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THE PINE TREE AND ITS PRODUCTS.

The trunk of the pine tree referred to in yesterday's Star, boxed and packed to show the manner of producing the crude turpentine, has since been placed in a wooden frame or box for protection, and is labelled 'A. B. Fleming & Co., Edinburg, care Anchor Line—New York to Glasgow.'

Some of the limbs of the tree go with it, and we learn that the whole arrangement is intended for the coming Queen's Exposition, at Edinburg, it being the intention to exhibit the tree which produces the turpentine in its crude state, which will be quite a curiosity to our friends across the water, and also to display in connection with it the various products of the pine, such as the crude turpentine, rosin, tar and pitch.

The tree is a fine one for the purpose and weighs fourteen hundred pounds.

Got Justice at Last—Duck Trials. A year or two ago one Duck DeBerry, colored, was arrested here for the larceny of a ham, and subsequently made his escape from the officer having him in charge.

Well, Duck was not satisfied with his experience in New Hanover county, but got to 'snapping' things that didn't belong to him up in Anson, in consequence of which he was arrested, and on Wednesday was tried before the Superior Court of that county, now in session, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

Our informant also states that three different cases for murder were to be tried before Judge Phillips at Wadesboro this week. The case of one—Alexander Dockery—was to come off yesterday, that of Paul Meares to-day, and that of another colored man (name not remembered) to-morrow.

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CAPE FEAR & YADKIN VALLEY RAILWAY.

Stockholders Meeting at Fayetteville. Addressed by Mayor Hall and Others—Resolutions Adopted—Importance of the Extension to Wilmington—Propositions for an Immediate Survey, &c.

FAYETTEVILLE, May 1.—The meeting of stockholders of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway Co., held here to-day, was largely attended. Addresses were made by Mayor Hall and Mr. J. H. Currie, of Wilmington; Mr. John D. Kerr, of Sampson county; and Maj. D. G. McKee, of Fayetteville.

The following resolutions were adopted, viz: Resolved, That the extension of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway to the port of Wilmington is the greatest importance, and ought to be made in the shortest possible time, and recognizing the great and varied benefits to be derived from the extension of this railway to Wilmington by such an extension of the time has arrived when Wilmington should give an earnest of her interest in and support of the project.

Resolved, further, That if the city of Wilmington, or individuals east of Fayetteville, will pay the necessary expenses of a thorough survey and ascertain the most practicable route for the road from Fayetteville to Wilmington, with estimates of costs, that a corps of engineers be organized at once and the survey be prosecuted to completion; the money thus furnished to the survey to be repaid to the city of Wilmington by the town of Clinton upon such terms as proposed to the citizens and engineers.

Resolved, further, That this meeting of stockholders pledge themselves, after such survey shall have been made and all profiles and estimates submitted to the chief engineer of the company, subject to his approval, to treat with the authorities of the city of Wilmington, for the construction of the road in the most liberal spirit.

Resolved, further, That the citizens east of Fayetteville, or the city of Wilmington, furnishing the money to make this survey, is hereby conceded the right, if desired, to organize and direct the work and the engineer corps.

River Improvements—Reports of Engineers in Charge. We have before us the "Annual Report upon the Improvement of Certain Rivers and Harbors in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, in charge of James Mercer, Captain of Engineers, U. S. A., being Appendix K of the Annual Report of the Chief of Engineers for 1883." In it we find, among other reports, those of Captain Mercer, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., and Captain Wm. H. James, Assistant Engineer, in reference to the improvement of the Upper Cape Fear, Town Creek and Lillington River, in this immediate section. Between Fayetteville and Cypress Landing, 86 miles below, Capt. James says, there are twenty-two shoals, troublesome to navigation at low water to a greater or lesser extent, and all of which need treatment by means of dikes, jetties and wing-dams, for contracting and scouring out the channel at these points, and making the best of it at low stages of water. During the year ending July 1st, 1883, there have been taken out of the channel of the river 1,500 sunken trees, 1,499 stumps, 1,454 logs, and 4,124 snags, and 5,814 overhanging trees were trimmed or removed from its banks. The work done has greatly added to the safety and facility of navigation. Between Wilmington and Fayetteville the river has been cleared of the worst and most dangerous obstructions of trees, logs, snags and stumps, except for the distance of about 10 miles between "Little Sugar Loaf" and "Kelly's Cove," the water always being too high, in passing up or down the stretch, for work, except trimming and removing overhanging trees from the banks. Great numbers of obstructions still remain in the channel, especially at the crossing of the channel, from Fayetteville to Wilmington the banks of the river have been pretty well trimmed and cleared of overhanging trees, but a great number of trees, estimated at 8,000, are being undermined by freshets, and being liable, at such times, to come or slide into the channel, they should be removed. A great proportion of sunken logs and other obstructions being hidden, and it being impossible to foresee the number and extent of jetties that will be required, or their effect on the channel, beneficial or otherwise, when constructed, no accurate estimate can yet be made of the amount of further appropriations that will be required to put the river in good order for low water navigation. A further appropriation of \$12,000, in addition to balance remaining of previous appropriations, could be advantageously applied to continuing work on this improvement up to July 1, 1885.

Congress appropriated at different times \$6,000 towards the improvement of Lillington river. Capt. James, in his report, says Lillington river empties into the north-east branch of the Cape Fear river 12 miles above the city of Wilmington, and is navigable for about 11 miles up to the town of Lillington, carrying a depth of 7 to 8 feet for that distance, and a width of from 45 to 60 feet. For about a quarter of a mile below Lillington to Riley's creek the river is very narrow and tortuous. Below the mouth of Riley's creek it is broad and deep, with easy bends. The project under which the work has been done included the removal from the channel of the river of two sunken flats and of all the obstructions of sunken trees, logs, snags and stumps, and the trimming or removal from its banks of overhanging trees, and the cutting off, by dredging, of several sharp bends; between Lillington and the mouth of Riley's creek, giving 5 feet through these cut-offs. The obstructions have been removed, the overhanging trees trimmed or removed from the banks, and much of the dredging has been done.

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THE LIBERAL MASS MEETING AND THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION—THE STATE TICKET—YORK FOR GOVERNOR AND RUSSELL FOR JUDGE—DECLINATIONS—CHIEF DELEGATES FROM THE WAKE AND GUILFORD DISTRICTS.

(Special Star Telegram.) RALEIGH, May 1.—The conventions met to-day at 3 p. m. Col. Johnston presided over the Liberal mass meeting of twenty-five persons and Humphrey over two hundred and forty Republicans from ninety counties. The conference committee reported the platform, as sent to the STAR last night, and the ticket, as follows: For Governor—Tyrone King; Lieut. Governor—Guthrie; Secretary of State—G. W. Stanton; Treasurer—Washington Duke; Auditor—W. G. Candler; Attorney General—C. A. Cooke; Superintendent of Education—Sol. Pool; Judge—Dan Russell.

One or more of the nominees decline, and the committee will make a new report at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thos. P. Devereux succeeds Johnston as Liberal Chairman.

C. D. Upchurch and John Williamson have been appointed delegates from the Wake district to the Chicago Convention, and T. B. Keogh and P. H. Winston, delegates from Guilford to the same Convention from the Guilford district.

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