

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.

We are pleased to learn that there is a reasonable probability that the Midland North Carolina Railway will be built, and that it is not the visionary dream of enthusiasts.

We would think there is no doubt about the Midland Railway being built but for the fact that it is necessary for the Company to have control of the Western North Carolina railroad, and we fear that Mr. Best will have much difficulty in regaining possession of that road.

We will watch with much eagerness the result of these railroad complications, earnestly hoping that the Midland Company may succeed in their undertaking, for their success will benefit the State generally and the county of Chatham particularly.

TAKING AWAY RIGHTS.

One of the chief objections urged against prohibition by its opponents is, that it takes away their rights—one of their "inalienable rights"—and is an encroachment on their liberty.

We contend that no man has any more—much less an "inalienable right"—to manufacture or sell whiskey or brandy. It is not a right, but a privilege granted by the government, for which a license is issued and a large sum of money is paid.

There is a wide difference in the liberty that a man may enjoy in a state of nature, and as a member of society—between natural and civil liberty. Natural liberty consists in the power of acting as we think fit without any restraint or control, and is that wild and savage liberty where might makes right; but civil liberty is natural liberty so far restrained by human laws as is necessary and expedient for the general advantage of the public, and as Blackstone (the greatest of all law-writers) says:

"THE LAW, WHICH RESTRAINS A MAN FROM DOING MISCHIEF TO HIS FELLOW-CITIZENS, THOUGH IT DIMINISHES THE NATURAL, INCREASES THE CIVIL LIBERTY OF MANKIND."

has as much right to make and sell liquor as to make and sell cotton or corn, and that the government has no authority to interfere. It is an old and well-known principle of law that a man cannot use even his own property so as to injure his neighbor's.

A Timely Warning.

At the late term of the federal court, held at Raleigh, a negro was convicted of retailing liquor without license. Judge Bond in sentencing him, delivered the following timely and appropriate remarks:

"You have been convicted of carrying on the business of a retail liquor dealer without having paid the special tax. If you had been a storekeeper, engaged in the sale of various articles ordinarily purchased by the people, and had surreptitiously sold liquor to a customer, your conduct would not have been so base as it now is.

An Attempt to Make Prohibition Political.

(News and Observer 10th inst.)

The Republican State Committee met in this city on yesterday and agreed to issue an address to the people of North Carolina, taking ground against the bill passed by the recent Legislature to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous and malt liquors, and submitted to the people for ratification or rejection.

Yesterday this meeting of the committee was held, and it was the most inharmonious of all their assemblies. The sole object was to tackle the anti-prohibition movement, which had been disseminated in the latter part of May.

It appears that Mott, the new chairman, is termed by some members of the committee, "a little too previous." He issued a circular, in advance of any action of the committee, calling for funds, and announcing that the republican party was solid for anti-prohibition, and that the committee endorsed it.

There were some big rows in the committee yesterday, it is said, and a continued snarling. The overslaughed members are said to be disgusted at the way they were beaten by one vote, when but a bare majority of the committee was present.

Some of the Republicans profess to be disgruntled at the action of the committee, and there are some who speak of demanding a meeting of the full committee. Others assert that the committee had no such power to take the movement, as that could only be done by a convention. Hence these laugh at the committee. At all events there is a deal of bad blood, and the eastern and western Republicans are not models of harmony.

Judge Reade on Prohibition.

Judge Edwin G. Reade, late a Judge of our Supreme Court, has written a letter to the editor of the Roxboro Herald in regard to the prohibitory bill, in which he says: "The bill is doubtless defective. It would have been impossible to frame one without objection on the first trial. We must have the aid of experience. There is no such issue before the people as, 'Do you want this prohibition bill just as it is and no other.' But the issue is, 'Do you want Prohibition in the best form in which we can put it?'

A Negro Lynched.

(Greensboro Battle Ground, 10th inst.)

Last night at 10 o'clock a body of men met at a rendezvous above five miles north of Greensboro, and entered the city about 11 o'clock and went direct to the city prison and demanded the person of John Taylor, the mulatto, who, about a week ago, outraged Mrs. Irwin, a highly respectable lady of Reidsville, in such a shocking and horrible manner. Mr. Wheeler refused the keys, and as they had come prepared, they produced sledge and chisels and cut through three doors, each door having three heavy and massive locks. Taylor was also chained to the floor. At 11:20 they succeeded in getting into the cell, and he was tied hand and foot, and at 11:30 they emerged from the jail, bringing him with them. He was placed in a buggy that was waiting at the gate. He was tied to the back of the buggy, and the crowd moved off in the direction of Reidsville. As they prepared to leave the city, the order was given by the leader, to form in twos and be prepared for action in case they were fired into. They stated that they would hang him to a telegraph pole in Reidsville, provided they could arrive there before daylight; in case they were delayed, he would be hung to the first tree after they crossed the Guilford line. It was a determined set of men and the negro seemed to know his time had come and said he wanted to go to heaven. Some one in the crowd told him that he now had a chance to say his last words, he replied that he had no statement to make. It is said that there were over two hundred men in the body.

A Destructive Fire.

A despatch from the city of Quebec, in Canada, dated June 9th, says: "One of the most disastrous fires which this unfortunate city has been afflicted with, commenced last night, and was only gotten under control at 6 o'clock this morning.

The scene in the vicinity of the fire was one of utter confusion. Half of those present seemed panic-stricken, and three-fourths of the others added to the confusion by running against each other and really contributing to the destruction of property, while believing they were helping to save it. Parents, partly clothed, hurried along in every direction with infants wrapped up in bed-clothing in their arms; cows and horses, let loose from burning stables, rushed half maddened through the crowd or stood dazed by the uproar and confusion surrounding them. Scenes common to all great fires were readily discernible. At this stage even the police and firemen were to a great extent demoralized. Daring robberies were carried on freely in full sight of everybody. Liquor stores and private dwellings attacked by the flames were ransacked for liquor, which was openly drunk by the low characters who infested the locality. The sparks which everywhere flew from the burning wooden buildings, were themselves a terrible source of danger to the rest of the city. It was no uncommon sight to see men's coats and hats ablaze from burning pieces of shingles which lighted upon them.

The fire brigade allege that four wooden houses were found on fire by them when they arrived upon the scene, and that with water absent and unattainable for some twenty minutes it was impossible for them to obtain the mastery. Nothing was saved of St. John's Church at the sacred vessels and some of the most valuable of the plate and furniture of the sanctuary. The fire had possession of the noble structure in almost a less space of time than it takes to reach it, and the finest and largest church in the city was doomed to destruction. The church was worth at least \$100,000, upon which the insurance amounts to only \$10,000.

A Fenian Plot.

A telegram from England dated June 11th, says:

"An attempt was made during Thursday night to blow up the Town Hall in Liverpool. It resulted in breaking windows in the hall and in Brown's Building on the opposite side of the street. Two men were arrested with a quantity of dynamite and loaded revolvers in their possession. The attempt was similar to that recently made against the police station in Liverpool. A large piece of gas pipe loaded with powder was discharged by means of a fuse against the door. The two men concerned in the attempt were disturbed and pursued. One of them jumped into the canal. They have been identified as Liverpool Irishmen, named McKevett and Roberts. Both were well supplied with money. Documents were found in their possession connecting them with Fenianism. Roberts had been for some years in America."

Starting a Menagerie.

Some boys in Wisconsin went to a menagerie the other day and became filled with the idea of starting a beast show of their own, using such materials as was within reach. They painted stripes on a white pony for a zebra, sheered the hind half of a big Newfoundland dog for a lion, cut off the fore legs of a cat for a kangaroo, and were about to make a tailless ant by chopping when their father discovered them.

A Judge and Editor Threatened.

A special from Morrilton, in Arkansas, says:

"On May 25th, L. T. Harris, county judge of Perry county, and John L. Matthews, editor of the Fourche Valley Times, received notice through the Perryville postoffice to leave the county within fifteen days or suffer the penalty of death at the hands of 'Regular organized Ku Klux.' The fifteen days expired yesterday, and a message just received here from Perryville reports that a body of armed men arrived in town at 1 o'clock this morning, and inquired for Matthews and Harris, who had prudently left town the day before. The affair rose out of prosecutions inaugurated by Judge Harris, the proceedings of which were published by Matthews. The same parties are supposed to have fired the Times office on May 30th. Judge Harris here and says he has sufficient evidence to identify the authors of the notices. He leaves for the capitol this evening to ask the aid of Gov. Churchill in prosecuting the offenders and preserving the peace."

Terrible Tornado.

A despatch from St. Louis, dated June 10th, says:

"Additional particulars of the tornado in Kansas night before last are, that the storm extended into Lyon county and did great damage to crops, buildings, fences, &c., all over that part of the county. The town of Americus, near Emporia, is almost entirely destroyed—every building in it being more or less damaged. The United Presbyterian Church was literally torn to pieces, and the Methodist church was blown from its foundation and almost totally destroyed. Several houses in Emporia were blown down, and fences and other property seriously injured. The north and east additions to the State Normal School were unroofed and the walls partly torn down. Wheat, just ready for the harvest, and other crops, everywhere in the tract of the storm, were either blown away or beaten into the ground by hail, an immense quantity of which fell during the storm.

Southwest Missouri seems to have been visited by the same storm. The hail was not severe, but immense hail stones fell over a large area of country and did great damage to crops and window glass. A water spout broke in Little Valley, in Barry county, in which is situated the town of Seven Star Springs, and before the people could reach the surrounding hills, the torrents of water rushing down carried with it houses, tents, household goods and animals belonging to those living near the Springs. Three women, a man and several small children were swept away by the flood; but fortunately they all lodged in the bushes, and were rescued some hours later."

State News.

Kinston Journal: Our county commissioners adopted a resolution on Monday last to grant no more license to retail liquor.

Ashboro Courier: Dr. J. J. Hamlin has a mocking bird whose perfect imitation of every noise around is something simply wonderful. So perfectly can it mimic a chicken, that you cannot detect it by the sound.

A correspondent of the News and Observer from Bertie county, says: "Our county commissioners have refused license to the liquor dealers by a unanimous vote. Universal joy over the county."

Raleigh Visitor: Some party or parties took the capitol gates of last night, turned over all the benches in the square and cut the well ropes and threw the buckets and ropes in the well.

Concord Sun: Dr. Mills, the great sheep raiser of this county, clipped a one year old Merino buck, on the 4th inst., and got twenty pounds of fine wool. Dr. Mills is continually demonstrating the profitability of sheep raising to our farmers.

Morganton Blade: Last week Judge Avery's big bull dog attacked "Tip," a little rat-terrier, the property of a minister of this town, and almost made sausage-meat of the little "pup." He was carried off and buried. Early next morning the children were surprised to find "Tip" at home. He had scratched out and is now about well again. This statement is no "yarn," but a fact.

Charlotte Democrat: Mr. John Wilson's residence, eight or ten miles from this city, was robbed on Saturday the 4th inst., of about \$100 in money and some clothing. Two negroes, who pretended to be looking for work in the neighborhood, accompanied. It is not safe for country people, or even town people, to keep money in their houses. There are scoundrels, white and black, prowling about that would kill a man and his family for ten dollars.

Winston Leader: A darkey was recently before one of our Justices of the Peace, charged with stealing a sheep. In making his statement of the case he said he had always heard that lead would not kill sheep. Being out hunting one day, and his gun being loaded with lead bullets he shot into a flock to see what effect it would have. He killed one. He said it looked like a great pity for "de sheep to lay dar and rot, so he just fotedch it home and salted it down. He didn't intend fur to steal de sheep." We guess he is thoroughly convinced by this time that lead will kill sheep.

News and Observer: Near the old fair grounds lives a dog of the feminine gender, the property of a man well known. This animal had never been blessed with offspring. To dispel her loneliness she one day, about a month since, went out on a pilgrimage and finding a "mitherless bairn," in the shape of a forlorn looking kitten, straitway brought it home with her, and has since devoted herself to its nourishment and training. Daily the mamma and her adopted offspring of the inhuman species may be seen at play. This is no fancy sketch, but a fact, as dozens of witnesses will avouch.

A Great Enterprise.

The Hop Bitters Manufacturing Company is one of Rochester's greatest enterprises. Their Hop Bitters have reached a sale beyond all precedent, having from their intrinsic value found their way into almost every household in the land.—Graphic.

Wake Forest Commencement.

(Raleigh Visitor, 10th inst.)

For two weeks the Commencement exercises of Wake Forest College have been the subject of conversation among the friends of that institution; and more especially among the young ladies of different counties, who have been busily engaged in making up their finery preparatory to attending the Commencement and, if possible, to out rival their sisters in beauty and dress.

Well, yesterday being the "big" day of course drew a large concourse of both classes to the college, among whom were the beautiful matrons and maidens of several counties attended by their gallant beaux. We never saw so many beautiful and elegantly dressed young ladies assembled together before at one time.

Precisely at 10 o'clock the President, faculty and students entered the hall in a body and took the seats which had been reserved for them. Soon the Senior class, ten in number, marched into the hall preceded by the marshals, and took seats on the front bench next to the rostrum. The services were opened with an eloquent and fervent prayer, offered by the Rev. A. A. Boshamer, pastor of E. Lenton Street M. E. Church of Raleigh. The young gentlemen acquitted themselves handsomely, were the recipients of many compliments, and the majority of them received beautiful and tasteful bouquets arranged by their fair friends.

Music followed each oration. After the conferring of degrees, &c., the President addressed the graduating class briefly, giving them wholesome advice.

Medals were then presented. The exercises were then closed with benediction. In the afternoon the Societies held their meetings, but not being a member, we are unable to give an account of their proceedings.

There were several distinguished gentlemen on the rostrum, the names of whom we were unable to obtain. Everything passed off pleasantly, not an accident occurring to mar the pleasure of the day. May we all have the pleasure of attending many more Commencements at this grand institution of learning.

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