WESTERN N. C. RAILEOAD. Dear Cetizen :- As your valuable paper has been a warm friend to us in the past, we naturally expect you to continue these laudable efforts in behalf of our Railroad interests

I have quite recently traveled along the line of this road from Waynesville to the Tennessoe river in Macon county, and I must say that I was agreeably surprised at the splendid natural route marked out for this road. I have not before me the estimates for grading, bridges, etc., but I am satisfied the cost can be but little, if any more for an equal number of miles, any where between Asheville and Salisbury, leaving out the costly work on the Blue Ridge tunnel.

Unfortunately for us in more espects than one, very much harm has been done by writers who at-temp to describe our country. They dwell entirely too much upon the altitude and rugged features of our Mountains and too little upon the beauty and fertility of our valleys, and upon the fertility of our very mountains themselves-their uses for timber, water power. cattle grazing. e.c. It is well known that this Railroad of ours is the nearest practicable route between the At-lantic coast and the great Mississ-ippi Valley-Norfolk and Memphis. it runs through a country, once made acceptable, is bound to be one of if not the finest mountain regious in America.

The great health resort of the South. by all means push forward the broad guage full fledged Rail-road, and let the iron horse arouse the now latent energy in our peo-

pie. The public are unaware of the vast amount of work already done between Asheville and Balsom mountain-fully one-third of the grade completed.

There is also much heavy work done on Scott's Creek. When once down into Scott's Creek Valley, the heavy work of the whole line is done. The work down Scott's Creek Valley. The work down Scott's Creek, down Tuckasegee, up Nantahala and down Valley River, excepting a few miles of rough work-is all comparatively light work; at least thirty miles of it can be made by simply leveling up from 6 to 12 inches with the spade and shovel.

Push forward the work to Ashe-Broad and out here and a new era of prosperity will dawn upon our whole country.

Let the glorious work go forward, and as our respective counties are reached, let cur people all man fully lay hold and help.

Truly, W. W. STRINGFIELD.

Result of the Late Elections. The Philadelphia Times, a thoroughly independent paper, gives the following summary of the re

sult of the recent State elections : Ohio has settled down to a Re publican majority on the State tick-et of from 5.000 to 7.000, and 11 Democrats and 9 Republicans elec ted to Congress. The present ted to Congress. The present Ohio delegation contains 12 Repub licans and 8 Democrats, and the Democrats have gained 3 members for the next Congress. The Na-tional vote will be somewhere from 55 000 to 40 000 instead of the 80 25,000 to 40,000. instead of the 80,or 100,000, so confidently 000 claimed by its leaders. It is evident that the Democrats have lost the State by their Congressionnal gerrymander. It aroused and uni ted the Republicans, and Demo **T8** divisions in a dozen districts 10 summoned the indignant Republicans to hopeful and exhaustive ef-Ohio is fairly Republican on a full vote according to old party lines, it is a safe assumption that the Nationals have drawn about equally from both parties.

Indiana is climbing up high in the Democratic column. The ma-jority for the State ticket is from 16,000 to 18,000; five Congression al distric's have gained, and a Dem-ocratic Legislature elected in the face of what was supposed to be an iron-clad Republica genymanan iron-clad Republica gerryman-der of the Legislative districts. Hendricks steps well to the front in the Presidential show and Voorhees VanGilder & Hausson's.

will take Morton's seat in the Senate for a full term. Iowa has stood to her. Republi-can guns bravely against the Dem-ocratic and National fusion on the State ticket and several Congress-ional districts. The Republican majority in of course, gravily the second majority is, of course, greatly re-duced—probably to less than balf that of last year, but that is of lit-tle moment. The Republican candidates for State and Congress are all elected, and that is doing well

where nine districts are to elect in the present general cussedness that

West Virginia is Democratic all

over as usual; and sends only three

Democratic members to Congress because the State isn't allowed to

elect any more. The political currents as exhibit.

ed by the October election are of

the Jerkiest sort and present the most sublime contradictons. They

show that every State is inclined to

go in a gang by itself, and elect or defeat any ticket it chooses without

caring a button what other States have done.

An "Independent's" View.

The battle for the control of the

next House is ended; and as Dem-

ocratic ascendancy in the Senate

has long since been assured, the

next Congress will be Democratic in both branches, for the first time

during the last quarter of a century.

The States that have already chosen Congressmen have 39 Republican

and 16 Democrats in the present

elected 26 Republicans, 23 Demos

crats and 5 Nationals to the next

Congress, with one vacancy in Ver-

mont that will be filled by Barlow,

National. On the square issue be-tween Republicans and Democrats

the Republicans have lost 13 and the Democrats have gained 7, thus

adding 14 to the present Democrat-

ic majority of the body, and reduc-

ing the Republican strength 5 more than the Democrats gain, by National triumphs. The Republi-

cans would have to gain 23 Congressmen to secure a clear majority in the House, and that is so far be

yond the pale of possibility that they won't attempt it. At the most,

they can't gain more than one or two in New England, and as many more in New York. In Pennsylva-

nia they must surpass all present

expectations to hold their present 17 to 10, and in the South and West

they can make no material inroads upon the Democracy. The next House will certainly be distinctly

Democratic, over both Republicians

be in a minority of from 25 to 30. The success of the Democrats 'in

the Indiana Legislature secures the

election of Voorhees, and allowing Pensylvania. New York, Nevada and Connecticut to elect Republican Senators, the Democratic control of

the Senate couldn't be endangered

Henceforth the Republicans will direct their campaign to elect State

officers and Legislatures, and Con-gressional candidates will be allow-

A CALD'S HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA .- We are truly glad to

be able to state that Mr. R. B. Cree, cy, of Elizabeth City, the accom-plished editor of The Economist

of that place, contemplates pub-lishing a Child's History of North Carolas. The manuscript has been

prepared for several years, and ex-tracts published in the University

Mugizene before the war, as will be

remembered by the readers of that

interesting periodical of former days. The Child's History will be

script can be brought down to a re-

cent date. It is needless for us to

say a word to the people of North

Carolina, who know him, as Mr. Creecy's competency for the task

he has undertaken. His Child's History will be a labor of love, and

the fruit of a life devoted to

literary pursuits. To those who do not know him we need only point

to the resolution of the Legislature

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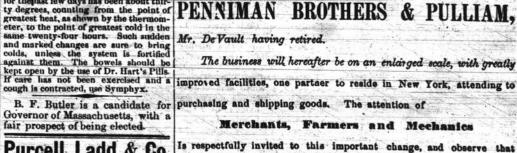
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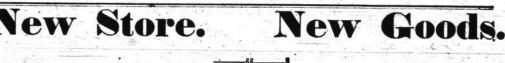
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