The Weekly Star.

A SUDDEN BUBBLE.

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So buy of your Butter-scotch, bad little
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—*Bunn's Sunday Transcript.*

The State's Interests in Railroads.

Charlotte Observer.

In March, 1878, the Board of Internal Improvements was organized under an act passed at the session of the Legislature of 1874–'75. The chief object of the Legislature in the creation of the board was to obtain more accurate information in regard to the public works in which the State was interested, and to insure more efficient management in the safety, security and labor of the penitentiary convicts.

From the report of Col. Wm. Johnston, secretary of the board, to the Legislature, now in session, some interesting facts are gathered with reference to the public works of the State, and the State's interest in them. After describing the efforts of the board to adjust the management and care of the convicts at work on the several railroads, the report proceeds to give an account of the condition of each of the roads in which the State has an interest. From this the following facts are gleaned:

In the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad the State owns 5,500 shares of stock, the par value of which is $100 each, making $550,000; owned by other parties, stock to the amount of $167,000. The market value of the stock being $8 per share, the State's interest is worth $44,000. The company's bonded and floating debt is $122,500. The receipts over and above operating expenses for the year ended October 1st, 1880, were $7,871.54.

The State owns in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad 12,666 shares of the capital stock, of $100 par value per share, amounting to $1,266,000. There are owned by other parties 5,297 shares, the par value of which is $529,700. The actual value of the stock is about $10 per share, making the State's stock worth about $126,000. The bonded and floating debt of the company is $234,000; the receipts over and above expenses during the year ending October 1st, 1880, were $34,950.

The capital stock of the North Carolina Railroad is $4,000,000, of which the State owns three-fourths. This road being leased, the State receives annually a dividend of 6 per cent. on its stock. The debts of the company are about $200,000 above assets in hands of trustees, and are gradually being extinguished by sinking fund.

In addition to its interest in railroads, the State owns of the capital stock of the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal Company 2,500 shares, the par value of which is $100 per share, amounting to $250,000. The market value of this stock is stated at $8 per share; the opinion is entertained that it is of greater value. The bonded debt of the company is $500,000. The proceeds of these bonds were applied to the construction of the canal, interest and improvements. The company owes no floating debt, and has promptly paid the interest on its bonds at maturity since 1865. During the past year the expenditures amounted to $9,414.21 more than the receipts. This apparent excess of disbursements is caused by the purchase by the canal company of $100,000 of North Carolina State bonds, at the sum of $12,081.66, which were exchanged for canal stock of the State. Also, the expenditure by the canal company of $5,000 in the purchase of its first mortgage bonds, as well as the purchase of $18,000 Dismal Swamp Canal bonds for $9,000.

This enterprise is commended by the board, as the opinion is entertained that at a period not remote it is destined to become a portion or a section of a great inland ship canal or national highway, from the Northern Lakes via Hudson river and New York City, to the coast of Florida.

The only recommendation the board makes with reference to the railroads is that the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad would become more important to the State if it could be extended to Lumberton or some other point in Robeson county, to connect with the Carolina Central Railway, thus making another connecting line in the two leading lines of the State.

With reference to the Western North Carolina Railroad the board believes, with the information in its possession, that "all the conditions of the contract have, up to this date, been complied with."

Narrow Gauge Roads.

Raleigh News-Observer.

In the House on yesterday two bills were passed looking to the development of the West. They both provide for narrow gauge railroads, and if we have a hobby it is narrow gauge roads for North Carolina. The broad gauge for North and South lines is well enough, but our State system, for our own people, should be narrow gauge by all means. They can run anywhere; the mountain-side is their natural *habitat*, and they thrive amazingly in more level regions. Their first cost is much less than the more pretentious fellows of broader gauge, and there is a clear gain of forty per cent. in operating expenses in their favor.

The first bill passed yesterday in the House was the Dan Valley and Yadkin River Narrow Gauge, providing for a road through Rockingham, Stokes, Forsyth, Yadkin, Surry and Wilkes. The other bill incorporates the South Atlantic and Ohio Railway Construction and Operating Company, with power to construct a narrow gauge from the Tennessee line in Mitchell or Watauga county to the coast. This is the company to which we lately referred in connection with Gen. Imboden and the coal mines of western Virginia.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh Star's Report Condensed.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26, 1881.

By Mr. Burwell, to require the Treasurer to sell public lands for school fund. The committee on Finance.

By Mr. Turner, to amend section 127 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Judiciary committee.

By Mr. Young, to amend chapter 244 of the laws of 1879. Recommitted.

CALENDAR.

Bill to incorporate the North State Mining Company was taken up and passed its second and third readings.

Bill to incorporate the Rutherfordton, Marion and Tennessee Railroad was taken up and postponed until to-morrow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Senate bill 246, as regards imposing a tax of $500 on persons hiring and inducing laborers to go beyond the limits of the State, came up and was discussed by Messrs. Dortch, Glenn, Staples, Williamson and Bernard, when the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Many petitions were presented and properly referred; fifteen of them asking the passage of a prohibitory law.

By leave Mr. Green offered two petitions from citizens of Orange and Wake counties asking for the formation of the new county of Durham.

CALENDAR.

Bill to prevent the exportation of timber from the State. Laid on the table.

Mr. Smedes, by leave, sent forward a petition against the formation of the new county of Durham.

Bill to furnish the Roxboro Railroad with convicts. Passed its third reading.

Resolution to allow the Secretary of State additional clerical force. Passed it third reading.

Mr. White, by consent, a petition of citizens from New Hanover county in relation to sheriff's fees.

Resolution to request the reestablishment of the beacon light at Cape Hatteras. Recommitted for amendment so as to include other points on the coast.

Resolution in regard to the repeal of the tax on brandy, from distilled fruit, passed its third reading. [The committee on Propositions and Grievances reported favorably on this resolution, but stated that they did so without prejudice to prohibition.]

Senate bill to appoint cotton weighers for the towns of Enfield and Weldon. Passed its third reading.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, January 27.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Scott, to amend section 3, chapter 92 of laws of 1879.

Mr. Jenkins, as regards the violation of certain prohibitory laws.

Mr. Tucker, to amend section 25, chapter 70 of the acts of 1879.

Bill to re-enact chapter 30, of the revised code. Passed its third reading.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS.

Mr. Webster presented the petition from the Baptist State convention of North Carolina and asked that the House give it that consideration which was due the respectable body from which it emanated.

Mr. Davis of Madison, a petition from the citizens of Madison asking the legislature to pass a law against the manufacture and sale of liquor in the State.

Mr. Tate, petition from the citizens of Burke county in favor of prohibition.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Bunting, a bill to empower the citizens of Wake county to elect their county officers.

By the same, a bill to regulate the ginning and baling of cotton.

CALENDAR.

Bill to empower the Commissioners of Pasquotank county to levy a special tax to build a court house passed its several readings.

ELECTION OF UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES.

The hour of 12 M. having arrived the two houses went into an election for trustees of the University. The candidates nominated by the Joint Committee were elected as follows:

Hon. Lewis Hanes, Gen. R. B. Vance, Joseph Williams, Dr. W. J. Hawkins, Hon. A. S. Merrimon, Dr. D. T. Taylor, G. W. Hallowell, Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, Hon. Joseph J. Davis, Judge Chas. R. Thomas, Col. G. M. Folk, Dr. Eugene Grissom, Hon. C. M. Cook, Col. H. B. Short, Rev. S. L. Stewart, Rev. Neill McKay, H. F. Grainger, Hon. W. L. Steel and Col. S. McD. Tate.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The special order having been misplaced by the election of the trustees, at half-past 12 p. m. the resolution of instruction to members of Congress in regard to the money due North Carolina from the sale of public lands, directing that the entire sum be devoted to the public school fund passed its readings without opposition.

Bill to empower the commissioners of Onslow to levy a special tax passed its second reading.

Resolution of instruction to committee on public printing passed its third reading. (Instructs the committee to contract for the State printing and binding at the rates paid for the same in 1879—40 cents per 1,000 for type setting, and 25 cents per token for press work.)

Mr. Carter, under a suspension of the rules, introduced a resolution to raise a select committee to inquire into the advisability of removing the political disabilities of ex-Gov. W. W. Holden, and asked that the resolution take its place on the calendar.

Mr. Webster opposed its going upon the calendar, and insisted upon referring it to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The question was finally settled by a vote sending the resolution to the calendar.

Bill to amend the charter of the city of New Berne was laid upon the table.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28, 1881.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Glenn, a bill to punish persons failing to enlist their names for taxation. Referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. York, a resolution authorizing the chairman of the committee on Insane Asylums to appoint a sub-committee to visit all such asylums in the State. Adopted.

The regular order of business was here suspended and the bill to charter the Roxboro Railroad Company was taken up and passed its several readings.

CALENDAR.

Senate Bill 88, a bill to ensure the annual registration of vital statistics. Passed third reading.

On motion of Mr. Clarke the rules were suspended to take up the bill (Senate Bill 236) authorizing the consolidation of the Fayetteville & Florence and the Atlantic Coast Railway Companies. Passed third reading.

Senate bill 66, a bill to prevent cruelty to animals. Passed its several readings.

On motion the rules were suspended, and the bill to incorporate the Fayetteville and Winston Railroad Company was taken up and passed its several readings.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Gentry, from citizens of Ashe county, asking a prohibitory law to be submitted to the people.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Day, a resolution making inquiry of the Superior Court as to whether a certain tax levied for school purposes be constitutional. Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Joyner, a resolution to raise a joint committee to take into consideration the propriety of erecting a monument over the grave of Governor Caswell in Lenoir county. Passed its several readings under a suspension of the rules.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced and properly referred:

Mr. Robins, a bill to amend the public school law.

Mr. Pritchett, to protect innocent purchasers of real estate and to quiet titles.

Mr. Smedes, to facilitate the probate of deeds taken in other States.

Mr. Sinster, to regulate fees of pilots.

Mr. Hicks, to amend the landlord and tenant act, laws of 1876–'77.

CALENDAR.

Bills on their second and third readings were taken up and passed, or otherwise disposed of, as follows:

Bill in regard to election of county commissioners and justicses of the peace by the people was taken up.

The bill was laid upon the table by a vote of 50 ayes to 42 noes.

Resolution to instruct the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Insane Asylums to appoint a sub-committee to visit the Insane Asylums of the State passed its third reading.

A resolution to investigate the agricultural and mechanical department of the University, passed its third reading.

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RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

— The itemizer of the *Methodist* (Wesleyan) has this sharp word: "It was at that table I heard a lady quote the remark of an old preacher, that some men had all the attributes of holiness but its beauty."

— The deaths of two eminent Scotch ministers have been announced—the Rev. James Aitken, of Hick church, Kilmarnock, aged seventy-eight, and Rev. Dr. McTaggart, of St. James church, Glasgow, aged seventy-five.

— The Rev. Stuart Robinson is in very poor health, and at a Congregational meeting held lately, the church extended a call to Rev. Dr. Strickler, of the Tinkling Springs Presbyterian church, near Staunton, Va., to the co-pastorate.

— Rev. Thomas H. Hastings, D. D., who for a quarter of a century has been the pastor of the West Side Presbyterian Church, New York, has resigned his position to accept the Professorship in the Theological Seminary made vacant by the death of Rev. William Adams, D. D.

— Northern *Advocate:* Let young men especially remember these points: Profanity is a violation of State laws; is punishable on the same ground as filthy conversation; is generally indicative of impure morals; is repulsive to every woman of moderate purity, and is the unfailing sign of defective intellect.

— *Religious Herald:* The Presbyterians are vigorously pushing their work in Spain, where they have a presbytery with eight churches. —— There have been lately found in Afghanistan traces of ancient Christianity. —— The Episcopalians of the United States for three years past raised $948,958 for both home and foreign missions, an average of $316,319 a year, or $158,158 each for the home and foreign fields —— The Japanese churches contributed last year what is equivalent to $20 per member in the United States. Converted heathen are better Christians far than the average church members in this country. —— Five missionaries in South Africa have been recently killed on account of the war England is waging with the natives.

PERSONAL.

— Bernhardt's receipts for two weeks in Chicago were $41,478. This far she has scooped in, so to speak, $248,308 of Yankee Doodle's hard cash.

— George Alfred Townsend, contrasting Blaine and Conkling, says "Blaine is popular, and most men would rather be turned away by him than have their chores done by Conkling."

— According to the Boston *Courier*, Mr. W. D. Howells shortly will resign the editorship of the *Atlantic*. The same paper intimates that Mr. Howells will be succeeded by Mr. James T. Fields.

— Lord Walter Campbell, a brother of Lord Lorne, who studied the mercantile business in New York with the agents of the Messrs. Rathbone, of Liverpool, and subsequently entered a London brokerage firm, is reported as having failed several months ago.

— Brigham Young's grave is in the corner of the Mormon cemetery at Salt Lake City. It is covered by a slab of granite, but there is no name or inscription of any kind. Outside of Brigham's personal graveyard the grounds are so shabby that they might be taken for a dumping place for garbage.

The Democratic loss in Gaston and Lincoln is attributed in a great degree to the distilleries, of which it is said a larger number are operated in Gaston county than in any other county in the United States. North Carolina can plume herself on many things, but we had not supposed that it would ever be our proud boast that one of our counties was pre-eminently the banner county of the whole Union in whisky distilleries.—*Raleigh News-Observer.*

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It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Owen F. Coston, one of the defendants in the above entitled action, is not a resident of the State, it is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made for six weeks in the Weekly STAR, a newspaper published in the city of Wilmington, notifying the said defendant to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the county of Onslow, on Monday, the 21st day of March, 1881, and answer or demur to the complaint.

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