stating that if they remained here they would surely starve, and that things had been misrepresented to them by the men who sent them here.

HOW A BEAUTIFUL HYMN WAS WRITTEN. There is an interesting incident mentioned in the life of Charles Wesley, and which led to the writing of his very sweet hymns.

One day Mr. Wesley was sitting by an open window, looking out over the beautiful fields in summer time. Presently a little bird flitting about in the sunshine attracted his attention. Just then a hawk came sweeping down toward the little bird. The poor thing very much frightened, was darting here and there, trying to find some place of refuge. In the bright, sunny air, in the leafy trees, or the green fields, there was no hiding place from the fierce grasp of the hawk. But, seeing the open window, and the man sitting by it, the bird flew in its terror toward it, and with a beating heart and quivering wing, found refuge in Mr. Wesley's bosom. He sheltered it from the threatening danger, and saved it from a cruel death. Mr. Wesley was at the time suffering from severe trials, and was feeling the need of a refuge in his own time of trouble, as much as the trembling little bird did, that nestled so safe in his bosom. So he took up his pen and wrote the hymn:

"Jesus, Saviour of my soul, Let me to Thee, thy bosom fly, While the waves of trouble roll, While the tempest still is high."

Plowing by steam has long been practiced but plowing by electricity was attempted for the first time recently in France on the estate of the great chocolate manufacturer, Menier. The experiment, which was made in the presence of a number of scientific men and journalists, was entirely successful. The plow was directed by a man, who, seated on a sort of saddle, retained perfect control of the machine. The motive power was transmitted through slender wires, which caused the wheels of the carriage to revolve and thus propel the plow through the soil. It is claimed that plowing in this way can be done more rapidly and economically than by horse power. The Meniers have purchased the patent for the invention and propose to test it thoroughly. Should all that is claimed for it be proven, a revolution in our present method of tilling the soil must follow.—Baltimore Gazette.

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