

MAKING READY.

The Ring and the Pennsylvania Central are preparing for a grand struggle to possess themselves of six millions of property, known as the Western North Carolina Railroad Company.

The Danville or Piedmont road with its own debts and the lease of the North Carolina road, has perhaps as much as it can well travel with.

It has been intimated to us that a few individuals will buy the Western road and complete it or not, as may be profitable to the purchasers.

We remember when in North Carolina it was thought impossible for individuals to build railroads, and the State was always called upon to build two-thirds of the road while individuals would build one-third.

Now that individuals wish to purchase the roads the opinion is being inculcated that the State should not own a road. And after expending \$6,000,000 on the Western road the State is too poor to complete it.

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The Government now proposes to take charge of the schools and telegraph lines. We love schools and learning, we patronize telegraphic associations. They are great and useful institutions in their proper place and sphere.

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GAS—WHAT IT COSTS IN OVER TWO HUNDRED CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

The gas interest in the United States is estimated to represent \$50,000,000, divided among 365 companies, scattered over the country. There are 265 gas companies in the United States; 16, including Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and New York, which furnish the article at lower rates than the St. Louis company does.

The citizens of Easton, Md., pay \$12 per 1,000 feet; Holly Springs, Miss., Woodstock, Va.; Cold Springs, N. Y.; Fayetteville, N. C., and Middleboro', Mass., pay \$8. The cheapest is that of Pittsburgh, which is but \$1.85 per 1,000 feet.

Gas manufacturers suffer losses in various ways. The escape of gas from the joints of the pipes in the long main is considerable, and this, together with the bursting of pipes, which frequently occurs, sums up an annual loss to the company of \$2,000,000 feet of gas; equivalent to \$200,000.

HALF A MILLION EMIGRANTS SEEKING HOMES IN AMERICA.—The German Emigration Association of this city have received further advice from the home organization, relative to the movement of emigrants to this country.

SMALL POX.—A lady sent us the following simple remedy for the small-pox. We have no personal use for such a receipt and therefore send it to all of our subscribers.

THEATRICAL.—John Robinson's mammoth circus was in Mobile yesterday. Madame Brignoll, nee McCulloch, is starting it to crowded houses at Nice, in Switzerland.

POVERTY OF THE STATE.—Before the Legislature and the Governor part with the Western railroad or allow it to be sold for a few hundred thousand dollars it might be well to inquire if the State cannot build the road and finally complete the work.

LONG ON LEACH.—We publish by request the reply of Mr. Leach of the Liberal to Dr. Leach. As it was altogether personal and not political we hesitated about publishing it, until we met with Dr. Leach who said, "gratify brother Long by publishing anything he may say of me, for it cannot hurt."

MUST HAVE A ROAD.—The Ring is now much distressed for fear the people of Western North Carolina will never bear the burden of a railroad which, the same day was estimated for the year 1869-'70, until \$7,000,000 of bonds were appropriated and stolen. Thus the four solid.

LONG ON LEACH.

Our local friends on his ability and privilege, to refute the fanny letter of Dr. Leach. But as that word would not be courteous to either the Socialist or Dr. Leach, we must pause to give the old "Reverend Politician" a touch of our lance.

When Benedict Arnold asked a gallant American, what the Continental troops would do with him if he fell into their hands, "they would hang him," was his answer; "which was wounded at Quebec, and being the balance of your body on a gibbet." So we expect the humor of year to the gallant Confederate sons of the Doctor, God bless them, but the old Leach himself must stand from water.

The Doctor seems not to know who this man Long is, and appealing to his intelligent Johnston neighbors, they are equally in the dark. That reminds us of an incident in the life of Lamartine. That accomplished scholar made a visit to Asia Minor. When he got there he found to his disgust, that, though he had a brilliant reputation through all Europe, the rugged Asiatics had heard nothing of him.

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