



WATCHMAN.

Salisbury, April 29, 1837.

LIST OF BLACK KNIGHTS

Who have gone to parts unknown without paying for the WATCHMAN.

There are a good many who are in the country and refuse to pay us under various mean pretenses, whom we intend to hold up to public observation; it will not be difficult to persuade the world that he who is mean towards an Editor will act meanly with every one else.

Capt JOHN AUTRY, North Cove, Burke.

Thomas E Upton, Minersville, do

J. H. Greenlee, North Cove, do

Dickinson & Case, Memphis, Ten.

E. O. Legrand, Montgomery, N. C.

E P. Jurney, Iredell.

Isaac Douglass, Lincoln Co.

Pleasant Marsh, Surry County.

We give this as an earnest, of what we mean to do if we are footed with. There are some others, but had better take the hint in season.

We must refer to a succeeding article as our excuse for the scarcity of editorial matter this week: When we returned home, we found our paper so nearly filled with other matter that we forbore to press our own lucubrations upon our readers: They, however, will be more than compensated by the excellent speech of Mr. Winslow, on the all absorbing subject of our Rail Road.

RAIL ROAD SURVEY.

The Editor of this paper has just returned from accompanying the Engineers on the survey of the Fayetteville and Western Rail Road, and he is glad in being able to state to those interested in this undertaking, that it is progressing in the most satisfactory manner. The Party commenced on last Monday, at the mouth of Crane Creek, and descending the River, crossed Abbot's Creek, about a mile and a half above its mouth: They then left the flat land and made directly for the gap of Flat Swamp mountain, intending to strike Lick Creek, at Grice's mill, and to ascend that to the summit land, between the waters of Uwharrie and the Yadkin. We went with Mr. Bennet, (who has charge of the survey, in the absence of Mr. Cushman,) for at least 25 miles of the proposed route, and have his authority for saying that, no greater difficulty is presented than that we witnessed, the country must be considered in the highest degree favorable for a Rail Road: indeed 9-10ths of that distance may be almost called dead level, as to the rest, it is not calculated that there are forty feet in the mile of rise or fall at any place. The friends of this great enterprise have every cause for congratulation: for although the next 12 miles (that about Uwharrie, and Carroway creeks) are supposed to present many serious and formidable difficulties—yet the whole of the remainder of the distance being so eminently favorable, that the average will be kept low: Besides we have great confidence in the zeal and ability of the two gentlemen, Messrs. Bennet and Nelson, to whom this end of the survey has been entrusted, by Capt Cushman: they declare with great energy, that if a route can be had it shall be shunted out: and from the untiring industry which we saw them exhibit day after day, we have no doubt, they will make this declaration good. With Capt. Cushman we are not the pleasure of an acquaintance, as we do not his entire capability, for conducting of this work: It is sufficient that he has been selected by Major McNeil, as the chief assistant in the work.

The other end of the route is undergoing a survey, under the immediate direction of Mr. Cunningham, whom we have heard often of very well: we understand that proposed to connect this survey with that already completed, at Chatham's, with which that point, we learn, Capt. Cushman is well satisfied.

Before dismissing this subject, we must be permitted to bear witness to the very systematic and orderly deportment of those of this party: It seemed to us every individual was determined to do his duty faithfully, and diligently. We also commend the public spirit of the neighborhood, in affording the Engineers assistance and convenience in their towards carrying forward the work. The whole, we are more than well pleased with our visit, and feel our confidence

rise higher than ever, as to the successful issue of the enterprise.

GEN. JACKSON ON RETIREMENT.

The Hero of two wars and a dozen tavern fights, cannot quit the scene of turmoil and confusion, in which he has figured so conspicuously, for the last eight years, without a further effort to punish his enemies: He has perforce in to-day's paper issued his Bulletin against Judge White, John Bell, and Orville Bradley. The statement of Mr. Bradley furnished to Judge White, as to a conversation with the late President, he pronounces utterly false, and promises in due time and season to prove it. Mr. Bradley has not been known to us since our college days: but at that time he was remarkable not only for a vigorous intellect, but for stern and unflinching integrity. We very much question whether with his associates, even the word of the President of the U. States would have been taken to the stand of his. One thing we've struck off in the history of Gen. Jackson: that is, he has been met with flat contradictions, by more respectable men than any other public character we ever noticed. Besides this case of Judge White, and Mr. Bradley, there is Mr. Adams, Mr. Buchanan, Col. White, of Florida. Mr. Calhoun, & Mr. Ingham: In each of these instances, there has been an affair of truth, where the incorrigible word of the President has had to stand against that of each of these gentlemen. We say nothing more than that the public must judge for themselves, between them, we simply state the facts.

We do not think it imports well with Presidential dignity, to have to do so much e n o n g & proving, and now that he has got to the Hornings, and thrown off the cares of State, we had hoped he could have dismissed this belligerent temper.

Remarks of Mr. E. L. Winslow, at the Internal Improvement Meeting held at Salisbury, on Thursday, 23d March.

Mr. Chairman:—It will be recollect that a Convention was held in this place in the month of October last, on the important and interesting subject of a communication from the Western portion of North Carolina, to the Cape Fear River at the Town of Fayetteville, at that meeting 130 delegates representing 19 Counties were assembled, and after serious deliberation, they unanimously resolved, that a large, wealthy and populous section of the State of North Carolina, demanded the speedy construction of a Rail Way from the Cape Fear River at the Town of Fayetteville, to a point on the Yadkin River above the Narrows, thence by two branches, the one to connect with the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Rail Road at the most eligible point, the other in the direction of the town of Wilkesborough, in the County of Wilkes. A resolution was also with equal unanimity passed, expressing the opinion that the State of North Carolina should aid in the construction of works of the kind by the adoption of the 2-5 principle. A delegation was appointed to attend during the session of the Legislature at Raleigh, in aid of these objects, and also to obtain assent a s to a charter then in existence, to carry out the views of the Convention. A charter had been granted by the Legislature, giving to certain persons the privilege of constructing a Road through the same section of country, and this Company had made a beginning, and it was deemed most advisable to procure their assent to amend that charter in such manner as would enhance their resolutions and views of the Convention. It was believed also, that the Yadkin River at a point above the Narrows was easily made navigable, and indeed, that for a considerable distance, penetrating a rich and fertile country, it was now navigable. It was therefore, highly desirable to obtain an amendment to the charter, embracing the privilege, if advisable, of navigating the River—As one of that Committee, I visited the Legislature, the amendments deemed important and advisable were procured and the charter of the Company was made to meet the wishes of all, as favorably, I believe, as the friends of this noble Work could desire, in all its provisions.

The Legislature passed an act also, extending on liberal conditions aid to the construction of a Road from the Cape Fear River to the Yadkin, and one other in the State, from the town of Wilkesborough to the Roanoke River, which I am happy to inform this meeting is on the way to its completion, and which, doubtless will meet the most sanguine expectations of those concerned in its construction. It will be remembered also, Mr. Chairman, that at the Convention referred to, Major McNeil was present, a native of North Carolina, standing deservedly high as an Engineer,—having entire faith in the practicability of the Work, about which he was then deliberating,—deeply impressed with its importance, and desirous to do all he could in aid of its completion. He had visited the State at the urgent solicitation of some of his friends, who hope and believe, that when he shall express by his report, a favorable opinion of this great Work, and it is known, as is the fact, that the whole Work is under his direction and care, no doubt would longer remain, but subscriptions will be freely made.

I will state also, Mr. Chairman, that so much concerned is the Town of Fayetteville in this Road, and so important do the citizens of that place deem the work, that by having their fellow citizens of the West would ultimately come forward with liberal and generous support, they raised funds before the amendments of the charter then obtained, by private contributions, which were afterwards to be taken as payment of stock, if the Company should get into operation, and had Engineers, under the direction of Major McNeil, placed on the route, as indicated by the Convention to which we have before referred.

Two parties of Engineers have been since the first of January, engaged in the survey, and so far as I have had an opportunity of judging, are faithfully and zealously discharging their duties.

After the Legislature adjourned, it was known and believed that no unreasonable delay would be permitted. This Road, connecting two sections of the State of North Carolina, vitally important to each other, and to the advantages of which, the representatives of the people of the State had given their assent, by an appropriation to aid in its completion, was to be constructed only by the united and vigorous co-operation of the West and the Cape Fear: Steps were taken, Commissioners, selected in all the Counties supposed to be interested, and Books were to be opened under their direction.

The bill making provision for a subscription on

the part of the State, provided that if \$ 5ths of the estimated cost of the construction of the main stem of this road made by the Engineers should be subscribed by persons able to pay, then the State would pledge herself for the other 2-5ths, and that whenever 25 per centum of the subscription made by individuals should be paid, then the State would pay the same amount on her subscription. One year was allowed to obtain the subscription of 3-5ths, and two years to pay the twenty five per centum by individuals—this aid is only to the Road from Fayetteville to the Yadkin above the Narrows. It has been supposed that this Road would be built for one million of dollars, and that a subscription giving 25 per centum of that aid would be necessary to secure the State subscription; this estimate may be too small, it is hoped, however, if the cost be more than a million, the amount can be obtained.

This, then, Mr. Chairman, being the situation of affairs, the books of subscription were opened in the Town of Fayetteville, and Committees were appointed in the different sections of the county of Cumberland, for the same purpose; we felt as the citizens of Fayetteville were bound to exhibit a proper zeal in this work, the subscriptions were going on, all believing that \$200,000, if not more, could be raised by the Town and Country; we felt strong, and confident of success: we felt that the Western part of the State were united as one man, with their rich and inexhaustable resources, we knew the State had generously offered her aid, what could we wait for? When the intelligence of a conditional subscription from this County and Town, of this other, most deeply concerned in the Road, reached us, it changed the aspect of things, and spread gloom, when all had been bright. Thus conditional subscription appeared to us fatal to the scheme, for if one county in the West set out in this way, why might not every county do the same? The Road would require the individual exertions of all the counties interested, division of labor and action would end in failure and non-faction. Whatever had been heretofore said about this Road—whatever might be the fate, and of this, I have no doubt, (that the means and resources of the Counties in Western Carolina, if they could be drawn out, were ample for the construction of this work, independent of the State,) there had never been a period when I had been at all sanguine of the success of this great and to the State regenerating work, until on the passage of the act by the Assembly. When in this piece to October, one of a Convention of delegates, having members from the West, of the highest respectability and of extensive means and experience, deliberately passing resolutions, expressing the necessity and utility of a work of the kind, I hoped and believed that we all, the West and the Cape Fear would do promptly our duty, and the work would proceed speedily. This hope I still indulge, but certain it is that conditional subscription will embarrass the matter and exercise a fatal influence.

The people of the Town of Fayetteville, Mr. Chairman, were prepared to act fully with the people of the West in this work, to whom, any route which would meet the views of the West would be satisfactory; they were confident, that without the united energies of the West, they could not build the Road, but with their aid freely and liberally bestowed as it should be, in view of the mighty advantages and beneficial consequences, the Work would go on.

The examination and survey as has been stated was going on as rapidly as possible, the season of the year, and the more than usually unpleasant weather during the winter, had caused many which could not be avoided. In the letter of instructions which the Chief Engineer had given to Mr. Cushman, having in charge the survey, he says to him, you are to make an examination of the country, &c, preparatory to a road from the Town of Fayetteville to the Yadkin River above the Narrows. With these instructions no one in Fayetteville had interfered—Major McNeil was at Salisbury and heard the discussion which was had there—was well aware of the importance of the navigation of the Yadkin River. The charter of the Company had been amended in nearly the exact words of the Salisbury Convention, using the words above the Narrows of the Yadkin. The act of the Legislature making the subscription to the road on certain conditions, contemplated a road running along the Narrows of the Yadkin. The delegation from Fayetteville to the Salisbury Convention understood the expression above the Narrows of the Yadkin, to mean at such point where the River was now or could be easily made navigable—that this River was now navigable for some uses, &c perhaps beginning at a point between the mouth of Abbott's and that of Newing Creek as stated in your Promissory & Resolutions to your conditional subscription, &c should for a very trifling expense made navigation for steam boats, drawing no feet water, a distance of one hundred and fifty rods, through a country excelled by neither; If intelligent men appear to agree on this fact, we urge on the members of the Legislature to form a vastly important feature in the scheme. And it is Mr. Chairman: reflect for a moment, a Road is laid down for 50 or 100 miles, striking the Yadkin, which is navigable for 150 miles, and you have an internal line of communication with the principal shipping port in your State, and with the markets of the whole world for 250 miles to the interior. Think of the effect Mr. Chairman, the mountains & the ocean brought so near—the people of Western Carolina, locked up as they have been for times past, having access to the markets of the world.

Can any man doubt the advantages and the profit of this work? All must deeply feel its importance, and how fondly it calls for all that every individual can do, to aid in its completion.

With these considerations and these facts before you, of which you were perhaps not sufficiently informed, conditional subscription were useless, dictated no good, and were likely to protract the whole scheme.

Again Mr. Chairman, if the route as proposed by your meeting possessed such advantages, it should, of course be surveyed, the object being to obtain a complete and thorough knowledge of the country; and this will be done noas, as well as to you, advantages would result from its adoption, it to the Engineer and to the stockholders of the Company, the facts developed by its examination are as you suppose.

If all subscriptions are to be conditional, how are the examinations of the country indispensable to a correct location of the road to be carried out? It has been, I take it for granted, settled in the mind of every man who hears me, that this road is necessary to the West, to the Cape Fear and would benefit the State. It is practicable, says an Engineer who was employed by the State and reported the fact, Major McNeil, than whom no one stands higher in the profession of Engineering, says so. Have we the means and can we raise the money necessary to build the road? Can any man who travels through Western Carolina, & knows any thing of her resources, doubt the fact of the ability of the people, if they have the disposition? Can any one who has taken pains to examine improvements of the kind and their effects, doubt a fair return for capital invested? It was said, if the State will aid this work, we can succeed. She has done so liberally, and asks us now, to show our zeal and enterprise.

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the part of the State, provided that if 3-5ths of the estimated cost of the construction of the main stem of this road made by the Engineers should be subscribed by persons able to pay, then the State would pledge herself for the other 2-5ths, and that whenever 25 per centum of the subscription made by individuals should be paid, then the State would pay the same amount on her subscription.—they give evidence of a want of that settled, calm and determined purpose to do all we can.—Instead of one individual's subscription giving confidence to another, it operates to keep off and deter.

It does not give evidence of that concentration of public opinion upon the work, which is calculated to establish confidence among ourselves and abroad.

To produce confidence in others we must not afford proof of a want of it in ourselves. How do works of this kind progress?—The necessity, practicability and profit of an improvement being settled on, other matters as to the charter, &c, being arranged, subscriptions should be made—an instalment paid—examinations entered into, their results embodied under the direction of those who are supposed and must be able to perform these duties—when reports are ready, those concerned to be called together and to them must all matters be submitted.

This is the usual and proper course, and it is exactly the course the people of Fayetteville have used upon it is the course which you will be satisfied with—it is the course, Mr. Chairman, to which no man, who is a friend of this work, ought or can object.

The effect of conditional subscriptions in the Town of Salisbury and County of Rowan, has been calling and injurious on the Cape Fear and in the West.

Mr. Chairman you wish this road to succeed. Can any gentleman or set of gentlemen in this part of the country determine the best route for the road? and is it not too important for any trouble which may be necessary to be spared, in collecting all information, and hearing and debating carefully under the advice of competent Engineers on the whole subject before we proceed. It is a work of magnitude in North Carolina, elsewhere it would long since have been executed and the happy change in a large portion of the State, would have been felt. Sir, if this scheme lay in South Carolina or Virginia years ago, I venture the assertion, the waters of the Cape Fear, Yadkin and Catawba would have been united—Steam boats would be seen floating along the waters of these Western rivers—Cars groaning with the rich and varied productions of the country moving to a market. Villages in freshening the eye and gladdening the heart every where would be seen. In North Carolina the scheme lays—divided North Carolina she has been—her best interests—her advancement in wealth and importance—the rich and varied treasures which nature has placed within her limits all hitherto unexplored, unengaged and almost unknown to her own citizens, sacrificed on the altar of discord and division. I hope for better times; Mr. Chairman, this road will work a mighty change, but not it division and difference are to be found among those, who ought to be found shoulder to shoulder in the work.

Mr. Chairman, I propose this plan: that all conditions be withdrawn. The Engineers who are now near the completion of one line of survey, will soon as that is finished, be directed to examine the route which you have here indicated; when the reports are ready and the Engineers prepared, a meeting of the Company will be called at a central point in the West and to them submitted the whole matter.

To this course the people of Fayetteville would be pledged, and this ought to satisfy you. We in Fayetteville desire and must have a connection with the West. You are equally concerned. United, we can accomplish this scheme; divided we shall certainly fail.

Mr. Chairman, can any one estimate correctly the advantages which will accrue, and the consequences to follow the completion of this road, through the mountains to the seaboard? They are vast, they are almost incalculable. I have heard many intelligent men observe, that this road will not be five years built before it will require an additional tract to carry off the productions of the country, which in every variety will be seeking a market. The benefits too are steadily increasing as the population of the country increases, and the values of mineral wealth are opened—the vast & unlimited water power is improved and the increased productions of an improved state of agriculture reward the labor of the hand band.

What is the condition of the Western part of North Carolina now and what has been for years? Melancholy to contemplate! The wealth, intelligence and strength of her citizens passing away daily; houses uninhabited, farms neglected, villages passing to decay, roads almost impossible, and these things in a section of country where nature has been more than beautiful, while she appears to have exerted herself to leave marks of goodness and benevolence. Under this state of things are you, Mr. Chairman, and the citizens of Western Carolina willing to continue?

I hope not, I believe not; the remedy is at hand to change this melancholy, depressing picture; Nothing is wanting but zeal and unanimity; Talk less and act more. Settle the present crisis and all our fondest hopes and wishes for our native State will be more than realized.

Mr. Chairman this road must be built, it is vitally important to you and the State at large; in no other way can you retain the value of your lands. With every other State around affording to the citizens easy expeditions and cheap facilities for the transportation of their property to market how are you to remain in a country where one half or third of your property is expended in getting the remainder to a market, and where the leading necessities of life are charged with heavy expenses for their transportation? Witnessing the results of improvements elsewhere with the industries, enterprising man stay in this country? Painful as it may be, we will desert the home of his father, leave behind him the graves of his early friends, and seek a land where his labors and exertions will meet reward.

This is a work of magnitude, involving great responsibilities, much labor and expense. No step should be taken without anxious investigation and much deliberation. For myself, I feel the weight of the obligations resting on me; in urging this scheme, I have made no statements which are not fully warranted by truth.

A Fair Hit.—The editor of the Boston Courier, thus hits off a portion of the follies of the times:

We had once a mimic Byron, with his collar down, in every pathetic young gentleman; next came the Pelham curts, and abominable manners drawn by Bulwer; but now our young dandies content themselves with the little canes, and large locks over their right eyes. It was written remarked the other day, that all the young men at _____, seemed to have been struck with lightning on the left side of the head.

MARRIED

In this Town, on Tuesday evening last, by the Rev'd, Thales McDonald. Mr. FRANCIS A. JAMES, to Miss MARY ANN TODD, all of this place.

In Morgan County, Ala., on the 11th Inst., by Judge Rice, Mr. FRANCIS P. CLINGMAN, to Miss AFRHIA, daughter of Francis P. Rose, Esq. late of Stokes County, North Carolina.

A letter from Augusta, by the last mail, states, that the only Cotton buyer in the market that day, was a Planter who had come to town for the purpose.—Charleston Courier, April 18.

Auction Sales

The Subscriber will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday evening, the 15th May next, (it being Court week) at his Store House, in Salisbury, to the highest bidder, the following articles, to wit:

DRY GOODS,

Hardware, Cutlery & Queens-

ware, Hats, Shoes & Bonnets,

And many other articles generally found in Stores.—Sales to commence at candle light.—TERMS CASH.

The Subscriber would say to those indebted to him to call and pay, as it is time they should do.

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