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WE are anxious to publish educational news of interest from every part of the State. The PATRON AND GLEANER goes to about 90 county superintendents and to many high schools and colleges, and we would thank them to send us items of interest to the public.

THREE papers came to this office last week each of which contained exactly the same matter on the first and fourth pages. They use the "patent sheets" or ready print paper which is furnished by firms in some of the large cities. The matter contained in such papers bear no comparison to that found in the PATRON AND GLEANER. On the outside of this paper this week will be found original articles from three able writers—"Quote," "Bart Moore" and Mrs. Mary H. Rice. And not a single humbug advertisement. For the year 1894 we confidently expect to keep the PATRON AND GLEANER to its present standard and if possible improve it.

THE board of road supervisors for the different townships will meet at their usual places of meeting on the first Saturday in February to receive the reports of the overseers of the roads and to transact such other business as may regularly come before them. Any overseer who fails to report is subject to be fined. Some road officers have become very careless about the trust confided to them, and those who fail to discharge their duty according to law should be dealt with as the law directs. We have very unjust road laws and the best way to get them off the statute books and better laws enacted, is to enforce them to the letter. By doing this they will become so obnoxious that the people will demand a change.

THE attention of teachers is called to "Legends of the Roanoke" by "Bart Moore," to be found on first page of PATRON AND GLEANER this week. It answers a question often asked by persons residing in the counties bounded by the Roanoke. Besides, it is an excellent selection to be read to the school by the teacher for reproduction by the pupils in their own language. We suggest to teachers that they read the article to their school and then have the advanced pupils to write it in their own language without further reference to the original, giving them a limited time to do the work in. This will not only cause them to retain a beautiful legend, but will improve them in original compo-

sition and in the art of expressing their thoughts in words. The day for having school children to write "compositions" on such abstract subjects as "goodness," "kindness," &c., has passed.

Cleveland's Policy.

EDITOR PATRON AND GLEANER:—In your editorial of the 11th inst. under the heading, "About That Offer," you say, "Mr. Willis Bagley, of Jackson, claims, if we mistake not, that Cleveland's financial policy is good Republican doctrine," and seem to imply that that alone ought to condemn it. Allow me to suggest that finance can never properly be a question of politics, but one of business only. Every government, like every firm, must be conducted on sound business principles; otherwise bankruptcy is the result. Now if Mr. Cleveland's financial policy be sound, it is just as good Democratic as Republican doctrine, and vice versa.

You refer to the members of the Northampton bar and to other prominent Democrats of the State, whose opinions in this matter you seem to consider of great weight, if not conclusive; but do you know any one in the State, whose opinion in the present financial situation would be entitled to a moment's consideration alongside that of the President, or that of Secretary Carlisle? Would it not be wise to wait awhile before condemning Mr. Cleveland's policy? Has he been shown to be wrong in a single important question since his appearance before the public? Have not subsequent events thoroughly vindicated his judgment and course in the tariff letter of '87, the message of '88 and the silver letter of '92? (or was it '91?) Has the Democratic party ever had a braver or sounder leader? This, I think, cannot be denied, and if it be true, is it not the part of wisdom to stick together and follow his lead, instead of running after strange gods of the Hill order? Such a course can only invite and deserve disaster and defeat.

BERTIE.

Roxobel, N. C., Jan. 22, 1894.

Error Corrected.

MR EDITOR:—I have seen the following statement in two newspapers published in Norfolk and one in Richmond, concerning the rail road celebration in Jackson on the 17th instant, viz.: "Mr. Peebles made an eloquent address of welcome, in which he referred at length to the splendid resources of Northampton. He also mentioned the fact that ten years ago Northampton had only 28 miles of rail road, while she now has 123 miles."

The error consists in saying that I claimed 123 miles for Northampton alone. I claimed it for the section of country composed of Northampton, Hertford and Bertie. The Northampton and Hertford rail road company has the chartered right to go through this section. It is isolated and separated from every other part of North Carolina by natural barriers. I described the splendid resources of this section, Bertie and Hertford as well as Northampton. I then stated that ten years ago this section had only 28 miles of rail road—that today, upon the driving of the last spike, this section would have 123 miles of rail road open to the public for the transportation of passengers and freight.

I hope you will allow this correction to be made through the columns of your valuable paper. I do not wish my neighbors and acquaintances to believe that I said Northampton had 123 miles of rail road open to the public. I do not covet such inaccuracy. Nor do I wish it to be believed, that, on an occasion like that, in describing the splendid resources of this section, its soil, climate, productions, men and women, I could forget Bertie and Hertford.

W. W. PEEBLES.

Jan'y. 23, 1894.

THE CELEBRATION

THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE NORTHAMPTON AND HERTFORD RAIL ROAD A BIG SUCCESS.

A great day in Jackson was Wednesday, the 17th. For days and weeks the people of this little town had been looking forward to it, some with only bright hopes; others with shades of anxiety, but all with one wish,—that it might be an occasion of joy and pleasure. The silver question was for the time forgotten, the Hawaiian affairs, Tariff, &c. laid aside by them. They were to celebrate the opening of their Rail Road—a rail road, it is true, of no great pretensions, but a rail road.

And notwithstanding the day was unlike the previous one, bright and glorious, long before the usual time many were out of bed and busy in their preparations for the day.

The Northampton and Hertford rail road had been completed, and the silver spike was to be driven, and some public demonstration was thought proper. Certain enterprising capitalists, namely: Messrs. Clarke, Edwards, Buchanan and others of New Jersey, Shepherd of Richmond, and Kell of Gumberry had built the said road, eight miles long, connecting Jackson with the S. A. Line at Gumberry, and the citizens of Jackson desired to express their appreciation of these advantages and also to become better acquainted with the aforesaid gentlemen and their families.

Accordingly about two weeks before the 17th, a meeting of the citizens was held, and it was determined to invite them down on the occasion of driving the last spike.

A large crowd was present, and as the train rolled in the depot at 8 p. m. festooned with evergreens, and bearing the guests, the crowds rushed down to meet them, and the ringing of all the bells in town, the sounding of Mr. J. E. Moore's engine whistle, together with the R. R. whistle, made a scene and impression likely to be remembered by all present.

When the guests, including several officials of the S. A. Line and their families, had been escorted to the platform, Mr. W. W. Peebles made a suitable speech of welcome, which was responded to by Col. J. S. H. Clark, of N. J., President of the road. Both speeches were highly spoken of. A splendid orchestra from Norfolk was present and discoursed sweet music during the intervals. After which, amid the greetings of friends and the acclamations of the crowd, the silver spike was driven by Mrs. F. Kell, wife of the Superintendent of the new road, and the guests were driven in carriages to the Burgwyn hotel, where a banquet had been prepared for them.

It may be remarked that it was the earnest wishes of the citizens of Jackson that a public dinner should be given on that occasion, but on account of the uncertainty of the weather at this season of the year this part of the programme was abandoned.

It was determined, however, to invite the guests to a N. C. dinner, the best that could be gotten up within the time. The programme agreed on, the next question was the money, and nobly was it met, the citizens coming together almost as one man.

Accordingly dinner was served at 6 o'clock to about 100 persons consisting of officials of the N. & H. and S. & R. rail roads and their families, employes of F. Kell, Supt., and the subscribers to the dinner. (It may be remarked by the way that no invitations were sent by the Committee of Arrangements, as a committee, to any one except to those whose names had been furnished by Mr. Kell, Supt., individual subscribers only, having the right to invite others, and the number of such invitations being regulated by the amount subscribed by them.)

The ladies appointed to decorate the room, arrange the tables, &c. did their work elegantly, grandly.

Banners, monograms, evergreens and inscriptions, artistically arranged, adorned the walls.

There was an appropriateness, a dignity and an elegance about the affair which left a pleasing impression. J. B. MacRae, Esq., presided at the head of the table, or rather tables, and performed his part with ease and dignity.

The toasts and responses were as follows: Our Guests—Response by Mayor C. G. Peebles. The Northampton and Hertford rail road—Response by Dr. H. W. Lewis. The Ladies—Response by J. B. MacRae, Esq. Gumberry—Response by Capt. R. B. Peebles. The Press—Response by W. S. Copeland, Esq., of the Richmond State and H. B. Hardy, Esq., of the North Carolinian. Col. J. S. H. Clarke, President of the new road, Capt. T. H. Whisnant, Supt of the S. A. Line and T. J. Anderson, Esq. General Passenger Agent of the same line, were called for and made short, appropriate addresses.

The speeches were all excellent, and the sweet music interspersed added much to the occasion.

Altogether the occasion was eminently successful, and the Committee of Arrangements feel well repaid for their efforts. The committee meetings, their anxieties, their labors, &c., are now things of the past, but the unanimity and heartiness developed will be remembered. The rail road has been in operation but a few days, but has carried from here about 100 bales of cotton, besides peanuts, eggs, &c., and it is earnestly hoped that it may prove a great blessing to the entire community.

Murfreesboro Items.

Mr. Louis Seal and family have moved to Comd.

Mrs. J. R. Brewer is spending a few days in Raleigh.

Miss Annie Root, of Boston, Mass., is spending the winter at the Institute.

Mr. W. E. Copeland and family are to move to the Winborne lot this week.

Mr. R. Evans has moved to the Spencer house, and runs it in its usual order.

The Baptist parsonage is being painted, which adds greatly to the improvements of the town.

Mr. G. W. Spencer and family have moved to High Point, where most of their children now live.

We were pleased to see Mr. G. W. Grimes, formerly a citizen here, but now of Portsmouth, Va., in our town last week.

It is reported that Prof. J. B. Brewer will accept the nomination as President of the Baptist Female University to be founded in Raleigh.

The Ladies Dorcas Society gave an oyster supper at the Institute Friday night. A small crowd was in attendance, which is an exception to the rule.

Mr. W. A. Edmondson has entered upon his work as pastor here. He is a man of fine personal appearance and a most influential speaker and liked by the people.

Mr. Paul Butler and sister Mrs. J. B. Barnecastle left for Windsor the 15th, having received a telegram to the effect that their father Mr. K. L. Butler, was seriously ill.

Mr. N. W. Griffith and Mr. B. E. Parker, two of our most excellent young men, have secured employment in Woodland, N. C. We hope them much success in their new home. Their vacancy in the Sunday School is hard to fill.

Mrs. C. W. Scarborough and Miss Mary Lawrence opened public school this morning. Mrs. Scarborough is a lady of a fine education, having taught at the Institute for several years and at other schools. She will teach the larger pupils. Miss Mary is a recent graduate of the W. F. College and no doubt will do her full duty in imparting instruction to the children under her charge.

S. C. P.

Murfreesboro, N. C., Jan. 22, 1894

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Lewiston Letter.

Lewiston has had nothing to report that was worthy of interest for some time.

Mr. Joe Gates, of our town, formerly of Petersburg, is dangerously ill. The people of our town, ever being humane, has looked to his wants.

The "Grippe" is prevailing around here to the full extent of its powers, and many men are suffering while many more are just beginning to snuff the breeze.

We are pained to say that Mr. Thomas W. Thompson does not improve in health and the proposed removal to Baltimore for surgical operation may be postponed.

The most amusing thing occurring here for some time was that of a colored widower stealing the daughter of his neighbor, for the object of marriage, before the license was obtained. Another brother colored widower, had stolen the girl and taken her with full legal authority to his home. L.

Lewiston, N. C., Jan. 22, 1894.

LAND FOR SALE.

Pursuant to and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior court of Northampton county, North Carolina, in the case of Paul Harrell, Adm'r of A. J. Harrell et als, vs. Mahala Vick et als, I, as commissioner of the court, shall, on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1894, sell, at the Court house door in Jackson, at public auction to the highest bidder, a tract of land situated in Northampton county, on the south side of Cutaway-Key swamp, being a part of the Allen Baggett tract of land, bounded by the lands of Ellisha N. Copeland, James Bolton and others and containing fifty (50) acres, more or less, it being the tract on which the said Mahala Vick now resides.

TERMS OF SALE: One-half cash; balance on a credit of twelve months with six per cent. interest from day of sale, secured by bond and retaining of title till all is paid. Jan. 2, 1894. C. G. PEEBLES, Commissioner.

NOTICE.

By virtue of the power conferred on me in a deed of trust executed on the 10th day of February, 1893, by Chas. W. Jacobs, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Northampton county, in Book 91, on page 261, I will, on Monday the 5th day of February, 1894, expose to public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in the town of Jackson, a tract of land situated in Roanoke township in said county of Northampton, known as the "Revel" tract, adjoining the lands of Emory Vaughan, William Martin, Alex Grant, Geo. Baker and others, and containing one hundred acres more or less. Sale to take place about 12 o'clock M. This the first day of January, 1894. 1-1-4t. EXUM FURRELL, Trustee.

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