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## May Extend The Road to Gatesville

There is now very strong probability that the Suffolk and Carolina Railroad will be extended from Elizabeth City to Gatesville.

Hon. L. L. Smith the able lawyer, of the latter place in an interview with the Tar Heel reporter said that his people were very much interested in the project and that they would give every reasonable encouragement to secure this end. "As soon as my courts are over I will go to Baltimore and lay the matter before the board of directors of the Suffolk and Carolina," said he. "We realize the rapid growth of your city, and that it is the metropolis of Eastern North Carolina. Into its lap is emptied the resources of the great sound section, and we want transportation facilities that will enable Gates to get the benefit of the varied resources of that section."

The president, general manager, and board of directors of the Suffolk and Carolina railroad were in the city last week, and The Tar Heel reporter approached them on this subject. They seemed favorable to the idea of the extension from Bosley to Gatesville, and expressed a desire to hear what the

bench of judges also issued an order of ouster prohibiting the companies from doing business in the state. But it was adjudged that the order shall be not enforced should the companies accept the judgment and manage to scrape together the fines as assessed, within thirty days. These companies do business in St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph. Proceedings were instituted last May for violation of the anti-trust laws of the states and for forming a combination to control prices.—Collier's Weekly.

## Want to Take up Venezuela's Debt.

French financial houses are contending with American, British and German bankers for permission from President Castro to take up the Venezuelan debt. Mr. Bowen has received information from Caracas that the French minister there was in frequent communication with the Banque de Escompte with a view to converting the Venezuelan debt and establishing a French bank in Caracas. It is generally admitted that the allied powers are waiting on Castro's answer to the syndicates before negotiating to send the controversy to the Hague.

## Rolling Place is Roosevelt's Special.

Washington, March 31.—The special train on which the president will leave here tomorrow for his western trip will be furnished by the Pennsylvania railroad and will be one of the finest ever run out of Washington. It has been specially decorated and equipped for the trip. It will consist of six cars, manned by a picked crew, with Conductor William H. Johnson, who has been with the president on many trips, in charge. Spencer Murray will be in charge of the president's car, which will be the private car Elysian. It has a parlor and observation compartment, three state sleeping rooms, a dining room, two sleeper sections, a kitchen and sleeping sections for servants. The other cars of the train will be the Texas, a compartment sleeper; the Senegal, a section sleeper; the St. James, a dinner; the Alliance, a combination baggage car and a regular baggage car. The trip will continue from April 1 to June 5—nine weeks and three days. During that time the president will travel about 14,000 miles.

Mr. I. H. Scoboro of Wanchese N. C. paid us a visit last week. Mr. Scoboro runs a mail route and uses a gasoline launch in this transportation. The launch is 25 or 30 feet long and is calculated to stand the roughest waters of the sound.

Mr. Hugh Boderant left on Wednesday for Virginia Beach, which place he expects to make his future home. He has held a position with the N. & S. R. R., here, and will continue in the service of this company. Mr. Boderant is very popular in Elizabeth City.

The rural mail carriers make their first report at the end of March. If they report the true condition of some parts of the roads leading from this city, the road officials will hear from Uncle Sam, as most of them signed an

agreement to keep the roads in proper repair.

Rev E. E. Dudley, of Norfolk, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of that city addressed the young men of the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday at 4 o'clock. The series of lectures given by Rev. Mr. Duke, of this city, were brought to a close the previous Sunday afternoon.

The Y. M. C. A. is now putting up a grandstand on Baxter property, and good baseball is the outlook for the coming season. Elizabeth City is to be congratulated in their respect as the team which will represent the association is a strong one.

As announcement of the team membership will be made later.

Broad Creek fishing beach, is according to our friend M. L. Twiford, of East Lake, the most orderly place in eastern Carolina. Mr. Twiford was in to see us this week and reports the outlook for herring sales as good. Dare County, he says, is improving in every line, and many fine buildings are being erected.

Mr. F. H. Bondurant, the ticket agent at Elizabeth City for the Norfolk and Southern Railway was this week promoted to the office at Virginia Beach where he becomes agent in charge. Mr. Bondurant's move is a matter of regret. His popularity has been marked, and the social circles will miss him. The Tar Heel wishes this hustling young man, the best success in his new field.

The Cropsey home was drawn by two ladies last week in the drawing contest of The Riverside Land Company. These ladies were Mrs. Smith, of E. City, and Mrs. Cochran, of Columbia. Each received a half interest. All contestants drew valuable lots. Interest now centers in the Euclid Height Land, where only five lots are now unsold. Full ownership in a handsome dwelling will go with this lot contest, and all who participate will receive a handsome piece of land.

Mr. S. G. Brickhouse of Columbia was a caller at our office last week. In conversation with our newsmen Mr. Brickhouse said that the Roper Lumber Company were now contemplating the construction of forty miles of railway between Roper and Washington County and Newfoundland in Tyrell County.

About one hundred houses, will also be built at Newfoundland as a result of this road. This means connection with the Norfolk and Southern for Roper and is a big thing.

## NIXONTON.

Correspondence of the Tar Heel Nixonton, N. C., March, 29.—

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Mr. Wiley Coppersmith and Mrs. John Pendleton, of Weeksville were the guests of Mrs. G. W. Cartwright last Tuesday.

Messrs. S. H. Simco and L. E. Hall, of Norfolk, Va. were in town last Thursday.

Dr. I. Fearing, of Elizabeth City, was here Friday.

Mrs. John James, of Kehukee, and Mrs. Julius Jennings, of Weeksville, were the guests of Mrs. G. W. Cartwright last Wednesday.

Mr. William Raper and wife, of Weeksville, were the guests of Miss Laura Morris Saturday.

Mr. Henry Raper, of E. City made a flying trip through our town Friday.

Dr. T. M. Riddick, a prominent physician of Woodville, was here Friday.

Mr. Mordecia Elliott, of Weeksville, was here Sunday.

Misses Nannie and Mae Reid, of Elizabeth City, were the guests of Miss Johnnie Lane Sunday.

Messrs Walter Hollowell and Benny Harrison, of near Elizabeth City, were the guests of Miss Laura Morris Sunday.

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Miss Sadie Statton of E. City, was in town on the 15th inst.

Mr. W. H. Perry of New Hope, was here last week.

Mr. Bruce Forbes, of Berkley, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Maston on the 15th inst.

Mr. Mordecia White, of Weeksville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. White Sunday.

Mr. Benonie Morris and wife, of Corinth, were the guests of Betonie Cartwright a few days ago.

Mr. Andrew Murrell, a prominent fisherman of this place, made a flying trip to Newbegun Sunday.

## Captain Ballance Complimented.

Captain H. M. Ballance, of the Steamer Guide, received a number of coast chart maps this week as a token of esteem from Hon. John W. Daniel, of Virginia. These navigation charts cover the entire eastern coast of North Carolina and Virginia, and show the estimated ocean soundings of the Atlantic as well as the sounding of the bay, and the various sounds of Albermarle, Core, Pamlico and other waters. The Pasquotank, Perquimmons, Alligator, Neuse and other rivers also appear in the chart which give the light-house positions and numbers estimates and coast valuations. The following are some of the most important charts and their respective numbers: Chesapeake Bay, coast of Maryland and Virginia, 79; Albermarle Sound, 141; Pamlico Sound and from Currituck Beach to Oregon Inlet, 142, 138; Pamlico Sound 143; Cape Henry to Currituck, 137. There were other important charts.

Captain Ballance is one of the best known officers in the employ of the Norfolk & Southern Railway. His courtesy and uniform fairness in the discharge of his duties has elevated him to a position of considerable popularity and the compliment bestowed upon him by the Virginia Senator does not come amiss. The Tar Heel considers these charts the most complete thing of the kind the government has yet issued.

## Team No. 2 Won The Relay Pennant

In an effort to provide athletics of a clean high grade order, Mr. Kight, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., here has arranged with the committee for a series of excellent contests that should make general interest.

On Wednesday evening last a mile relay race was run on Baxter Avenue. It required ten men to run this race, five on each side, each man running 220 yards.

The contestants in these two teams were as follows;

TEAM NO. 1 Harry P. Guerrant, J. L. Wells, Charles H. Gray, J. P. Greenleaf and Horace Liverman. TEAM NO. 2 Thos. Jordan, Prat Fearing, Victor Jenkins, Chas. Bell and T. T. Turner.

TEAM NO. 2, won this race the time being 2:24.

The Judges were as follows:

S. W. Gregory, W. T. Old, J. H. LeRoy, C. W. Burrows, T. M. Brown, R. W. Turner and P. H. Williams. TIMER: Lieut. Geo. M. Daniels. STARTER: Jas. W. Kight.

Previous to the regular races an egg and ladle race was run by the boys, of the Y. M. C. A. the runners being as follows:

1st. HEAT. Paul Lamb winner 18 sec.

2nd. HEAT. Eddie Hughes winner. 20 sec.

3rd. HEAT. Vernon Godfrey winner. 18 sec.

4th. HEAT. Paul Lamb winner 16 sec.

These race were one hundred yards dash.

A number of ladies witnessed these races and expressions of sympathy for the defeated team, as well as applause for the victors were on every hand.

The first athletic carnival of the Elizabeth City Y. M. C. A. will take place during May of this year and the young men are all getting themselves in training for these events. The following is a list of entries.

- 1.—Throwing Base ball.
- 2.—100 Yards dash.
- 3.—220 Yds. run.
- 4.—440 Yds. run.
- 5.—1 Mile run.
- 6.—5 Miles run.
- 7.—220 Yds. hurdle race.
- 8.—12 lb. Hammer throw.
- 9.—12 lb. Shot put.
- 10.—Running high jump.
- 11.—Running broad jump.
- 12.—Pole vault.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will give a handsome gold championship medal to the Athlete making the greater number of points in the Carnival. Prizes on single events to be announced later.

## FAIRFIELD.

Correspondence of the Tar Heel Fairfield March 28th.—

March up to date has been an exceptional month and the farmers have made good use of it in preparing for planting corn, and lots of them have been planting corn.

The oat crop is as fine as I have ever seen. Our land in this township is especially adapted to oats, generally making as much as 40 or 50 bushels to the acre, and of corn from 30 to 40 bushels.

There will not be much stock peas planted this year, as there is not much demand for them. If some enterprising man would grind them with oats it would be the

greatest cow feed imaginable.

The fire fiend has been at work in our county. A few days ago Mr. Will Watson, of Lake Comfort, lost his barn with his year's supply of corn and a considerable amount of fodder, and I heard today that Mr. Silas Lupton, of Sladesville, Currituck township, lost his ginhouse and a barn with some cotton, and a large amount of cotton seed and corn, I have not heard how much his loss is, but suppose it is something over a thousand dollars.

## The Contract Amendment.

At the citizens meeting last night it was decided that a committee composed of Messrs. A. T. Greenleaf, S. L. Sheep, P. H. Williams, G. M. Scott and F. M. Grice be appointed to consult with Mr. Moffett, who represents the company which proposes to put in the new water works in this city. This company agreed to reduce the price on hydrants to \$35 instead of \$40, and to guarantee the proper pressure. This change of the contract brought the universal endorsement of the opponents of the measure, among them being Mr. Greenleaf, whose communication appears in this issue of The Tar Heel.

BOARDERS WANTED.—Comfortable rooms and reasonable rates. Apply to 51 Burgess Street.

## NORFOLK MARKETS.

Official WHOLESALE quotations.

The prices are strictly WHOLESALE (not job lots) and represent prices obtained on actual sales yesterday.

## PEANUTS.

PEANUTS—Market quiet at quotations. Fancy, 2½ to 3c.; strictly prime, 2½ to 2¾c.; prime, 2¾ to 2½c.; 2c.; machine picked, 2 to 2¼c.; bunch, 3½ to 3¾c.

SPANISH PEANUTS—7c. to 12c.

## PEAS.

BLACKS—\$1.00 to 1.10.  
CLAYS—80 to 75c.  
BLACKEYES—200 \$2.25.  
BEANS—Per bag, \$2.25 to 2.50.

## GRAIN AND HAY.

Market, quiet.  
CORN—Market, steady. White from store, per bushel, 80c.; car load lots, No. 2 mixed, 58c.; cracked corn, 60c.  
HAY—In carload lots; No. 1 Timothy, in ton lot from store, \$3.00; clover, \$18.50; heavy mixed, \$19.00.  
OATS—No. 2 mixed oats, 45c.; middling, per ton, \$2.00; bran, 22c.; White oats, from store, per bushel, 47c.

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Market steady.  
POULTRY—Live, market steady; chickens, old hens, large and fat, 35 to 40c. Spring chickens: Large, 20 to 40c.; Turkeys, live, 12 to 15c. per pound.

## DRESSED POULTRY.

TURKEYS—Per pound, 14 to 16c.  
CHICKENS—Per pound, 12 to 14c.  
DUCKS—Per pound, 11 to 13c.  
GEESE—Per pound, 10 to 12c.  
BUTTER—Good country, 12 to 13c. per pound.  
EGGS—quite at 15 to 15½c. per dozen.  
COUNTRY HAMS—Steady; Smithfield, new, 16 to 20c.; Smithfield, fancy, 20 to 22½c.; Virginia country, 14 to 17c.; good North Carolina, 13 to 15c.  
ONIONS—Native, \$1.00 to 1.50 per bag.  
POTATOES—Irish potatoes, northern, \$2.00 per bag.  
SWEET POTATOES—Hayman, \$1.40 to 1.50; yellow, \$1.00 to 1.75.

## FRESH FISH.

Good demand, all fish scarce.  
Salmon trout, 8 to 10c. per pound; buck shad, 20c.; roe shad, 40c.; pompano, 10 to 12½c. per pound; Spanish mackerel, 12 to 13c. per pound; sheep's head, 5 to 6c. per pound. Fresh water fish: Striped bass, \$12.00 to 15.00; black bass, \$3.00 to 8.00; white perch, \$5.00 to 7.00.

## CATTLE MARKET.

Market dull, with prospect of lower prices. North Carolina and Virginia steers per pound, 3 to 4c.; N. C. and Va. cows, per pound, 2 1/2 to 3c.; medium and thin cattle, per pound, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c.; sheep, per pound, fat, 3½ to 4c.; milk calves, prime, per pound, 6 to 8 1/2c.; milk calves, medium, per pound, 4 to 5c.; yearling, per pound, 2 1/4 to 4c.; live hogs, per pound, 6 to 6 1/2c.; dressed hogs, 7 to 8c. per pound, dressed shoats, 3 to 8 1/2c. per pounds; lambs (live), 4 to 5c. per pound.



HON. L. L. SMITH.

The able lawyer of Gatesville who is working for the extension of the Suffolk and Carolina Railroad from Elizabeth City to Gatesville people of Gates had to say anent the project. Mr. Geo. L. Barton, the general manager, was especially favorable to the idea and commented that the matter was feasible and at comparatively small cost as viewed from a point of railroad construction.

The Tar Heel welcomes the movement and wishes for its successful termination. It will mean much for the county of Gates, and equally as much for Elizabeth City.

We are now waiting on some action from Gatesville. If you want the road get together and effect an organization which shall push the matter to continuance. Elizabeth City is now witnessing the building of her end of the new line. May Gatesville have her share.

## Beef Trust's Sentence in Missouri.

The Beef Trust Combination has run athwart the majesty of the law in Missouri. On March 20, five large packing-house companies were found guilty by the Supreme Court of maintaining unlawful combination to control the price of meat. The companies, representing the richest concerns of the sort in the world—the Armour, Hammond, Cudahy, Swift, and Swarschild & Sulzberger—were fined \$5,000 each and cost of proceedings, and the implacable