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## THE NEW RAILROAD A CERTAINTY!

### THE VIEWS OF A VETERAN.

Editor W. T. R. Bell of the Rutherfordton Sun Says "Go Slowly."

The Memorial exercises in Atlanta last week in honor of the late General Wheeler were in many respects notable. It was the first occasion that we recall in which the United Confederate veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic have met on a common platform and shared equal prominence on the program. Gen. Carr and Corporal Tanner, representing respectively the Blue and the Gray, acquitted themselves in perfect good taste. There is something about the spirit of fraternization among soldiers of opposing armies that is not easily explained. Men of different race and blood will fight each other to the bitter end—even to the verge of brutality—and in an armistice of a few hours, if permitted, will go into friendly exchange of jest, and begin badinage and barter as children would trade playthings with each other. It is a side of our nature which puzzles the philosopher. One early morning in the summer of 1864, Pickett's division was holding our lines in front of Chester station in Chesterfield county. The picket lines were within a hundred yards of each other. From out a bit of wood on our right came two deer, a buck and a doe. Out into the open they dashed between the two lines. As they came nearer to our line, the first shots were fired by our side and the buck fell. The doe whirled over towards the Yankees, and in a moment a volley brought her down. From either side men stepped out fearlessly and secured their allotted share of venison. The lines were near enough to each other to permit of friendly salutes; and for half an hour the unusual incident banished all thought of hostility. The joint honors paid Gen. Wheeler's memory were such as could occur only perhaps in our own country. No good man could do other than rejoice at the spirit of fraternity that is making itself felt between the old soldiers of our Civil strife. None but a fool or a fanatic will at this late day by word or act emphasize the differences that divided us. But after forty years or more, it is not safe to press fraternity too far. It is doubtful whether the National organization perfected in Atlanta with Gen. Carr as president or commander, will be safe from some untoward incident in future celebrations. The old four year fellows will hope that the Junior Reserves, into whose hands the keeping of the course is being rapidly committed, will not let the enthusiasm of a good intention run away with sober judgment. Time's mollifying influence is healing old wounds; but no alternative is sufficiently powerful to take chronic disorders out of the blood except by slow processes. The thing is not fair yet. Our Yankee brother is a pensioner, and in the procession he walks side by side with the 'Johnny Reb' who pays year by year a larger federal pension tax, as poor as he used to be, than he is able to levy for the education of his children. North Carolinians part of Federal pensions is more than twice as much as North Carolina appropriates for public education. It is not possible to keep from recalling such things. Besides, we are not yet accorded fairness in the histories. Before the writer, lies the April number of 'The Teachers' Magazine' published by A. B. Barnes & Co. School officers are requested to commend it to Southern teachers. From a program prepared for Memorial day we copy these exquisite lines:

"O'er the Gray as o'er the Blue,  
Nature's bursting tears will flow,  
Blind, misguided, not untrue,  
Led as sheep to slaughter go.  
Pity! nor forbear the tear  
Shed above so sad a bier.  
But the men who wore the blue  
Fought to make the nation great,"  
Etc., etc.

"Blind, misguided" is good—very good! How ennobling and fraternizing! Gen. Carr and Corporal Tanner have our best wishes; but the National millennium has not yet come, and we venture the suggestion that we better go slowly.

All smart up-to-date women of to-day,  
Know how to bake, wash, sing and to play;  
Without these talents a wife is N. G.  
Unless she takes Rocky Mountain Tea.  
Justus Pharmacy.

### SOME GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

The News and Observer Offers Fine Material from which State Democratic Platform may be Constructed.

As long as platforms are glittering generalities, can do little or nothing, and experience has shown the necessity of specific platform declarations to secure real progress or reform. A few years ago the railroads sought to get a plank in the democratic platform declaring in effect that railroads ought not to be taxed on anything except the roadbed and the cars—just as little farms are taxed. Of course it was not adopted.

One of the ablest lawyers in North Carolina (in a personal letter) says:

"Why not write suggestions as to the planks that ought to be incorporated in the next State Democratic platform? If all thoughtful men would make suggestions the people in their homes would consider the various suggestions and by the time the convention meets sentiment would be so crystallized that the platform makers would have nothing to do but formulate the will of the people.

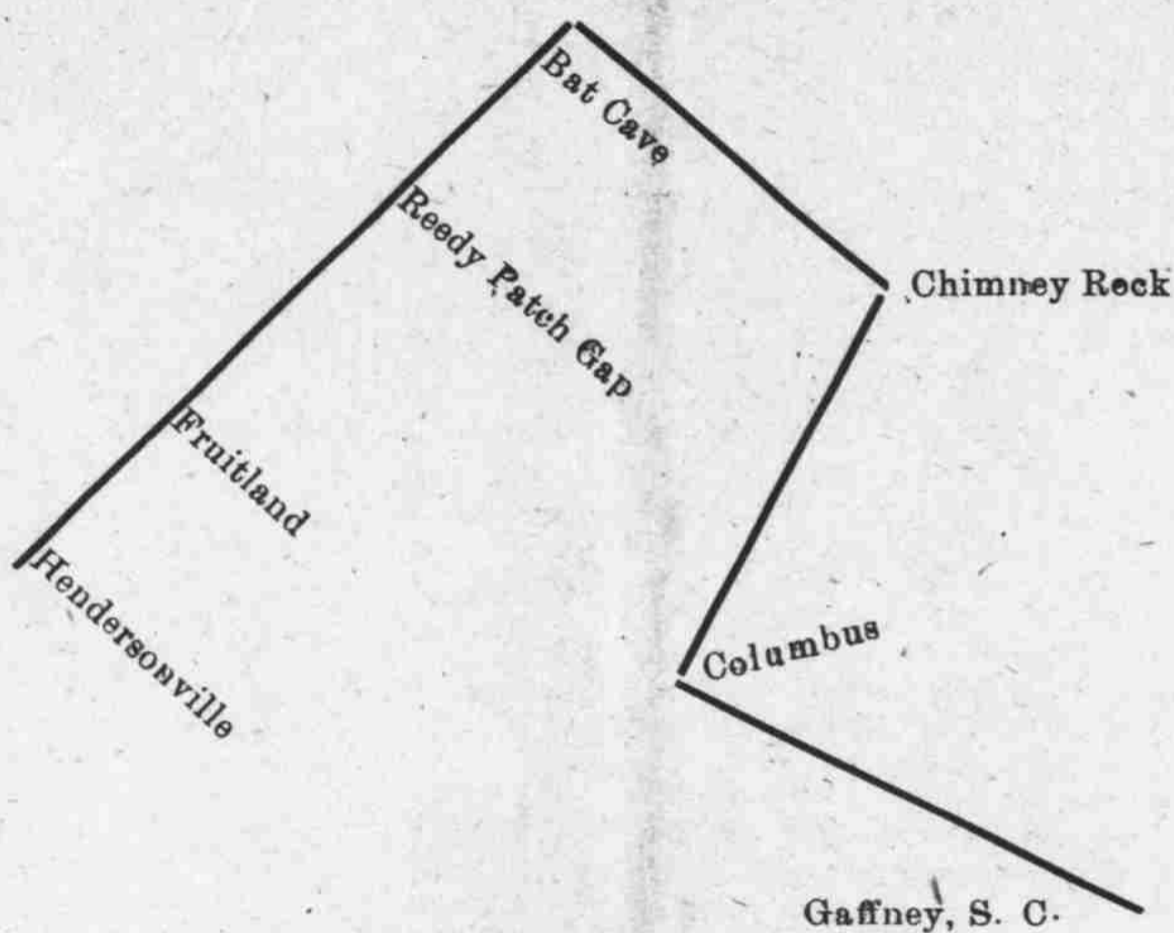
Below are some suggestions for the platform makers that may start the ball:

1. Reduce passenger fares by the General Assembly to not less than 2 1-2 cents per mile.
  2. Reduce freight rates as much as can be done not to deny fair returns upon actual money invested in railroads.
  3. Taxation upon true actual value.
  4. Requiring grade crossings on railroads wherever in the judgment of the county commissioners, protection of life demands such.
  5. No step backward in temperance.
  6. Strict regulation of all insurance companies, whether organized in this or in other states for the protection of the men who pay for policies. Abolition of insurance trusts and excessive rates charged by insurance companies particularly by these industrials that rob the poor.
  7. Require all outside insurance companies doing business in North Carolina to invest in this state all money (less fair proportion for expense) derived from policy holders in North Carolina, payment of annual dividends and such other reform legislation as will protect North Carolina policy holders and end the drain on the south in the way of insurance money.
  8. No free passes or mileage tickets for public officers, under the guise of actual employment as agents or attorneys.
  9. Large enough appropriations for care of every insane person in the state who is indigent or whose near relatives are unable to care for him.
  10. No girl under fourteen can be employed in textile mills and no boy under twelve.
  11. No public official, state or county, to receive fees—all public officials to be paid a fixed salary, and all fees put in the public treasury.
  12. Corporation commission shall act for shipper in case the Hepburn bill becomes a law.
  13. Railroads shall serve local business independent of through business where through trains delay local passenger service.
  14. Complete change in system of magistrates and other inferior courts.
  15. Reduction of number of challenges allowed to the state and other reform in the criminal system.
  16. Marry the A. & M. College to the Agricultural Department; make as liberal appropriations to educational institutions as the condition of the treasury will permit; provide so that every school district may have library and continue building public school houses until every school district has a good home; and take no backward step in education.
- These suggestions, all touching upon matters that vitally concern all the people, are presented as the basis for consideration, in line with the advice of our correspondent. All of them will not be adopted; some of them will be improved; but the platform ought to deal in a specific way with the vital questions that affect the people.

Don't tie a cough or a cold up in your system by taking a remedy that binds the bowels. Take Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. It is different from all other cough syrups. It is better. It opens the bowels—expels all cold from the system, relieves coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. An ideal remedy for young and old. Children like it. Sold by F. V. Hunter.

### To Be A Most Important Factor in the Development of this Thriving City

### Engineers Now at Work



Map Showing Route of New Railroad

There are now two corps of engineers at work on the great Appalachian Interurban Railroad, which is to run from HENDERSONVILLE to Gaffney, S. C. One corps is working from Pau's Gap up to Reedy Patch. The other from Pau's Gap down Broad River.

Just what this mere announcement means to the future of this wonderfully progressive city is hard to say now, but it is safe to predict that with this railroad now almost an accomplished fact, the Greenville Railroad a practical certainty, Hendersonville and the surrounding country will enter upon an era of prosperity which will be unparalleled in the history of the South. This road will open up a country absolutely unsurpassed in the United States for scenic grandeur, for timber, granite, and for wonderful water powers. It is territory now undeveloped, and the possibilities presented by having this road penetrate such virgin country, of simply boundless wealth, are dazzling. With the timber, granite, water powers, with probably the finest farming lands in the country in Polk and Cherokee counties, the future of the residents of the counties to be traversed by the Appalachian Interurban Railroad are brighter than in any part of the South.

Instead of one railroad, Hendersonville will shortly have several spokes to her wheel, and with the public spirit and progressive tendencies manifested in this city, the time is not far off when our population will be doubled, and according to some of our permanent citizens, tripled.

All this country is now inaccessible. The road will bring people to Hendersonville by the hundreds. It will increase Hendersonville's fame as THE summer resort of the South, and will be one of the great factors in making GREATER HENDERSONVILLE an actual, accomplished fact. Some of our far-seeing men have long believed that the time was coming when this city would be the greatest in Western North Carolina. Their faith in the future of their town has been as unshaken as the grand old mountains by which we are surrounded, and while at times the dawn of that day may have seemed long in coming, it is now evident they were men of far sight, and that their faith was founded upon a rock.

Living indoors so much during the winter months creates a sort of a stuffy, want-of-ozone condition in the blood and system generally. Clean up and get ready for spring. Take a few Early Risers. These famous little pills cleanse the liver, stomach and bowels and give the blood a chance to purify itself. They relieve headache, sallow complexion, etc. Sold by F. V. Hunter.

### A FORMER HUSTLER PRINTER.

C. D. Wells Meets Deplorable Death Under Car Wheels and Thereby "Hangs a Tale."

The second compositor employed on THE HUSTLER after the paper's appearance in Brevard nearly fifteen years ago was Chas. D. Wells, of the "traveling tribe." He was a first-class printer and one of industry and perseverance. But no inducement could hold him in any place longer than a few weeks and on New Year's morning 1892, Mr. Wells took his departure from Brevard without even saying goodbye. He never gave up the road, as the following account of his death will show:

"A moral of more than ordinary significance attaches to the death of Chas. D. Wells, the itinerant printer, who met a tragic death under car wheels at Bluefield, W. Va., a few days ago. According to letters found on his person he was once a happy husband with a devoted wife, and the two had been linked even more inseparably together by the birth of a child.

The parents of Wells' wife did not like Wells and never became reconciled to the match. For months, it seems, they persisted in destroying whatever rightfully belonged to the marriage. They kept stirring up trouble until they succeeded in bringing about a separation, and finally, by introducing perjury, it is said, had the separation made legal in a divorce proceeding.

This was a dark day for Wells, and driven from the woman he loved and away from the caresses of his child, he became a wanderer on the face of the earth. A brave and strong man he must have been that through all the unhappy years that followed, he was able to withstand the temptation to commit the cowardly act of self-destruction.

The woman who of right belonged to him, finally married another and if still living, as she was only recently, she is the slave of a helpless paralytic whom she never loved and the folly of the separation from the man she loved is now preying upon her life with all the bitterness of an agonizing death.

The lesson is one which every parent should learn. It is well to guard one's children with a zealous care, but when carried to the extreme of trifling with the affection there is but one result, and that is the pathetic fate of misery, disgrace and death."

### A Fruitland Fancy.

Being somewhat fatigued by constant study, the teachers and students of Fruitland Institute decided to quiet their nerves and refresh their minds by a mountain trip.

So on April 6, most of the teachers and students, accompanied by some close friends began their journey for Ball Top. A constant chatter and cheers of delight resounded through the vales and re-echoed from the mountains as onward the march proceeded, for now most all seemed to realize that "This world is what we make it," for the natural beauty is unsurpassed.

As some dictated that it was dangerous to tread the way alone, the weaker sex found assistance over the rough and stony way, and soon all arrived about a mile from the top of the mountain; though some all day persisted in keeping up the rear.

All were impressed that this was the place for stopping and chatting together awhile, but after doing so, it was reported that two of the lady teachers and some others, had not yet arrived. Thus disturbed a courier and pilot was sent to their rescue.

As the skill and patience of these which is shown so much in the school room, was not quite so successful along this line, the pilot found part of the crowd wandering around the mountain, and the others were heard of making a straight course to the top, considering themselves as a second John White's colony.

As soon as the pilot returned with the rescued, yes, a little before, lunch was spread, and this was one time every one made use of their opportunity; though there was a sufficient supply for all, and some baskets of fragments left over.

After lunch a short stay amid whirlwinds was enjoyed to its fullest extent, then the merry band proceeded upward, as they had been taught the way to success was upward, and soon the height of the journey was reached. Here, all who were not looking for lovers-leaps, viewed the landscape o'er. Beautiful was the scenery all around. The lovely town of Hendersonville showed fourth in all its splendor as the sight was fitted thereon. Then turning eastward the magnificent property of Messrs. Smith & Williams demanded attention, for sugars were made to water longing for Sugar Loaf. But knowing that all things come to him who waits, we tried not to be so greedy as to want all good things in a day. Then the little village of

Fruitland which is set upon a hill and cannot be hid, was still nearer to us. However much this distant landscape was enjoyed, what could detract from the nearby cliffs, with the word Croatas carved thereon by the supposed lost colony, (but remember it was found) and surrounded by spruce-pine and lolling moss.

After all viewed to their hearts' content, the journey homeward was begun, and soon the vehicles were reached. After a merry day and an enjoyable home journey the result was safely landed at home, and it seems that all the company realizes more fully that "Life is worth the living."

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This company has established an office in this city, and all who wish to carry a protection of this kind can do so without being compelled to deal with some foreign enterprise, in other words, we have the opportunity of patronizing home industry, thereby benefiting ourselves both directly and indirectly for a dollar kept at home continues to pay debts at home, while a dollar sent abroad, pays only one, and that at the other end of the line, etc.

### SENSATIONAL CLASH IN HOUSE

Congressman Macon Uses Strong Language in Alluding to Mr. Small.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—There was a sensational clash in the House today between Representative Small, of North Carolina, and Macon, of Arkansas, who exchanged words of some warmth yesterday, as the result of the letter of Col. A. B. Andrews, First vice-president of the Southern Railway, in which that official declared that the present mail service to New Orleans would not be maintained if the fast mail appropriation to the Southern should be discontinued.

The after-clap came today when Mr. Macon arose to complain of his treatment by the newspapers. He was livid with anger, and with difficulty maintained his equipoise.

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "I want to say that while I recognize the right of newspapers to publish anything they please, still I think in fairness they ought to publish both sides of every case they propose to give the public. On yesterday Mr. Small, from North Carolina, charged me with having uttered a libel against a certain railroad official. I then and there said in his presence that his statement to that effect was an infamous libel against me. But, sir, the papers, for some cause published what he said about me but failed to give my reply. I want it distinctly understood that no man can reflect upon me in that way without my resenting it at the time and to his face."

"The gentleman does not deny that he libeled the house, does he?" asked Mr. Small.

Mr. Macon: "I do deny it, and here and now denounce your statement as basely false, and I object to your interruption. I yielded to you the other day when I thought you were a gentleman, but now I know you are not a gentleman in any sense of the word, and I decline to yield to you because you are not one."

There was great tension in the house following this remark. Mr. Small restrained himself with the following answer: "I will try and survive it."

"Then survive it," retorted Mr. Macon, who took his seat with all the dignity possible.—Washington Correspondence News and Observer.

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