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Who will care ? When we lie beneath the daisies Underneath the churchyard mold. And the long grass o'er our faces. Lays its fingers damp and cold; When we sleep from care and sorrow, And the ills of earthly life-Sleep, to know no sad to-morrow, Who will care ?

Who will care ? Who will come to weep above us, Lying oh ! so white and still, Underneath the skies of summer, When all nature's pulses thrill To a new life, glad and tender : Full of beauty, rich and sweet, And the world is clad in splendor That the years shall e'er repeat-Who will care?

Who will care ?

The Western N. C. Railroad. WESTERN DIVISION.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING AND BE-ORGANIZATION.

Reports of the President and Chief Engineer.

The First Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Western Division of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, Assembled at Asheville on the 13th Uctober, 1869.

On motion, General Jos. C. Abbott was called to the Chair, and G. M. Roberts requested to act as Secretary.

The annual report of G. W. Swepson, President, was read, and on motion was adopted and approved and ordered to be printed in

olina Railroad.

road to be constructed at as early day as practicable. The same committee is hereb structed and directed to survey an a road from near Riley Rays, up Branch, to intersect the road le Warm Springs, Madison county, North lina, to Wolf Creek, Tennessee, and to the same constructed as soon as possib to report their action to the next me the Board of Directors of this Company On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Dir ordered and hereby instructed by the St ders of this Company to comply with perform the contract heretofore made by Western North Carolina Railroad Comp with the Buncombe Turnpike Company relation to their road from Asheville to Paint Tennessee line. Rock.

### On motion, it was

Resolved, By the Stockholders tha A. T connection with the annual report of the Chief pointed a committee and be authorized and

connection with the annual report of the Chief Engineer. On motion the Chair was requested to appoint General Thomas L. Clingman, Hons. A. H. Jones and A. T. Davidson a committee to address the people of the State of North Cafolina by a circular letter through the papers, setting forth correctly the interest of the State in the early completion of the Western Division of the Western North Car-Western Division of the Western North Car-Western Division of the Western North Car-

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER. To the President and Directors of the W. Div. W. N. C. R. R. GENTLEMEN

"NO NORTH, NO SOUTH, NO EAST, NO WEST-OUR WHOLE COUNTRY."

ASHEVILLE, N. C., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1869.

Chattanooga, including a branch Road down cation which it was desirable to avoid. The the French Broad River to connect with the fall in Scott's Creek being so great rendered C. C. & C. Gap R. R. near Paint Rock, at the it still necessary to continue on the side hills of that stream for three miles, cutting a spur Under the provisions of the Original Char- from Kaler's Hill by a short Tunnel of 250 feet

ter and its amendments, this, the "Western until we descend again into the valley and Important Facts-New Sources of Wealth in Division" of said Road, was duly organized continue there until we reached the Tuckaon the 13th of October, 1868, and your sub- segee River, down which valley we followed Davidson, and James H. Rumbough, be ap- scriber appointed Chief Engineer, with in- to a point where, to save distance and avoid structions to locate both the main line and its great curvation, we cross the Tuckasegee fall, encouraging the people of Virginia to extend the culture of sumac and its preparation for use,

In a Railroad. On motion, the Chair was authorized to specting the said connecting, and that the Se-on motion, the Chair was authorized to specting the said connecting, and that the Se-the Surveys by myself that river, besides one (1) of Oconalufftee and The dronth has been fearful all over Virginia : a appoint a Committee of two to verify proxies, cretary and Treasurer be directed to furnish whilst acting as Chief Engineer for the Com-whereupon Gens, R. M. Henry and Thos, L. funds necessary to carry out this resolution. The drouth has been fearful all over Virginia; so much so in many of the counties as to render the whereupon Gens. R. M. Henry and Thos. L. funds necessary to carry out this resolution. pany was made, a copy of which is herewith Bridging. When at a point opposite the crops almost worthless for harvestin respectfully submitted ; but, by the casualties "Big Bear Farm" we leave the Tuckasegee for the many natural resources with which Provi-Resolved, That Thos. L. Clingman and Geo. W. Dickey, be instructed to communicate with a view to an earlier connection of the Western Division of the Western North Carolina Railroad at or near the line of the State of Georgia and North Carolina, west of State of Georgia and North Carolina, west of the last Winter and Spring, and one hundred crossing the river three (3) different times on culable advantage for all time. State of Georgia and North Carolina, west of Murphy, and in the Direction of Dalton or at or near Ducktown, Tennessee; and the Treas-urer is hereby directed to expenses incurred. (100) miles of the Road made ready for con-tract. I will say in this connection that in the vicinity of Asheville several lines have expenses incurred. (100) miles of the Road made ready for con-tract. I will say in this connection that in the vicinity of Asheville several lines have been run, but none definitely located. But in There being no further business, on motion regard to the French Broad line, beginning good and direct line we cross the ridge run, prominent of the many ready resources so abundant about three (3) miles down said river from ning down between Alarka and the Tennessee, and so prolific in the soil of those States. this place and on the Western side, the line runs on that side of the river until it reaches the month of Luy when it crosses the French of the the Tennessee, we descend to the mouth of Ivy, when it crosses the French Broad by a Bridge of 4 spans 650 feet in length, thence down on the Eastern side of Railroad and the Tennessee River to the the river through the town of Marshal, the Nantihalee Valley, thereby saving ten-and-oak, yellow spotted, willow, water, post and white County seat of Madison County, and contin-ues on the East side until the Warm Springs property is in view, when it recrosses to the Wort side of the river and so continues until vision as formerly located West side of the river and so continues until vision, as formerly located. At the organization of the Western Divis-ion of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, twelve months since, I was elected Though the Company then had no funds in its possession, yet the necessary arrangements were immediately made for a vigorous prose- about ninety (90) miles from Asheville. The the Tuckasegee and Tennessee Rivers with an costly fabrics made in prints. cution of the work, and two corps of engi-change from the previous location (by cross-improved line, we lose nearly that distance leather, curiosity prompted me to ascertain a farms neers were placed in the field. Four millions ing and recrossing French Broad River) ren- between the Balsam Tunnel and the Tucka; possible at what price per cord onk back is us crude of bonds of the State had been appropriated ders the allignment much better and places segee River in descending the Scott's Creek condition could be delivered at the stations along On motion of General R. M. Henry the by the Legislature to aid in the construction the line on better ground, thereby avoiding slopes and valley, having about the same the railways and the landing places on the James journalism is inferior journalism. It may be Chair announced that the election of Chief of the Road, but before these bonds could be several abrupt bends in the River which at amount of Tunneling, but far less Bridging Fiver and the Kanawha canal. It and the price to smartly, thrillantly written, while independent Engineer and Secretary and Trassurer were inverteened these points are shut down and confined by and should be better ellipsed and and a were shut down and confined by smartly, brillantly written, while independent journalism may be slip-slop and dull, but not the less is the morale of the first below that of the in order. General R. M. Henry put in nom-that they were not valid in the opinion of the in order. General R. M. 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Turner for Chief En- Supreme Court, because no special tax had Owing to the extraordinary high water between the clever advocate and the sedate judge. gineer, who was unanimously elected, and been imposed for the payment of the interest which occurred during the year 1867, it was The first puts the view of the case which makes without a discenting vote, the election being annually accruing. It was therefore necessa- found necessary to locate a higher line than Making a difference in favor of the present ry that application should be made for addi- formerly, and as it is generally a side hill lo- with this additional fact, that the present line General R. M. Henry then put in nomina- tional legislation; owing to causes which are cation the work is necessarily heavier and reaches a point 2 miles in advance of the form-

Creek to its Northern side. This retrograde ry in order to subserve the public convenience movement increases the distance and gives us, that another road shall be opened between the ground upon which to rest our maximum Warm Springs and the mouth of Ivy two (2) grade, and further, enables us to occupy miles above Marshall. I have directed Mr. cheaper ground, and thus gets us down into Blake, Principle Assistant Engineer, for that By an amendment of the Charter of the the Valley of Scott's Creek, thence along the Division to make a reconnoisance of the "Western North Carolina Rail Road," this meanderings of that creek, crossing and re- ground and report the result.

Road has been divided into two parts or Di-visions, to-wit: The "Eastorn Division," we again pass under ground through a spur the Engineer Corps on location, I have two extending from the town of Salisbury on the which we denominate Still House Tunnel, (2) Construction Corps-one for each Divis-North Carolina Rail Road westward to the French Broad River. And the "Western Division," from that point westward to the Tennessee or Georgia line in the direction of

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, Your obedient serv't, JAMES C. TURNER, Ch. Eng. W. Div. W. N. C. R. R.

NO. 22.

[From the New York Journal of Commerce.] The articles which appeared in the Journal las

one of the most valuable dyeing materials in use. as near as I could judge, about six dollars per card I learned also that the average dost of transporta 2,972,656 cu. yds. tion from the same localities to this city or Boston woul be about eight dollars per to Now, Mr. Editor, the manu cut calls for an annual consumption of three or four hundred thousand cords of burk tion G. M. Roberts for Secretary and Treas-urer, who was unanimously elected, the elec-was much difficulty and great delay in obrender it more desirable and cheaper, but of which ascended the Tennessee River on the and from beyond the Caredian border. Delivered General Clingman offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Stock-holders are due and are hereby tendered to ate position to occupy the exact ground on River, leaving about 45 miles yet to be locat-leather tanned with an equal mixture which the line should rest. Estimates have ed before reaching the Tennessee line at and hemlock bark gives more weight, and reater been made upon the line as now run, but a Ducktown, or a less distance to the Georgia value is imparted to the stock, rendering more desirable and more profitable. By a resolution of your Board passed 15th England States use hemlock bark exclo New\_ ely in should be made; some have, and others are day of October, 1868, the President and Chief the manufacture of their leather is simply owing in part to allegations that the bonds now being made which will greatly reduce the Engineer were authorized to let the W. Div. these States produce only the hemlock were invalid, and it was not until the Su-preme Court in the month of July promulga-ted its last opinion that the public mind be When this line is built and the Road in sary amount of individual stock had been sub- ambitions as are those on our norther The following resolution was introduced came satisfied as to the Constitutionality of Tennessee from Paint Rock to Morristown scribed according to the terms of the Charter they would long since have found that an unsatited completed, we shall have an outlet to the contracts for the building and completion of market existed along the New Fugland coast for These facts, to which only a brief reference Western Roads. The line from Morristown the jentire W. Div. of W. N. C. R. R. were go to waste. No effort as I can learn has been made even since across the French Broad River which are of line, including the French Broad Branch had great importance. This link in the Chain of Bailroad from proposals for the Grading and Ma. which offer cheap and convenient transit to tidewater. The art of converting the astringent properties of paper on account of the cost, is penty into interest, is penty interest, is penty into interest, is perty into interest, is penty into interest, is pe it would benefit and the people of the leastern States. Jeather trade of the northern and eastern States. Oak bark raised, ground and shipped in bags to this and the eastern markets will eventually form

ueen Autumn's flowers blossom And she stoops in pity down, With a white flower for our bosom, Taken from her royal crown'? Who will come to kneel in pity By our long and narrow bed, When the wild winds sing their ditty In the grasses o'er our head-Who will care?

Who will care? When the Spring time's glad smile lingers On the meadows, far and wide, And she drops, from rosy fingers, Bloom and leaf from every side; Who will come with tender yearning, To the graves of those they miss? Who will sigh for our returning To their presence and their kiss-Who will care?

Who will care % Who will think of white hands lying On a still and silent breast. Never more to know no sighing No one can tell us theater the failte Will it derives if they missus; Or this name as post of the? Not at all? CITY FORENALISM

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its use. It is useful in telling and not only what its ity of the entire Stock represented, to with with with they wish G W Sympson . Thus L Clin forew i there is the news of a Man shoras Diana april we refer to the acknowledged organ of It is not necessary that the arguments should be sound; all we want to know is, what the arguments

At the same time it must be admitted that party second. The difference is just that which there is for his client, without regard to its accuracy; the second has to deal only with fact. The first has an oppertunity for indulging in thrilling eloquence, or brillant parabox; the second has to deal simply with the facts and with the law. The first will often draw forth a cheer from an excited auditory; the second is listened to with respectful, perhaps sleepy, silence. Yet the first hopes to rise to the position of the second; the advocate always hopes to be a judge, and I suppose there is no honest journalist who would not rather be free to speak what he believes to be the truth, than be compelled to plead the cause of a party independently of truth. There are several reasons why he should do so. In the first place, he must feel that, though there is a great similarity between the party journal and the paid counsel, their positions are not quite the same. The position of the second is thoroughly understood and recognized, and no one blames him for making out the best case for his client. But the party journal is supposed to have some sort of conscience to recognize facts. The journal may, therefore, decieve the public when the lawyer could not; and so the honest journalist does not ore likely to be brillant than the other. It is free the By-laws.

Clingman were appointed said Committee, who, in a short time reported the following Stock represented in person and by proxy: 19,941 shares of private stock, and 13,294 State stock represented by Geo. W. Gahagan, proxy for the State-constituting a majority of the representative capital stock of the Company.

On motion of General R. M. Henry, the Stockholders proceeded to the election of twelve persons to constitute a Board of Directors for the ensuing year ; and G. M. Roberts and A. T. Davidson were appointed Tellers, and reported that the following gentlemen were voted for, to wit : +

G. W. Swepson	received	1 27260	votes.
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W. W. Rollins	÷ 86	33226	66
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J. R. Ammons,	44	33226	44
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Geo. W. Dickey,	44	33226	64
A. T. Davidson,	64	33221	
M. S. Littlefield,	44.	33226	44
Joa Keener,	- 11 AL	33226	144
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mey has ceased, nor is party journalism without -1 whet has duly elected, having received a major- its Presiden

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λ.	G. W. Dickey,		<b>1</b>	A. T. Davidson,
10	M. S. Littlefield,	-		Jos. Keener.

viva voce.

tion being by viva voce vote.

George W. Swepson, President, Major Jas. mission. C. Turner, Chief Engineer, and G. M. Rob- The surveys had in the meantime so ad-

row morning, 9 o'clock.

like the equivocal position which party journalism involves. In the next place, independent journal-ism gives so much more scope for writing. I have contrasted a brillant party, with a dull independent, journal. But there is no need why the independent isournal. But there is no need why the independent ournal should be dull. On the contrary, it is far adopted, as an amendment to Section 1st of els is the best policy. Honest journalism produces of the Stockholders of the Western Division of the Railroad.

On motion it was.

of Gen. R. M. Henry the Stockholders adjournrd sine die.

JOS. C. ABBOTT, Ch'm'n. G. M. RORERTS, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Stockholders of the Western North Carolina Railroad- Western Division.

GENTLEMEN :---

taining the necessary legislation, as it was

erts, Secretary and Treasurer, for the able, vanced that considerable part of the work

The Stockholders adjourned until to-mor- There was however great fluctuation from time to time in the value of the State bonds, Stockholders met according to adjourn- preme Court in the month of July promulga- estimated. ted its last opinion, that the public mind be-

is made, will account for the delay in putting Eastward is now in running order to Wolf entered into with responsible parties by the Resolved, That the word "thereafter" oc- a larger force on the work. There seems Creek, a point about 41 miles from Paint President and Cheif Engineer the latter, how- the construction of the numerous railways from the ance; it is free to let such as do not all the first of the By Laws be journalist who knows that he is writing in sition to the truth, cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seeks the truth cannot but feel hampered. ournalist who seek follows: "That," The next annual meeting the main line and the French Broad branch be graded there are two Bridges to be built time. After 100 miles and upwards of the of New England cheaper than it can be transported an effect and secures an influence where party iournalism has none. It is right, and it pays-it of the Western North Carolina Railroad When I accepted the Presidency of the Company, my object was to prosecute the This link in the Chain of Railroad from prepared, proposals for the Grading and Matogether with the President, to be elected by the Board of Directors, constitute a committe with anthority to examine and new provide the basi-the Board of Directors, constitute a committe with anthority to examine and new provide the basi-the Board of Directors, constitute a committe with anthority to examine and new provide the basi-the Board of Directors, constitute a committe with anthority to examine and new provide the basi-the Board to advance political object. The Main line having been re-located for the Board to advance political object. (55)

sometimes in the River and sometimes on the River about 15 miles from its mouth having oak bark rossed is worth Mountain slopes, it requires a nice intermedi- 90 miles located west of the French Broad than a ton of hemlock barle

critical examination of it satisfies me that im- line in the direction of Dalton. portant and economical changes could, and

to take up such subjects as give an opperturity for brilliance; it is free to let such as do not alone. The The journalist who seeks the truth, cannot but feel inspired. Honesty in journalism, as in everything mys because it is right .- Newspaper Press.

#### Keep it Before the People.

We find the following in the Illinois Baptist for August 22, 1856, and it is equally applicable to the present time:

i. Keep it before the people, that the cheapest. easiest and most interesting medium of conveying to a family information on a vast variety of important subjects, is through the well stored columns of a judiciously conducted paper.

2. Keep it before the people, that the head of a family who refuses to subscribe and pay for a good paper on account of the cost, is "penny wise and pound foolish," as he not only keeps them in ignowhich may be worth to him many times as much as

to subscribe and pay.

4. Keep it before the people, thet every well conflucted paper is worth a hundred fold more than its costs, in its influence on individual and public intelligence, morality and religion and that they are true patriots who conscientiously and liberally support a vigorous and enlightened press.

before the people, that some excellen ve expired for want of nourishing and rating assistance of their professed friendswoidable neglect. When the event has taken place, lamentation and regret come too late. takin place, lamentation and regret come too late. Better to have prevented the catastrophe by timely of the road, and they are required to cause the Asheville, N. C. Oct. 13, 1869. support.

second Thursday of October next, and the work with a view to the public interest alone, Asheville to Morristown is worthy of your sonry of the said 100 miles were invited by Directors elected at this and subsequent meet- and with no reference whatever to any party serious consideration, and although in the public advertisement for [1] month previous oak and hemlock bark into an imperishable extract, ings shall continue until the next annual meet-ing thereafter. On motion of A. T. Davidson, it was Re-solved that Jas. Keener and J. R. Ammory,

with authority to examine and pass upon the ness of the Road to advance political object fifty-five (55) miles and upwards-that sons as were deemed responsible and in such places its advantages beyond the reach of the peovouchers of the President George W. Swep- and to aid party organization or movements. length of line (55 miles) was made ready, in quantities as I believed most advisable at ple. As all tanners prefer the use of crude bark to son, in settling with his successor and report to the Board of Directors. W Coheren W Coheren it a consection with the forty-five (45) miles on reasonable figures. This has been done, to the Board of Directors. Not being willing to attempt to manage the subject however to the ratification of the lantic oak States, where bark can be had in abune

which may be worth to him many times as much as the subscription for the whole year. 3. Keep it before the people, that the preparation and issue of every number of a paper is attended with considerable labor and cost, and that it is some-thing more than meanness for a man to make a phetice of borrowing and reading a paper for thing more than meanness for a man to make a phetice of borrowing and reading a paper for thing more than meanness for a man to make a phetice of borrowing and reading a paper for thing more than meanness for a man to make a phetice of borrowing and reading a paper for thing more than meanness for a man to make a phetice of borrowing and reading a paper for the Company and officer. Agent, Clerk, or which other people have had the honor and honesty of the Company and officer, Agent, Clerk, or the Company have been placed in my hands, Tunnel; some advantageous changes have tracts they may agree to do, and I congratu- per ton for it. This will reduce the cost of trausemployee appointed then or elected by the Stockholders, and to file such necessary until the next annual meeting of the Stockholders. On motion it was ordered that W. W. Rollins, George W. Gahagan and James H. Rumbough be appointed a committee to sur-vey, locate and put under contract, a change

of the Buncompe Turnpike from Marshall to surpassed if equaled in our State. I am gen- nel known as Heel String, we get on the North been delayed on account of the fact that the Warm Springs, Madison County, North Car-idable neglect. When the event has lamentation and regret come too late prevented the catastrophe by timely of the Valley of the Middle Fork of Scott's dent to begin work, besides it will be necessa- an enterprise so essential to their prosperity.