# THE SENTINEL.

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TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST, 19, 1873.

## CHEAP TRANSPORTATION.

The papers are constantly discussing the subject of cheap transportation. That it is most desirable to have a general reduction in freights is very apparent to every candid and considerate person. That the charges are now very excessive in the South is as plain as "a nose on a man's face." But how can this reduction be obtained? By making war upon the railroads that are indispensable to the country? We think not. Unfortunately the railroad mangers have the whip hand—are masters of the situation. It is generaly asserted and believed that a high tariff of charges results from a combination among railroad men. That is to say, they form a "Ring" among themselves, and each playing into the others hand, an arrangement is effected very benificial to themselves and very damaging to the communities through which their several roads pass.

We do not see how this can be effectually remedied. It appears to us there are but three ways of procedure; but whether these, or any one of them, will remedy the evil complained of is more than we can affirm. It would probably be well to test the matter. The ways are as follows:

1. Let the legislatures of the States regulate the freights within their own boundaries if this can be done.

2. Let stringent laws be passed against the formation of all "Rings." As long as "Rings" exist it is simply folly to talk about the people regulating freights.

3. The building of rival lines. Competition is the life of trade, and competition in roads, with stringent laws against "Ring" combinations, may result in protection for the people. Any legislation that will tend to seriously cripple those great public carriers would work an injury. Whilst legislating for the good of many, it would be wise and just not to legislate so as to inflict unnecessary damage upon those who have taken stock to build and equip the roads. We demand a reduction of high freights and high rates of travel, but we do not favor the crippling of the roads to the extent of preventing them from running—which would be a disaster that every one would feel at once.

We have seen an estimate made that railroads transport produce, &c., seven and a half times cheaper than you can wagon it. Water transit is even cheaper still—that being about half of the present railroad rates. It is thought by building narrow guage roads, you can reduce freights to the water rates.

In New England the problem presents those facts. A common wide gauge road 171 miles in length cost so much for construction and to work it, that stockholders receive only one per cent interest on their investment. It is known that a narrow gauge road of the same length can be built for $20,000 less cost per mile, do all the business performed by the expensive railway, pay 6 per cent interest to stockholders, and save $196,000 interest on construction bonds. Money saved in this way should benefit all who use the railway, whether producers, consumers, or travellers. The immense saving in cost of construction is really but one item of the gain to the public. To transport one hundred and fifty tons of freight on a narrow gauge road requires nineteen cars, weighing seventy five tons. To transport the same freight on the standard gauge will take 15 cars that weigh 135 tons. Hence the former has a saving of fifty tons of dead freight in expensive cars to be hauled over the road, and soon worn out in hammering and pounding the rails, and crushing culverts and bridges for no useful purpose whatever. The intelligent reader must see that this practice involves a prodigious waste of capital, unless the people kindly foot the bill for the stockholders. In that case the public loses the money, in place of the owners of the railroad. Many railways now in operation haul an average of 770 pounds of wagon to 450 pounds of cotton as freight, or any other freight.

## THE WILMINGTON MURDER.

We do not remember in all the annals of crime a more horrible murder than that perpetrated by three negro boys at Wilmington, on yesterday a week ago. It makes the blood run cold to read the deliberation with which those young scoundrels went to work to take the life of a little white boy by the name of Willie Carter. One of the boys swears they were instigated to do the devilish deed by the step-mother of poor Little Willie. As the case is undergoing a thorough investigation, we forbear commenting as we would otherwise do. If the step-mother is guilty, she deserves punishment far more terrible than hanging. As to the young murderers, they should be hanged until they are dead, and no Governor should interfere to prevent the certainty of their taking off."

## GEO. N. SANDERS,

This gentleman died in New York on the 13th inst of heart disease. He was a Kentuckian by birth. His country on both sides were noted for talent. George Sanders was a man of decided ability, and at one time was one of our most conspicuous, if not most influential politicians. He at one time edited the *Democratic Review*, we believe. He was sent to London under President Pierce. He was a peace maker in 1864, and since then has not been connected with politics. He leaves a widow and two sons.

## MORE DISTINGUISHED NORTH CAROLINIANS.

We are able through a friend to add other names to the list of North Carolinians who became distinguished abroad.

Dr. Erasmus D. Fenner, born in Halifax, was the most eminent physician in New Orleans, and was editor of the *Medical Review*.

Hugh McQueen, born we believe in Chatham, and removed to Texas. He was a man of decided ability and published a book on elocution entitled "The Orator's Touch Stone."

Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew, born in Tyrrel county, and became one of the distinguished lawyers in South Carolina. He was considered by the Faculty at the University of N. C., the best scholar ever graduated there. He was greatly distinguished in the war and was killed at Falling Waters. He published a book of European Travels for private circulation that is highly spoken of.

Mr. Lumsden, the founder of the New Orleans *Picayune*, was born in North Carolina, and we believe in this city.

Another friend corrects two errors—one made by Dr. Pritchard and the other by the writer. Bishop Freeman was born in Massachusetts, and Bishop Otey in Virginia. We will be glad to publish other names of men of eminence abroad.

## AN AMERICAN BAD HABIT.

The readers of Dickens' "Martin Chuzzlewit" will remember his satire upon the habit of Americans sticking their feet above their heads. We have often wondered at the habit. It is remarkable that no other people on earth are guilty of the vulgar habit. A writer in the New York *Tribune* says:

Philosophers have endeavored to account for the fact that man is much happier with his heels higher than his head, but in vain. The fact, nevertheless, remains, he is. This is specially the case at Saratoga; men who elsewhere—at Newport for instance—would condemn the habit, here fall into it as gracefully as if to that "manner born." It may be because of being full of Congress water; subtile and searching as quicksilver, that fluid might go down into the feet, causing dropsy of the extremities if one didn't keep them up. But by assuming the elegant position referred to that trouble is remedied. You maintain the equilibrium preserve the balance of power, and thus inverted feel like and look like, and to all intents and purposes are, a junk bottle.

## MAJ. DOWD'S THIRD ARTICLE.

We conclude the third and last article of Maj. Dowd's able discussion. We believe that he has settled the question with some persons in this community. The writer holds his own judgment suspended. He wishes to read the whole controversy before he decides finally. *Investigation* demands a careful consideration of *both sides* of any question. We mean to *investigate* this important matter of 20th May Declaration. We have two articles in hand from Mr. Goodloe which are awaiting publication.

A correction should be made in the article of Maj. Dowd published the other day. Instead of "some *other* statesmen," it should be, "and some of *her* statesmen."

## KIND WORDS FOR THE SENTINEL

OPINIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESS.

Warrenton Gazette.

The Raleigh *Sentinel* has begun its 9th volume. Every lover of the liberties of the people, the freedom of the press, the vindication of truth and of fearless, manly, outspoken sentiment will rejoice to hear of its increased prosperity and usefulness. May it live to finish its work so well begun and to see radicalism crushed and Rings broken.

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Louisburg Courier.

The issue of August 9th closed the 8th volume of the Raleigh *Sentinel* may it live to close its 99th and we live to read it.

Tarboro' Enquirer.

AMENDS.—We regret that we omitted in our last a notice of the Raleigh *Sentinel* on the occasion of its eighth anniversary. The *Sentinel* is one of the ablest journals of our State, fearless and independent in expression, devoted to the public good and pandering to no private enterprise, and its power has been felt for good in the political affairs in North Carolina. May it have a long life of usefulness yet before it.

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Concord Sun.

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