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## THE BILL TO AMEND OUR TOWN CHARTER.

There was introduced in the House of Representatives day before yesterday, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Durham. This bill, so we have been informed, contains four amendments. The first provides for dividing the town into two voting precincts. The second amendment gives to the town Commissioners the power to regulate the running of trains within the corporate limits, and to prevent the blocking of our street crossings with cars. The third amendment gives the Mayor and police the same jurisdiction for a half mile outside of the corporate limits as they now have within them. The fourth invests the Commissioners with the power to levy taxes upon solvent credits, evidences of debts, stocks, bonds and such intangible species of personal property.

We think all these amendments are good—in fact, necessary for the proper administration of the town government. The first should by all means be adopted, for one polling place is not enough for a town of this size, and we should have two. It is also right and proper that with the number of railroads soon to be located within our town that the commissioners should have the power to regulate the moving of trains through the corporate limits, and to prevent the blocking of the street crossings with cars. The amendment providing for making all species of property bear their proportionate parts of the burdens of the town government is just and proper. This burden should not be confined to the real estate and tangible personal property, as it now is.

The most important of them all is the third amendment. This will give the town authorities the power to break up the numerous dens of iniquity that are located just outside of the corporate limits, and have therefore been exempt heretofore from police surveillance, although many of them are nearer the centre of the town than the suburban dwellings of some of our citizens. This amendment will afford great relief from annoyance to this portion of our citizens, as well as rid the town of a great many bad immoral characters.

## RAILROADS.

The Wilmington Messenger says it is time for some one to rise superior to the intimidation of that public sentiment which brands as belonging to railroads every man who does not loudly vociferate against these corporations. We think the Messenger is wrong in supposing that public sentiment is against railroads. There are a number of broken-down politicians and demagogues in the State who are eternally raising a howl against railroads, hoping thereby to fool somebody into believing that they are patriots and are trying to protect the people against a devouring demon, but they do not fool the people a bit they have known these old fellows too long to be led by them they have been before the foot lights too often.

To this class may be added a small number of the new crop politicians who think they see for themselves great political renown in a crusade against railroads brought about by their eloquent appeals to the people to "rise in the majesty of their might and put under foot this hydra-headed monster." Of course the people fight shy of this class of office seekers, too, for they are aware that they are a worse lot than the first mentioned class, if such a thing be possible.

We are neither a railroad man

nor an anti-railroad man in the present political acceptation of the term. We believe in railroads, and we want to see them form a perfect network all over North Carolina. Such will be the making of the State. Anything that is done to cripple our present railroads, or that tends to putting a stop to the building of new roads in our State pulls us back just that much in the progressive march of the day. Encouragement should be given to all persons contemplating an investment of their capital in North Carolina railroads, and nothing should be done to make them apprehend a hostile attitude on the part of the State. Just here we would say we have seen it stated that the Iowa Railroad Commission law has put a stop to all railroad building in that State.

Railroad corporations are powerful concerns generally, and often do oppress the people where they have no competition. They do this for the sake of making money, and every one of these fellows howling against them would do the very same if opportunity offered. Against this oppression of the railroads, the people should be protected, and they expect this protection from their legislators, and this is all they do expect or want from them. If "the people" are so opposed to railroads, why is it that they so often vote by overwhelming majorities, to tax themselves heavily for the purpose of getting new roads?

## OUR EXCHANGES.

LaGrange Spectator: New cadets continue to come in at Davis School. This institution is in a more flourishing condition than ever before.

Greensboro Workman: Mr. A. L. Bunker, whose father was one of the Siamese twins, has been made Secretary and County Organizer of the Mount Airy branch of the Farmers' Alliance.

Person Courier: Now if our farmers would put a little money in a canning factory in Roxboro, we believe it would pay them and be a benefit to the town. We must have manufacturing enterprises if we wish to prosper.

Twin City Daily: The friends of Rev. H. O. Lacy will be glad to know that his condition is much improved since his treatment for his throat trouble. His physician expresses himself as being very sanguine about his early recovery.

New Berne Journal: Three members of the gun club went up Neuse on Wednesday in search of something to shoot. By the steamer Carolina yesterday they sent in over one hundred partridges and doves, the result of about a day and a half hunting.

Fayetteville Observer: The grand jury of Robeson county indicted engineer Monaghan for murder of Jess McLean (col.) on a trestle near Red Springs last week. The killing of McLean was purely on account of his own negligence, if we have been properly informed.

Asheville Citizen: Many persons will be interested to know that they can make the trip to Washington and return, attending the inauguration, for one limited fare, which means half rates. Special tickets will be on sale for this, from the 28th inst., and good until the 8th prox.

Sanford Express: The largest property owner in Sanford says he will not invest another dollar of his money here, until whiskey is driven out. Gentlemen, gal—lager must go. One of the very first signs a stranger sees upon his arrival at Sanford, is the sign of liquor for sale. We cannot begin to estimate the material damage grog shops are doing for Sanford.

Charlotte Chronicle: We have now four cotton mills, one knitting mill, one spoke and handle works, one oil mill, two iron foundries, one furniture factory, one mattress factory, one patent medicine factory, one cotton tie and bagging factory, one bellows factory, three machine shops, one steam grist mill, three sash, door and blind factories, two clothing factories, and a number of smaller institutions.

Washington Gazette: There are fifty counties in the State that produce as much grain as Hyde, which is called the granary of the State.—The old Tar has been on a tremendous boom. Fortunate for the farmers that it is not in the cropping season.—Our country friends will tell you that the town lock-up and local option have crippled the business of Washington. We know that local option has materially crippled the business of the lock-up.

Shelby Aurora: William Abernethy, a good-looking young man, became crazed with whiskey Monday afternoon. He had a huge pistol a foot long, and while passing a Shelby alley he wildly drew his pistol out and fired it three times among a large crowd of men and horses. Fortunately the pistol balls entered the ground and did no damage; but he made the crowd scatter in haste. He was arrested for his reckless shooting and his run cost him \$24.60.

## Talking in Slang.

New York Clipper.  
She was a Boston maid of high degree,  
With eyes that shone like incandescent lights,  
And just such pouting lips as seem to me  
The kiss invites.

I met her on the Common's Grassy sod,  
Near where the fountain plays in sportive mood;  
She stood relective, while a plastic wad  
Of gum she chewed.

"It does one good to seek this spot," said I,  
"When weary of the city's hum and buzz."  
She ceased her waxic pastime to reply:  
"That's what it does."

"This sylvan spot," then softly I avered,  
"The foot of man seems almost to defile."  
Her voice came, sweet as notes of woodland bird:  
"Well, I should smile."

The balmy breezes whispering overhead  
With such enchanting softness kiss the brow!  
In tones of liquid melody she said:  
"You're shoutin, now!"

"And have you noticed, fair one, how each bird  
Seems here to choose its sweetest vocal gem?"  
I dwelt in rapture on her every word:  
"In onto them."

"And now the leaves like moving emeralds seem,  
When in response to the sweet breeze they shake?"  
Her voice came soft as echo from a dream:  
"They take the cake."

Dost wander often to a sylvan spot,  
The dreamy sense of quietude to seek?"  
Soft purled her answer: "Well, I take a trot  
"Bout once a week."

In converse sweet I lingered by her side,  
And felt that there forever I could dwell,  
And as I left her after she cried:  
"So long, old fel."

I was not captured by her voice so rich,  
Nor with her lovely face, so fresh and young,  
But with the sweet dexterity with which  
Her slang she slung.

## He Was the Manager.

New York Star.  
I heard another story about John Stetson the other day that illustrates his strong personality as well as his familiarity—at one time—with the English language. One of his traveling theatrical companies, under the charge of a business manager named Sharpe, halted at Yonkers a few years ago to give two or three performances. Stetson went out to take a look at the house, and when he arrived at the theatre at about noon he discovered a sign in front of the house, the inscription upon which read: "Matinee at 2 o'clock, sharp." Stetson did not like this at all. He summoned his manager and asked him why he had put out such a sign. "Take it in," he continued, "and have it painted over so it will read, 'Matinee at 2 o'clock—Stetson.' I want you to understand that I am manager of this company, and I am not going to allow you to star your own name on a sign."

## An Important Meeting.

Asheville Citizen.  
On the 5th of March a general conference of State railroad commissioners with the Inter-State commerce commission will be held in the city of Washington. The principal subjects to be considered are these: (1) Railway statistics, with especial reference to the formulation of a uniform system. (2) Classification of freight, its simplification and unification. (3) Railway legislation, should regulation be provided? (4) The heating and lighting of cars. (5) Automatic car-coupling. (6) Continuous train brakes, and other matters now more particularly within the sphere of State authority. This is an important meeting, and North Carolina should be represented.

## Supposed a Case.

Detroit Free Press.  
A small boy entered a Fourteenth avenue grocery the other day and asked the proprietor to trust him to, two cents' worth of candy. "I don't know you," was the reply. "But I live just two blocks down." "But what made you suppose I'd trust you?" "I supposed so because you've got two barrels of kerosene out doors and I could have bored gimlet holes in both of them last night without anybody knowing it." The grocer compromised by trusting the boy to a cent's worth of candy and rolling the barrels into his shed.

## Capt. R. P. Waring's Mission.

Charlotte Chronicle.  
Capt. R. P. Waring, Superintendent of the Assay Office, left yesterday for Philadelphia to assist as one of a committee of 13 to assay and weigh the coin to see that it is up to the government standard. Besides the officials the President appoints a committee of thirteen to assist at these annual examinations. Capt. Waring will represent the Appalachian chain. Members of the committee come from every section of the United States. The selection of Capt. Waring by President Cleveland is no small honor.

This is the season when the country editor begins an article "Let us warm the heart of the poor," and then he goes out and treats himself to a cocktail.—Texas Siftings.

## Promptness.

First take a cold, then a cough, then consumption, then death. "I took Dr. Acker's English Remedy for Consumption the moment I began to cough, and I believe it saved my life."—WALTER N. WALLACE, Washington. R. Blackhall & Son.

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