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The colored Freemasons of this State have organized a Royal Arch Chapter.

The Raleigh Banner comes to us again some what charged in appearance, with the inevitable John still at the head.

We have a letter from the General Supt. of our colored railroad company in which he expresses hopes for the early construction of the road from Wilmington to Wrightsville Sound. We in the west are willing. Tell us what and how to do.

We are thankful to the faculty of Shaw University, Raleigh, for an invitation to attend the memorial meeting of President Lincoln, the 12th inst., which was also our own birthday.

PREPARE FOR US. --

Our friends along the Carolina Central, will please prepare to meet us on the 24th. They will please remain in readiness if we should not see them that day. This is a notice to our Raleigh and Fayetteville friends, as we intend to take in each point on the same trip. Have your money ready to renew.

DOWN TO BUSINESS.

Our experience teaches us that it is better for us to come down to the rules of all newspapers. That is, to collect all subscriptions before the paper is delivered. It is absolutely necessary for us to collect in advance. We are compelled to have the money to pay our bills; and then we cannot go so many times for small amounts. After this whenever a blue cross mark appears on your paper, you may know your time is out and your paper will be discontinued till you renew. Please take notice.

TAXES AND THE NEGRO EDUCATION.

Much has been said recently concerning the education of the colored children of the State by the taxes from white men. As the discussion progresses many prominent democrats and leading journalists are placing themselves on record as enemies not only of the colored man but enemies to all poor men.

The Wilmington Star and the Democrat of this city argues that it is not fair for the votes of poor men to tax the property of other men to educate the children of those who pay no taxes. This applies to the poor white man as well as colored. We have seen no cause for alarm; for we find among the defenders of popular education many able democratic organs as well as individuals. Further, we have the constitution of the United States and of the State on our side. Until the constitutions are changed we need not fear anything worse than the present school arrangements. It is bad to see leading democrats placing themselves in opposition to the education of the colored youth after making such favorable impressions by pretending to be our friends. It is by the teachings of such prejudicial, foolhardy men as the editors of the Star and Democrat that has kept the colored man enslaved to the republican party and has in so many instances placed bad men in office throughout the South.

The wisdom of such men as Vance, Jones and Jarvis, who favor the educational and material advancement of the colored people, has certainly

benefited both white and colored in this State. It is true their course has strengthened the democratic party. What care we for that? Should we be as the prejudiced men named above, rather than see others advance, stay down ourselves?

What we want is help, elevation; and if taking everybody else along will elevate us, why take the whole world. He who says the colored people are not benefited by their school training, both morally and materially, knows not what he says or has a great fondness for telling lies.

One writer in the Observer of last Tuesday repeated an assertion previously made, that it "unfits the Negro for field labor." That writer may be an intelligent man, but if he knows anything of farming in the North and West; in the free States of this Union, we think he allows his prejudice to get away with his good sense as well as his charity. What is it that pays all the expenses of a government but the property? There is only a small portion of and a certain class of men who pay the revenue of our national government which supports the army, etc. Are they more entitled to the protection of the government than others? Then what proportion of the whites of North Carolina pay property tax. We venture to say one-fifth of the white men of this State pay nine-tenths of that part of the taxes paid by white men. Then what must be done with the children of the four-fifths who pay only one-tenth of the taxes? These men have never done anything for the good of their country because they were not able.

The Negro has been enslaved upwards of two hundred and fifty years. His labors has made this Southern country all that it is. The few years he has had, have been improved more rapidly than history records of any people under similar circumstances. We are glad to see that the writer in the Observer conceals his name. He should blush for shame. Were all men created equal, or was the white man made to worship God and the Negro made to serve the white man? We are citizens, and why not let the poor colored man share equally with the poor white man? Why draw the color-line in this particular, gentleman, that is unfair, uncharitable, unchristian.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What means this sudden change—this strike at the colored man by the Democratic party? Is the poor colored man learning too fast? This is a serious matter. We must learn, we must continue to advance. 'Tis death if we go back, and 'tis destruction to stop. Let your watchword be: Educate, educate!

Colored Railroad.

OFFICE GEN'L SUPT.,
W. W. & O. R. R.

Dear Messenger:—All good-thinking people in the United States are deeply aroused to the interest of the great railroad project, which has been so enthusiastically discussed by all men of prominence connected with every race of civilized men. The leading colored men of North Carolina are putting their shoulders to the wheel, that they may add another spoke to the same, which will some day roll over some of our people, if not us, on to prominence and wealth. Success is surely ahead, and by July 4th, 1883, the first train of cars will run over the course between Wilmington and Wrightsville Sound. Since the meeting of the stockholders in this city, the colored race has proven itself a grateful, earnest and determined one, engaged in a struggle to enforce recognition of their manhood. It is thought by many that we intend building this railroad wholly by the colored man's capital; and for the information of those we would most respectfully say that such is not the case, for the field is broad and open to all races of men; but it is proposed that the management shall be by the stockholders alone. It is, however, intended to give young colored men an opportunity to become skilled mechanics and engineers at the shops, which will be built for the road. The road will be, must be and shall be built, for we, like "Richilieu," believe "that there is no such word as fail."

Mr Editor this is another round added to the ladder, and there is room at the top. We propose to buy a large tract of land on the proposed road to erect a grand laboring school, by which all young colored men, or white men, all races of color, regardless of nationalities or religious opinion or faith will have an opportunity to get an education, if

they will. I remember forty years ago in Georgia, in the county of Gwinnett, near the county seat there was a laboring school which produced some of the best educated men that Georgia affords. In ten years after this school is established you will find but few guests for the Penitentiary in North Carolina. In the present condition and state of things they are growing up for the same. The sounds are filled with fish oysters, crabs, clams, &c., and owing to such a fact there is no possible way of perishing around those parts. A negro will not perish where nature so bountifully supplies him with food, as it does on the sounds.

"Onward and upward is our aim."

These are the views of E. F. M., Gen'l Supt. W. W. & O. R. R., written by his private Sec'y. Thos. H. Knight.

WAYS OF WOMEN.

BY SIGMA.

There is a realm where women reign
'Mid scenes that often vary.
By close observing, you will find,
Not every one a fairy.

Men do not on the surface stop,
Decoyed by worthless straws;
But strike deep down for solid ground,
And find the greatest flaws.

Not choosing the worst to represent
The whole of woman-kind;
But taking the best as a surer test,
Is always right we find.

'Tis pleasant to some to trifle with men,
To flatter and coax awhile;
And then with a frown to trample them
down
And leave with a merry smile.

They seem to think it quite a joke
To fill man's life with pain;
But they who do it, will surely rue it,
For 'twill all come home again,

Some try their little faults to hide,
And perfect seem to be;
But a man is wise who seeks a prize,
A fault he sure will see.

Some a word too many, will say,
And know a deal too much;
It would be good, if woman would
Keep back herself from such.

They sometimes see the darkest side,
And will no: see a light one:
Somewhat on-eyed they glance aside,
And sadly wish a bright one.

Of wealth and fame they like to dream;
Bright hope's pathway to tread.
Or look and wait for a great estate
To come with the man they wed.

Sometimes they don't say all they mean,
Nor mean just all they say,
Delighting in praise and flattering ways,
You find them glad and gay.

Though women's ways are very queer,
'Tis their just right to do
Whatever they can, to make a man,
Both love and serve them too.

But after all their whims and taunts,
We find them lovely still,
'What can't be cured must be endured,'
Though grief our bosoms fill.

By the soft gray light of a starry night,
To our lover's side we go
For as sweet a word as e'er was heard,
To set our hearts aglow.

Their ways though strange, seem lovely
To the one who loves them best,
Though others scorn, he'll never frown
And they may tell the rest.

Then woman do as seems you best,
For meddling cannot hurt you;
If once you find a man who does it
Be sure 'tis all that he can do.

The endowment rank Knights of Wise Men, of Nashville, Tenn., have insured to the entire Lodges the death assessment. Notice for Rev. G. W. Price, Sr., of which the members in Celestial Lodge, of this city, have received theirs, or desiring the money to be paid within thirty days. The benefit sum of \$2,000 to be paid to his widow and youngest son. After all returns are made to the S. G. L. of Nashville, it will be returned to the Celestial Lodge of Charlotte, to be paid to said parties.

The Lower Mississippi to be Flooded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The floods in the lower Mississippi, near Cairo and Memphis, will cause great loss of property during the coming week. Citizens at river towns in the lower Mississippi Valley are warned to provide for the approaching danger.

Carolina Central Railway

TRAIN No 1 GOING WEST.	
Leave	Wilmington, 6:30 p m
..	Lamberton, 10:37 p m
..	Laurensburg, 12:35 a m
..	Hamlet, 2:15 a m
..	Wadesboro, 4:17 a m
..	Monroe, 6:14 a m
..	Matthews, 8:58 a m
..	Charlotte, 11:40 a m
..	Hamlet, 1:44 a m
..	Tuckasee, 3:32 a m
..	Lincolnton, 5:38 a m
..	Shelby, 7:40 a m
TRAIN No. 2 GOING EAST.	
Leave	Shelby, 1:40 p m
..	Lincolnton, 3:22 p m
..	Tuckasee, 5:32 p m
..	Charlotte, 7:40 p m
..	Matthews, 9:55 p m
..	Monroe, 11:37 p m
..	Wadesboro, 1:45 a m
..	Hamlet, 3:09 a m
..	Laurensburg, 4:52 a m
..	Lamberton, 6:50 a m
..	Wilmington, 8:50 a m

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To take Effect on Monday,
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UP.		DOWN.	
(DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)			
Arrive.		Leave.	
Fayetteville,	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
Little River,	4:40 p. m.	4:40 p. m.	4:40 p. m.
Spout Springs,	5:10 p. m.	5:20 p. m.	5:20 p. m.
Swann's Station,	6:05 p. m.	6:10 p. m.	6:10 p. m.
Jonesboro,	6:35 p. m.	6:55 p. m.	6:55 p. m.
Sanford,	7:05 p. m.	7:25 p. m.	7:25 p. m.
Egypt,	7:45 p. m.	7:55 p. m.	7:55 p. m.
Gulf,	8:20 p. m.	8:20 p. m.	8:20 p. m.
(DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)			
Arrive.		Leave.	
Gulf,	6:15 a. m.	6:00 a. m.	6:00 a. m.
Egypt,	6:20 a. m.	6:20 a. m.	6:20 a. m.
Sanford,	6:45 a. m.	7:10 a. m.	7:10 a. m.
Jonesboro,	7:20 a. m.	7:35 a. m.	7:35 a. m.
Swann's Station,	8:00 a. m.	8:05 a. m.	8:05 a. m.
Spout Springs,	8:55 a. m.	9:05 a. m.	9:05 a. m.
Little River,	9:30 a. m.	9:35 a. m.	9:35 a. m.
Fayetteville,	10:15 a. m.	10:15 a. m.	10:15 a. m.

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