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The Hickory Railroad.

We are glad to hear that the enterprising citizens of our neighboring town, Hickory, are moving in the matter of securing a connection by rail with the Carolina Central, at Lincolnton. The distance is but about twenty miles and the line an unbroken ridge all the way, to within sight of Lincolnton, offering by far the cheapest line for the construction of a railroad of that length in the up country. The first effect of opening this new route would likely be to reduce the receipts upon the Western N. C. Road, but the benefit to the farming interest by giving a shorter and cheaper outlet to their natural market will make it a popular movement. Individuals are governed by self interest and why not communities? We can see great good to come to Hickory from the construction of this road, and not only to Hickory but to much of the country tributary to it. Of course, we would like to see the road to terminate at Morganton, but we have none of the dog in the manger spirit about us, nor have our people—Hickory has a cheaper line, and if they can build it we say, well done.

Occasion is taken to say this now, more especially because some jealous minded people have fancied that Morganton was hostile to Hickory's progress. We assure our neighbors that the Burke folks are incapable of such a feeling. On the contrary they rejoice at the prosperity of all their neighbors and never fail to praise good works.

The State Treasurer has this to say of the present unjust and non-sensical plan of assessing property in North Carolina: "I call the attention of the General Assembly to the importance and necessity of changing the system of assessing property for taxation."

The present mode has been unequal and unjustly practiced in many counties of the State. An extensive correspondence with the authorities of several counties, as well as tax payers gives evidence of a general want of uniformity in listing property for taxation. The Constitution and the law require that the uniformity required by the Constitution, as well as the State whose intent it is to give effect to the constitutional provisions. As the effect of this much property has been unduly and the State deprived of just revenues. A thorough revision of the rules of assessment and listing of property is demanded, so as to equalize and justly distribute the ratio of taxation among our people.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Serv't
J. M. WORTH,
State Treasurer.

Among the resolutions of the late Convention of Northern men in Charlotte are the following:

"18th. We find that no attention whatever has been given to roads or bridges in the South; that passage over many portions of the higher country is most difficult; that gullies and holes exist in them oftentimes, rendering passage highly unsafe and adding terribly to the cost of marketing products; that frequently bridges have dangerous holes in them, and are often made of round poles laid loosely; that the approaches to many of the cities and towns, where the roads run together and travel gathers, are miracles of badness and call for ready attention, in not alone the enforcement of the very wise and full road laws, already existent, but the addition of a road tax giving the citizens, as in other States, the option to pay a road tax either in money or labor.

"27th. We find that any man who has the energy to go West, with limited means, and trusts to his energy and the smiles of Providence, and who succeeds there, could take the same energy and trust and have greater certainty of success in the South. He has no grasshoppers, nor enluring ice, nor snow, nor blasting drought, nor violent winds. His wants are fewer, his hardships less. A generous will is his, producing well, and capable of being worked in during any month of the year; fine forests of wood of various kinds, minerals of all kinds, marble, granite, sandstone and all other building and ornamental fabrics in abundance, the water powers, and a diversified scenery. A climate always moderate, no sultry nights which leave him more exhausted than on his retiring; the noon day sun of summer so tempered that his heat is not oppressive and rarely rising to a temperature of 98 degrees Fahrenheit; the winds moderate and without sharp contrasts of change. Any man, then, with the pluck to make of himself a Western pioneer, can within less than ten years, in this country, where all things tend to man's good health and prosperity, surround himself with lands and stock, and have a fine income with less privation than in many portions of the Union."

Letter from Col. Tate.

The following letter we find in the Raleigh Observer of 26th. A correspondent at Raleigh writes, "it is received here as true in fact and good in taste."

MORGANTON, N. C., Jan. 23, 1879.
MESSRS. EDITORS.—I see it stated in your paper that the Honorable Josiah Turner has obtained a Squire at last, and that he has opened business by swearing out a warrant against "Swenson et al." for a conspiracy to defraud the State of some millions of bonds, and I have heard that my name is embraced in his list of conspirators. Conscious of the entire rectitude of all my actions and doings concerning the Western N. C. Railroad, I have never felt called upon to notice any of the false insinuations emanating from Mr. Turner or others who have sought to create an unfavorable impression on the public mind in regard to myself. However distasteful it may be to "rush into print," I can but notice what seems to be a studied effort to indelibly characterize for the gratification of personal ends, by that the prompting of one base mind or the result of a conspiracy.

The transaction, so far as I was concerned, of which Mr. Turner complains, was first made public by myself and explained to a committee, which published personal ends, by that the prompting of one base mind or the result of a conspiracy. I was finally consulted with each citizen, distinguished for wisdom and probity, as were accessible, during the perilous times of reconstruction and following; and I have answered in the State and Federal courts, as well as before four legislative committees, without reserve, all inquiries concerning this railroad, within my knowledge.

The able counsel employed by the State to investigate the frauds and prosecute the guilty, have not discovered what Mr. Turner charges, at least so far as relates to me. Is it because of incompetency or faithlessness?

The suggestion that I conspired to wrong North Carolina, at any time, is wickedly false and slanderous. Giving freely of my blood and treasure for her defence, I could not meanly return to become a conspirator against the honor and credit of the State.

I am conscious of the fact that, owing to transactions with which the Eastern Division had no concern or connection, the corporate name, Western N. C. Railroad, stands in the nostrils of the public, and that too few of our people have been able to dissociate, as the act of Assembly did, the Eastern from the Western Division.

Whatever connection I have had with the Eastern Division (I never had any with the Western) was by assignment of stockholders and directors, without solicitation on my part. How I discharged my duties the records of the company must show. Bound by large contracts made by our predecessors and with a people beyond clamorous for a vigorous prosecution of the work, we were expected to speedily construct the most expensive road in the country, with State bonds worth 50 cents down to 25 cents in the dollar! That so much was accomplished with the money at hand, has been a source of congratulation among intelligent people. That it has been a labor of love, with me, is in the last degree improvable. I feel, I feel, I feel!

Having testified myself with the command and approval of leading gentlemen, from time to time, it was reasonable to expect that I have not seen fit to do so, it is their own concern. I am ready to meet all comers.

Let us meet on Macleff, and demand of him that first cries "Hold! enough!"
SARAH M. D. TATE.

Support of Lunatics Outside of the Asylum.

That clever gentleman and efficient officer, Mr. Partin, clerk in the Auditor's office, has prepared a table showing the number of lunatics supported by the State in the various counties, as well as the cost of their maintenance. There are only sixty counties in which lunatics are so kept, and there are of these 342. The total amount paid for their support from March 12th, 1877, to January 1st, 1878, was \$24,423.95. The other counties of the State have no lunatics outside the Asylum. There are ten counties that claim less than \$100 for support of these unfortunates. Eight counties claim less than \$200; ten claim less than \$300; five claim less than \$400; eight claim less than \$500; while nineteen charge from \$599 to \$1,785. The last amount is paid to Rutherford, whose lunatics thus supported are 23 in number. New Hanover has the next largest number, 20, and charges \$1,361.77. Wake has only 12 thus supported, and they cost only \$725. The county whose charges are smallest is Anson, which has only \$64.—*Ed. News.*

MALE AND FEMALE CONSTANCY.—Mrs. Mack

was convicted of murdering her husband in Jonesville, Wis., in order that she might marry a lover named Dickinson, who helped to commit the crime; and it was Dickinson's testimony on which the verdict was obtained. Mrs. Cold is accused of murdering her husband in Norwich, Conn., and she might marry a lover named Bishop; and if she should be convicted it would be on Bishop's testimony. These strikingly similar cases naturally excite the remark that women are more constant than men in murder as well as in love. But the hanging of Thomas Dowd at St. Andrews, N. B., on Monday, furnishes a contrary instance. Dowd and Mrs. Ward murdered Mr. Ward. Neither turned State's evidence and both were convicted. Dowd maintained to the last, in the face of the most convincing proof, that he alone was guilty. Although few believed him, his persistency gave a pretext for avoiding the hanging of a woman, and her death sentence was commuted to imprisonment. So Dowd died with the consciousness that he had saved his original partner from the gallows.—*New York Sun.*

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For the BLADE.

BRIDGEWATER, N. C., Jan. 23d, 1879.

EDITOR BLADE:—Permit me through your paper once more to raise a voice in defence of the farmers' rights. I know with what an eye of jealousy or contempt the would-be nobility of the land may view any effort to give equal standing and equal rights to him who lives by the sweat of his brow. It is natural that the little ones of the learned professions, which have held the supremacy of rank and distinction ever since the dark ages, should make powerful opposition to any attempt to place them on their true level and to bring up the great majority to an equal standing. The pages of history are red with the bloody deeds of tyrants, perpetrated in defence of their usurped power and distinction; and why might it not be expected that in this happy land where no political despot dare show his face, there would be smaller despots over common opinion, always ruling popular sentiment so as to place themselves highest in the scale of importance. The magnanimous of all professions hail with high gratification the efforts now making to elevate to their proper level the laboring class of mankind, but the demagogues and little souled among the learned professions, the hollow hearted, the selfish, the hypocritical and the jealous of their brief importance, operate as a clog and draw back upon all efforts in favor of equal prosperity and equal rights among mankind. But happy for the cause of humanity, the minds of the people are rapidly awakening to a sense of their rights and their interests; and therefore the time is not distant, when those who yet sneer with silly contempt at all laudable efforts for the equal rights of our people, will deny their scoffing and claim that they were the earliest advocates, the leaders of the great system. I am no prophet nor the son of a prophet; but I wish the reader to bear this prediction in mind and look forward to the time when agriculture will rise in its strength to assert its rights, and the small souled pulse feelers of popular opinion will proclaim themselves the large hearted champions of equal rights and equal honors—the reformers of the soil and the mind. Why is it that farmers and mechanics are not regarded as equal to lawyers, merchants, doctors and politicians? Are they less useful, less patriotic, less brave, or less substantial citizens; it must be admitted by every man of truth that they are fully equal in these respects. What then makes the difference so common in society? It seems to me that there are but two solid reasons: first farmers do not read enough; they do not make their trade a learned profession, they operate too much from custom or example, and too little from their own reading and reflection. Second, farmers do not watch their interests, and do not claim them to their proper measure. I urge that if you regard your own interests, you must do it yourselves. If you depend upon others for protection you will get unprotected. You must take your own matters into your own hands, and manage them for yourselves, and you must claim for yourselves an equal share of justice in the courts, in your legislature and in your congress. You must read and understand your interests, and assert them at the ballot box. Stand by your own dear rights or you will not get them. Unite as brothers in the great trade which upholds our country and claim from your legislature whatever is due to make your occupation both respectable and profitable, and you will succeed. At least 8-10ths of our population are farmers, and therefore we have but to unite and we can carry any point. Then let us to a man be united, and act together for our common good. Let us not suffer political hobbies and party feelings to divide us, and thus keep us still unprotected and our rights undefended. In the name of your dear children, whom you wish to be equal to any man's children, I entreat you for their sake to claim from the legislature and every other power all that is due to the profession by which you live. Claim that your children shall go forth into the world equally intelligent and equally protected by the laws with the sons of those in other professions. Raise the profession of farming to the high standing it deserves, and when you are taken from the stage of action, your sons will be proud of having descended from farmers. Beware of him who scoffs at "book farming," for such a man's advice would keep you ignorant, and cause you to raise up your sons for fools and sycophants to rule them, and your daughters to prefer the mere profligate sons of professional men to the more substantial sons of farmers. If a candidate for office raise his voice against book farming, be assured he is a demagogue, who believes that the majority of farmers are fools and that he can ride into office upon their ignorance. Such a man is your worst enemy. He opposes the very means which is to raise your profession to its proper standing, and give the farmer an equal share of the rights and honors of the country. That man who says my trade is to plough, and therefore I need no books, no instruction, no knowledge of the facilities and improvements of others in my trade—he who talks thus to me, either thinks I am a fool or he is a demagogue, or an ignorant man himself. He either knows nothing about my interest or he cares nothing for it.

While every other branch of business followed by man is improving and increasing, the means of living and the profits of those who follow it, let us not be behind. Let us call to our aid all the help we can get from books or from any

other quarter; and let us regard as our friends, all persons in every trade and profession, who are willing to contribute to our intelligence, standing and improvement. Let every farmer study his profession and improve his mind to the full extent of his power, and the time is not distant when our country will be the finest, the wealthiest and the most intelligent in the world, and all classes will be respectable and happy.
Respectfully,
H. P. LINDSEY.

NORTH CAROLINA. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, BURKE COUNTY. Special Proceedings before Clerk for Sale of Land.

Joshua Gibbs vs. T. C. McGinsey and wife Martha, T. R. C. McGinsey and wife Mary, Wm. A. Gibbs and J. S. Gibbs.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the defendants William A. Gibbs and J. Stanley Gibbs are non residents of this State and proper parties to this proceedings which concerns real property. It is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the BLUE RIDGE BLADE, a newspaper published in Morganton for six successive weeks, notifying the said defendants to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Burke county, at the Court House in Morganton, within twenty days from the publication of this order, and it is further ordered that copies of the Summons and complaint in this proceeding be forthwith deposited in the Post Office at Morganton, North Carolina, and addressed to each of the above mentioned defendants at their Post Offices and let them take notice that if they fail to answer within the time prescribed by the plan of sale, that a default shall be taken against them and a sale made under my hand and seal of office at Morganton, This 20th day of December, 1878.
D. C. PEARSON,
Clerk Superior Court,
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J. C. BYNUM, Relief Attorney.

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