

RAILROAD FREIGHTS.

We trust that our Legislature, before its adjournment, will pass a law forbidding Railroad Companies from discriminating against local freights. This unjust discrimination against local freights by Railroad Companies is a matter which should by all means be stopped, and we call upon our legislators to take action upon it at once.

Now, this should not be so, and it is within the power (as certainly it is the duty) of the Legislature to apply a remedy. Let them follow the example of the Wisconsin Legislature, which five years ago took this matter in hand and passed what is known as the "Potter Law."

This law limited the rate to be charged by Railroad Companies for the transportation of persons and things, and thus relieved the people of that State from a great and unjust grievance.

The Supreme Court held that "Property becomes clothed with a public interest when used in a manner to make it of public consequence and affect the community at large."

When, therefore, one devotes his property to a use in which the public has an interest, he in effect grants to the public an interest in that use, and must submit to be controlled by the public for the common good, to the extent of the interest he has thus created.

He may withdraw his grant by discontinuing the use; but so long as he maintains the use, he must submit to the control. The Court goes on to say still further: "In countries where the common law prevails, it has been customary from time immemorial for the Legislature to declare what shall be a reasonable compensation under such circumstances."

The compensation or toll of all public Millers is regulated by the Legislature, and why not then the compensation of Railroads? They are the creatures of the Legislature, and owe their very existence to legislative enactments. They are public highways, in a certain sense, and should not be allowed to be operated so as to injure instead of benefitting the public.

We hope the Legislature will act upon this matter. It will be of more real, substantial benefit than all their "retrenchment." Since Wisconsin legislated on this question other States have followed her example, and this winter our sister State, South Carolina, passed a similar law, protecting her citizens from these unjust freights. Will not then the Legislature of North Carolina do as much for the citizens of "the Old North State?" We will see!

BE CONSISTENT.

The Senate last week passed a bill greatly reducing the salaries of the State officials, and the question was asked during the debate on the bill, "Does the reduction proposed take place at once?" Mr. Graham, the especial champion of the bill, replied, "I cannot answer as a question of law, but as a matter of fact, those who do not accept the situation at once, might as well save their travelling expenses to the next Nominating Convention!"

There is still another view to take of this matter. Every member of the General Assembly has taken an oath to support this Constitution, which forbids this attempted reduction in the salaries of the State officers.

A School teacher who had been a long time engaged in his profession, and witnessed the influence of newspapers upon the minds of a family of children, writes as follows: "I have found it to be a universal fact, without exception, that those scholars of both sexes, who have access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who have not, are:

- 1. Better readers, excellent in pronunciation, and consequently read more and understandingly.
2. They are better spellers and define words with ease and accuracy.
3. They obtain practical knowledge of geography in half the time it requires of others, as the newspapers have made them acquainted with the location of the important places, of nations, their government and doings on the globe.
4. They are better grammarians, for having become familiar with every variety of style in the newspapers, from the common-place advertisement to the finished and classical orations of the statesmen; they more readily comprehend the meaning of the text, and constantly analyze its construction with accuracy.
5. They write better compositions, using better language, containing more thought, more clearly and correctly expressed.
6. Those young men who have for years been readers of newspapers are always taking the lead in the debating societies, exhibiting a more extensive knowledge upon a greater variety of subjects, and expressing their views with greater fluency, clearness and correctness.

A City in Two States.

Bristol is perhaps the only city in the world that has two mayors, two city governments, police, &c., and that is taxed in two States. The line between Tennessee and Virginia is in the centre of Main street, and it gives rise to many funny scenes; as, for example, the runaway couple need no coach-and-four but arm-in-arm, step across Main street and are wedded. The fugitive commits a crime in Virginia, goes to the street on the other side of the street, and talks defiantly to the officer on the opposite, who has a warrant far his arrest. A stumble or a too bold disposition will sometimes however bring him to grief. Several instances have occurred of fugitives being hustled across the line by a party prepared while in the act of holding such a conversation, and they tell of a man who defiantly perched himself on a pile of store boxes within six feet of the line jerking the officers on the other side, but, unfortunately for him, some more law-abiding citizen tilted the boxes, and when he reached the ground, to his extreme mortification, he found that he was in the other State.

Correspondence.

WE WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS ON ANY SUBJECT THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST, BUT WE MUST INSIST ON A RESPONSIBLE NAME ACCOMPANYING EVERY ARTICLE, AND ALSO THAT IT BE WRITTEN PLAINLY AND ONLY ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER. THE EDITOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VIEWS AND OPINIONS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

FOR THE RECORD. RIGGSBEE'S STORE, Feb. 14th, 1879.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me to suggest to the farmers of Chatham the idea of forming themselves into Agricultural Clubs, consisting of from eight to twelve members, whose duty it should be to meet at the house of some member, one day in every month, and walk or ride over his farm, and interchange views as to his mode of operations. They should also exchange agricultural books, papers, etc., and appoint members at one meeting to read essays at the next upon the best preparation and cultivation of the soil for all the principal products, what crops pay best, the most approved method of raising and wintering sheep, the best breeds, etc.

Mr. Editor:—As a great number are writing to you every week on different subjects, and but few on the subject of education, I ask leave to let the readers of the Record know how we are getting along in that line. We have erected a very good one-story house, twenty by thirty feet, weatherboarded and ceiled, six windows, two doors, and one stone chimney. Said house being about one hundred yards north-east of Love's Creek Baptist Church.

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As for the "no-fence" law I think the majority ought to rule. Some think the time has not yet come for it, but if we wait until we are all ready for it, the time will never come. True, many disadvantages will attend the adoption of the "no-fence" law, but I think it will be best for landholders and tenants after we become accustomed to it.

Mr. Editor:—I wish to ask you a question. Some of the readers of the Record wish to know the name of the old lady that was so successful in hatching chickens some time ago? (If not too personal, how is her brood growing off, and did she have to "clack" much to make them follow?)

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lately returned, from a visit to Wilmington; and I know, that he received a very hearty welcome from all in your place. I like Greensboro, but of course it can never be the same to me, as the dear old home where I have spent so many happy days; sometimes, such a longing comes over me to go back, that I feel as if I can never be reconciled to my new home.

Mr. Editor:—The Record is highly esteemed wherever read, and as your columns are open to all I will write you a few lines. Quite a flourishing colored school has been taught in this neighborhood by Algernon Darlam for the past two months. The session closed a few days ago with an exhibition, consisting of speeches, dialogues and compositions by the scholars, which would have done credit to the white race.

The Fayetteville people, says the Gazette, propose to compromise the town debt on the basis of 50 cents on the dollar in new bonds bearing 4 per cent. per annum. A board of finance is empowered to levy and collect the taxes and apply the same to the payment of the annual expenses of the town, the interest on the debt and a sinking fund every year on the principal. An assessment of 1 1/2 per cent. on the valuation of real and personal property was recommended.

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