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OUR TERMS.

We expect to make this paper as good as we can at first and improve it from time to time.

Railroad Statement.

Be sure and read the table on this page showing the stock valuation, amount of outstanding bonds and assessed valuation per mile of a number of railroad lines in North Carolina.

The Sub-Treasury Bill Before the House

A Washington dispatch on the 16th stated that the House was about to take some action on the Sub-Treasury bill.

From Country to Town.

The Wilmington Star of a recent date, speaking of the rapid growth of towns and cities in this country says:

"Our American cities and towns are increasing more rapidly in population than the rural districts. But this is not peculiar to this country, for the same is true of Europe, where in late years nearly all the principal cities have grown rapidly, some of them astoundingly.

"It is gratifying to know that our towns and cities are growing, but this shows an unhealthy state of affairs in the country. If our farmers were as prosperous as they should be this would not be so.

General News.

LAFORTE Ind., Dec. 12, 1890.—The town of Laforte, located five miles north of this city, was almost entirely wiped out by fire early last morning.

CRAWFORD Ga., Dec. 16.—Miss Annie Heale, while dressing for a Christmas party last night, was burned to death. The drapery of her dress caught fire from a gas jet.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Free Coinage.

At last it seems that our national legislators have got their eyes opened to the fact that our people will not bear trifling much longer in regard to financial matters.

A House of Correction.

WHAT NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD DO FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS.

The people of North Carolina are humane, certainly they are. The men who represent them in legal and legislative bodies, should by their acts and efforts reflect in no small way the great and ennobling characteristics of a great people.

While we have no reason to feel proud of North Carolina, as she is what her people have made her, yet there is an important matter that has been neglected—too long neglected.

YOUTHFUL LAW BREAKERS.

What about the m? Why concern ourselves about them? Let us see. Visit the State penitentiary and a story is revealed in all its light and force.

THE YOUTHFUL VIOLATORS.

It has been said that wickedness and general immorality is a disease. That may be true, or it may not, we are certain that it is abroad in the land and does not respect age, and we are assured from numerous writings on the subject, that nine-tenths of all the delinquency, wickedness and crime, on record, can be traced directly or indirectly back to the influence of sad and wicked associations—these are contagions.

Here is a case: A youth's father dies; his mother, poor and needy, "shires him out"; he is thrown with any and all kinds of morals; he's led astray; he commits an offense against the law; a magistrate tries him, binds him over to court; the boy fails to give bond (everybody is afraid of him); he's lodged in jail; his room-mate is a hardened old ex-convict; the jail is filthy; the occupants of adjoining rooms are foul mouthed, wicked and mean, he's tried by a jury and sentenced by the judge either to remain in jail or the penitentiary for a term of years.

Now WHAT ARE HIS SURROUNDINGS? He goes among a wretched class of wretched men; he has no mother there to care for him, no father to advise him, no special friends to encourage him in good deeds; he feels that all have ceased to love him; loses all sense of honor; he sees nothing beautiful, grand, lovely or sweet about him—the only charm for him is dirt, wickedness and corruption around him. His term expires, he returns to the section of his birth, perhaps; he's shunned; his former associates stand aloof; the Sunday school does not find him; the pastor does not hear him, and charity, so peculiar at times, does not adjust to the boy's make-up. The boy himself, hurt, loses all pride, and then, by a false idea of self-defence, he falls into idleness and re feeling. You see then the ruined life of a boy in whom there might have been the elements that promised a true useful, noble man. But the wrecked, discouraged manhood of that miserable boy fades into all that is low and degraded. This has occurred at times in this county; it has occurred in every county; and you have seen it. It is not that by alone that is lost—his neighbors from other quarters.—Con. ed. Standard.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

THE RAILROAD SITUATION IN NORTH CAROLINA.

A statement showing what capital some of the principal Railroads in this state have invested, the annual amount of interest paid with the rate, and the tax placed upon the same property by the State.

COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL REPORTS, 1889.

Table with columns: Miles in N. C., Amount per Mile, Value of Track, Rate of Interest, Amt. of interest Paid, From Auditor's Report (Amt. per mile, Net valuation, Property tax).

So far as this table goes it shows that 19 per cent. only of the railroad property in this State is taxed.

It was my purpose to make a complete list of all the active railroad capital actually employed within the State, but in the absence of official reports of many of the smaller roads as to their monetary operations this is at this time impossible.

How many North Carolinians knew that we had a road in our State worth \$94,448 to the mile? This road is taxed \$10.190 to the mile, or less than 11 per cent.

Another conspicuous example is that of the W. & W. It is carrying an indebtedness to the extent of \$52,932 to the mile, yet they made the magnanimous offer to the Investigating Committee that the tax be assessed \$8,000 to the mile? Will it be accepted?

State News.

Kingston Free Press: The father of Rev. J. B. Harrell, pastor of the Baptist church here, died in Gates county Tuesday week.

Oxford Ledger: J. A. Carlisle has a cow that furnished his family of six with all the milk and butter they used for the year, and Mrs. Carlisle sold \$78 worth of milk besides.

A Durham couple put in a whole day last week trying to get married, and finally failed. They were too young and were denied license.

Mr. J. R. Hughes, of Alleghany county, raised a kershaw this year which weighed sixty pounds.

Mr. J. N. Aubrey, of Providence township, Mecklenburg county, struck Tom Morris, a tenant, over the head with a stick one morning this week, killing him almost instantly.

Capt. J. G. Potts, book-keeper in the Racket store at Charlotte was found dead last Monday morning.

The Convention Annulled.

THE ALLIANCE WILL NOT HOLD THEIR CONVENTION AT CINCINNATI.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, Dec. 16.—At a meeting in Jacksonville last night, attended by General Master-Workman Powderly, and John Davis, member elect of Congress, from Kansas on behalf of the Knights of Labor, President Polk, national lecturer Willette, member of the Executive Board; Wardwell, of North Dakota; and other of Farmers Alliance, it was decided to have no convention at Cincinnati February 23, as had been arranged. It was decided that the call for the Cincinnati Convention should not be formally issued, but that, in its stead, a conference committee of five from each of the organizations appointed should be held some time in February, which should go over the ground carefully, and without taking any formal action and to decide what course should be pursued. This is decided a victory for the conservative element among the Third party men.

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me., Dec. 12, 1890.—A three-masted schooner, supposed to be the A. H. Hubbard, Thurston, master, of Belfast, bound west, in coming up the outer harbor this afternoon lost fore sail and sparker and was unable to make the harbor. She drifted down under Squirt Island and in a bad position, with the wind blowing heavy from northwest.

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Kind Words.

Mr. J. L. Ramsey has become owner and editor of the old Salisbury WATCHMAN. We hope his success will be all he desires.—Wilmington Messenger.

Mr. J. L. Ramsey has assumed control of our neighbor, the WATCHMAN, as editor and publisher. The Herald extends him a cordial welcome to Salisbury and wishes him abundant success.—Salisbury Herald.

Mr. J. L. Ramsey, whose pen has brightened the columns of Progressive Farmer for months past has bought the Salisbury WATCHMAN and will conduct that paper in the future. Mr. Ramsey is a first rate newspaper man and has proved that he knows how to make a paper interesting.—Charlotte News.

Mr. J. L. Ramsey, who has purchased the CAROLINA WATCHMAN Office, type, fixtures and good will, has taken charge of his paper, and will, we doubt not, make it an excellent paper. He is a competent man having served with the Progressive Farmer. We welcome him to our town and wish him much success.—Salisbury Truth.

The first issue of the Salisbury WATCHMAN, under its new management, is bright, sparkling and newswy. We wish it unbounded success under Brother Ramsey's management.—Lexington Dispatch.

Mr. J. L. Ramsey, late associate editor of this paper, has bought the WATCHMAN, of Salisbury, and has entered upon his duties as editor and proprietor of that paper. We wish Mr. Ramsey the success which his character and energy so richly deserve.—Progressive Farmer.



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