

The venerable editor of the old Fayetteville Observer, Edward J. Hale, Esq., may be able to throw light upon this question...

road from Salisbury to Fayetteville, and thence to Morehead City. Let said road come down from Salisbury through Stanley and Montgomery counties...

whatsoever be discriminated against by the managers and owners of the railroad. We do not see why there should be any hurry in the matter...

SORGHUM MANUFACTURE. The STAR is constantly on the alert to find any new industries that may aid our people and strengthen the resources of our State...

tion to him. If he could learn something of our unsurpassed fisheries and inland seas; of our rich cotton lands; of our unequalled tobacco productions...

MACHINE POLITICS IN PENNSYLVANIA. The result in the Republican State Convention of Pennsylvania is a striking exemplification of the truth of what we said yesterday about machine politics...

The sale of the Western North Carolina Railroad appears to be a foregone conclusion. There appears to be an overwhelming sentiment among our State exchanges that the road shall be sold...

It that body is convened it will cost the people \$1,200 a day besides thousands of dollars in mileage. An extra session will cost probably \$20,000. Why this expense? Why this unseemly hurry? After Mr. Best's proposition is accepted...

The necessity and importance of manufacturing more sugar in the United States can be seen from the amount of sugars consumed annually. It is said that about 1,700,000,000 pounds are used...

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Now let us apply this. We go back to 1781, and desire to direct attention to the battle that was fought at Guilford Court House...

We are unable to see the matter in the light our friend sees it, nor can we take the cheery view of the future that gladdens and refreshes his eyes...

It appears to be manifest that a sale is determined upon. North Carolina means to sell out. It only remains for Wilmington and other places whose interests are so seriously imperilled to take such speedy and positive action...

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REDUCING THE PUBLIC DEBT. John Sherman reports that the public debt was reduced eleven millions of dollars in the month of January. He is said to be very ambitious to reduce the debt below \$200,000,000 during his term of office...

The Raleigh Observer, referring to the Western North Carolina Road, says: "It is the missing link to put our coast in close communication with a great inland empire—the vast territory whose centers are Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis..."

Since this was written we have seen a notice in the Raleigh Observer that the Board of Directors are to meet at Raleigh on next Tuesday, the 10th, to consider Best's second proposition which he keeps hid with his dark-lantern concealed...

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A writer from Cumberland county, in the Statesville American, favors the sale of the Western North Carolina Railroad, but admits he would not do so if there were not other railroads that could be constructed with convicts...

"If the present proposition made by Mr. Best should be favorably considered by the Board of Directors, the Governor may, with the advice of the Council of the State, convene the General Assembly in extra session for the purpose for which they are convened..."

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This is our recollection of the statements of these interesting and important letters. Our object in writing is to bring out these letters, for they are worth a great deal in settling the question of the conduct of our militia on that day.

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REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY—BATTLE OF GUILFORD C. H.

The reader of Paley's admirable "Horse Paulina" must have been impressed and edified with the striking arguments he adduces in proof of the authenticity and genuineness of the letters of the Apostle Paul—the greatest intellectual battery at work in the New Testament...

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Spirits Turpentine.

Salisbury Watchman: The Graded School in this place now numbers about 175 pupils and is steadily increasing. Raleigh Observer: A. D. Turner, colored, erstwhile editor of the North Carolina Republican, will next week begin the issue of The Voice of the People...

Snow Hill Advocate: In the years 1861 or 1862, premiums were offered by the State for the largest yield of cotton on one acre. George W. Collier, of Wayne, raised 3,473 lbs; D. A. Sugg, 3,490 lbs, and W. A. Darden, 3,300 lbs.

Hillsboro Mail: Rev. Mr. Durham will hereafter hold monthly services in the Hillsboro Baptist Church. Shanties are being erected for the use of the convicts who are to construct the Chapel Hill Railroad...

Salisbury Watchman: The Cape Fear people, as appears both from the Wilmington STAR and a Wilmington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, are opposed to selling the Western N. C. Railroad at all; but it must be sold, insist that it should be owned by citizens of our own State...

Raleigh now leads Charlotte in the cotton business, having 38,730 bales ready to February 1st, against 30,000 at Charlotte. The greater portion of this gain we take to result from the completion of the Raleigh Augusta Air Line.

Mr. Bailey Willis, of Washington, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Willis, with a corps of mineralogists, has been appointed by the Census Bureau to investigate the iron ores of the United States and obtain specimens of the same for analysis...

There are some economists who argue that the importation of luxuries is to be accepted as an evidence, not of extravagant tastes, but of increased ability to purchase, and that in so far it ought to be accepted as a sign of increasing national prosperity.

Tom Keogh was at Harrisburg. He says Sherman or Grant will be nominated. General Garfield is strong for Sherman and in his denunciations of the Cameron set at Harrisburg. It is not our fight and it will not be our funeral. Let the mourners proceed.

At the late meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, on Monday last, the Board made an appropriation of the school fund, based upon what was thought to be the census of 1879. Since then it has transpired that the Clerk of the Board unconsciously substituted the census of 1878 for that of 1879...

The Insane Asylum, with 310 patients, keeping up the same excellent diet and care of patients as heretofore, cost the State for the year 1879, \$14,900, whereas about 278 patients for the previous year it is understood cost more than \$70,000.

Raleigh Observer: A number of the fire insurance companies yesterday paid to the Secretary of State the taxes on gross receipts of premiums in the State. The following were the companies: Fidelity of Hartford, Connecticut; Royal of Liverpool and London; Home, of New York; Franklin, of Philadelphia; Niagara, of New York.

Weldon News: Hon. W. H. Kitchin laid before the House, last week, a memorial of the Board of Trade of Newbern, asking an appropriation for the improvement of Trent river. Referred to the committee on Commerce.

Richard Higgs, of Scotland Neck, a colored man of good sense and possessing some property, went to Washington, Tuesday, to testify before the Senate committee. On last Thursday J. T. Evans, Esq., resigned his office as magistrate, and Judge Gregory appointed Major L. M. Long to fill the vacancy.

Died, at his residence, in Hillsboro, Tuesday morning, at the age of 55 years, after a long illness, W. H. Arrington. Mr. Arrington was about fifty years of age. A brother named Hedding, who joined the Confederate army during the war, and engaged in several battles, in one of which he was supposed to have been killed, and it was so reported. A few days ago Major Emory went out to Cincinnati on business, and found him there, where he had been living for some time. He sent messages to his family.

From a gentleman who received a letter from Capt. W. J. Potter, bearing date the 20th ult., and written from Harbor Island, New Providence, we learn that he arrived safely after a four days' passage, and is prosecuting his work as a colporteur by the distribution of books and tracts and visiting the poor, sick and aged. The people received him kindly and are eager after his tracts and good reading. Capt. Potter will visit San Salvador next.

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