

THE RAILROAD TO SOUTHPORT.

The Franchise, Road Bed, etc., of the Carolina, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad Sold Under Foreclosure Proceedings Yesterday—Bought for a New York Syndicate Who Will Build the Road.

The franchise, road bed, etc., of the Carolina Tennessee and Ohio railway were sold to the highest bidder at Southport yesterday at 12:15 p. m., by virtue of a decree of the superior court, of New Hanover county, made in the cause of Frank H. Blodgett and others against the Union Construction Company.

Messrs. Adams and Turrentine came back to the city last evening, and after reaching the city Mr. Turrentine deposited \$500 with Receiver Adams, that being 5 per cent. of the bid, required under the provisions of the decree, pending confirmation by the court.

Mr. Turrentine tells us that he made the bid for a New York syndicate which proposes to complete the road at the earliest opportunity, if the sale is confirmed by the superior court.

Work was begun on this road early last spring but last summer the construction company, which was building it, went into the hands of a receiver. About 15 miles or half of the road way had been graded, beginning at Meares Bluff and extending toward Southport.

The liabilities of the construction company were about \$23,000, and the price at which the road sold will pay the creditors about 40 per cent. Suit will be brought against the individual stockholders of the Union Construction Company for the balance.

Death of Mrs. Sarah Pearsall.

The many friends of Messrs. Oscar and Philander Pearsall will be pained to learn of the death of their mother, Mrs. Sarah Pearsall, widow of the late Mr. William D. Pearsall, who died yesterday at the home of her daughter Mrs. J. W. Marsh, at Marshville, near Monroe, N. C.

Mrs. Pearsall has been quite feeble for many months and her death was not unexpected. She was a devoted Christian and her children rise up to call her blessed. She sleeps in Jesus.

Reduced Rates by Rail.

The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway authorizes the sale of round-trip tickets to Greensboro, N. C., on account of the commencement at Guilford college May 24th. Tickets will be sold May 22nd to 25th, inclusive, with May 27th as the final limit.

Reunion of Old Veterans.

The Third North Carolina Infantry Association will celebrate its 31st anniversary at Captain J. I. Metts' place on Greenville sound tomorrow. They will take the Sea Coast train in the morning at 10 o'clock, and a pleasant time is promised to all who go down.

The Churches Today.

WHITE. St. Paul's church, Fourth and Orange streets, services at 11 a. m. today.

At Brooklyn Baptist church tonight at 8 o'clock, the Rev. J. W. Kramer will preach a sermon on "Heaven."

Services in St. John's church today: Holy Communion at 7:45 a. m.; Episcopal visitation and confirmation at 11 a. m.; evening prayer at 6:30 o'clock.

Sunday school at 4:30 p. m. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner of Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt, pastor.

Services at 11 a. m.; German service at 8 p. m.; Sunday school at 4:00 p. m. All seats free.

On account of the absence of Rev. G. D. Bernhelm at New Bern, there will be no divine services held this day in St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, Brooklyn. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

St. James', fourth Sunday after Easter, 7:45 a. m. the Holy Communion; 11 a. m. morning prayer, sermon, antiphon; 6 p. m. evening prayer; Sunday school at 5 p. m. Strangers cordially invited.

At the First Baptist church this morning at 11 o'clock, there will be a thanksgiving and praise service. All who received benefit or enjoyment from the convention are invited to attend and take part.

Rev. J. T. Betts, of Richmond, Va., will preach at this church at 8 o'clock this evening.

COLORED. Evening prayer will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Carmichael at St. Mark's church at 8 o'clock p. m.

There will be preaching today at Ebenezer Baptist church at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Young People's Union at 6:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12:30 o'clock. Rev. B. K. Sykes, pastor.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The Flowers Still Bloom.

The Messenger was pleased yesterday to receive the following appreciative letters: [From Messrs. Worth & Worth, Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants.]

Wilmington, N. C., May 15, 1897. Editors Messenger: It has been our intention for some days to write you and add our quota of praise and congratulations upon the success you have achieved in your commendable enterprise.

We admire your pluck and energy, and can assure you of our support and co-operation in any undertaking looking to a development of our city.

Truly, WORTH & WORTH. [Sanford Express.]

"GREAT ENTERPRISE SHOWN."

During the session of the Southern Baptist convention at Wilmington The Messenger showed great enterprise by giving full reports of the proceedings of that body.

Its editions during the sessions of the convention would have done credit to any paper published in any great city.

"DONE ITSELF PROUD."

The Wilmington Messenger has done itself proud in its full and interesting reports of the Southern Baptist convention, in session there.

Each issue comprised from eight to twelve pages and is well filled with valuable matter of interest to the general reader as well as Baptists.

"WE KNOW YOU WILL NEIGHBOR."

We endorse fully the declaration of The Scotland Neck Democrat that "The Wilmington Messenger has added new lustre to its already brilliant record as a wide-awake and progressive newspaper."

The full and accurate daily reports it gave of the Southern Baptist convention. The Messenger's handling of this convention was such as would have done credit to any paper, north or south.

By the way, we observe that in a note to the publishers of our contemporary, Rev. Dr. P. H. Hoge, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Wilmington, says: "You have set a pace that Charlotte will find hard to keep up in reporting our general assembly. Hard? And yet we don't think that anybody can say that The Observer has ever failed to rise to any emergency. Says The North Carolina Presbyterian: "We feel no hesitation in saying the reputation of The Observer for enterprise and accuracy will be fully sustained in the completeness and accuracy of these reports."

We shall endeavor to keep up to the expectation which our friend The Presbyterian, along with the general public, entertains.

Big Forest Fire Near Marines.

On Tuesday last about 3 p. m., fire was discovered in the woods near Marines, Onslow county, having been set by the carelessness of a little negro child. The fire covered an area of about eight miles and continued until Wednesday night, greatly damaging turpentine boxes. A good deal of fencing, and several outhouses were destroyed by the flames.

Among those who lost were, Messrs. Willie Marrine and E. S. Smith. The actual loss was about \$1,500.

The Great Convention on the Banks of the Old Cape Fear.

For weeks and even months past all eyes have been turned in the direction of Wilmington and the meeting there of the Southern Baptist convention, which is now one of the largest religious bodies in the city.

The citizens of Wilmington as well as their fellow citizens throughout North Carolina felt that the honor of the state was at stake, for it was whispered around that the city of Wilmington was too small to accommodate such a vast assembly, coming from the north, south, east and west, but we now glory in the world that Wilmington has fully sustained the honor and reputation of the Old North State and that the hundreds of delegates and visitors who attended the late convention have returned to their homes, feeling the full force of a poetic sentiment we heard expressed in songs many years ago and entitled: "Many happy hours I have spent on the banks of the Old Cape Fear."

The citizens of Wilmington, ignoring all denominational bias, opened their gates and extended a cordial welcome to her hundreds of distinguished guests. We feel assured of this one fact that no city in our southland, or in America ever extended to a religious body a more generous Christian hospitality, than did the citizens of Wilmington last week, and it made us feel good to hear men from the far distant sections speak of the culture and refinement of our people living in the "city by the sea."

Rev. W. B. Oliver the popular pastor has declared himself his best throughout the south. The success of the convention was due in no small measure to him.

Take JOHNSON'S CHILL & FEVER TONIC.

Round Bala Compresses to be Operated on a Co-operated Basis.

The fears of monopoly in the handling of cotton by the round bale process, which have existed in some quarters, may be set at rest by the statement in The Manufacturers' Record that it is authoritatively informed that the American Cotton Company proposes to operate its cylindrical compresses in co-operation with local planters and ginners throughout the south.

The plan of operations that has been decided upon will enable planters and ginners to avail themselves of the benefits of this invention on a liberal co-operative basis, with a market for their cotton assured. The company will begin at once the introduction of round-bale compresses.

In an interview in The Manufacturers' Record Mr. Henry Hentz, president of the New York Cotton Exchange, calmly and accurately gauges the opposition to the new process, and from an independent standpoint, supported by practical experience, he says that "it is absolutely certain that cotton packed in cylindrical bales under the system adopted by this company will bring higher prices all the world over than that packed in the prevailing style."

Hurray for the Band.

Wilmington, N. C., May 15. Editors Messenger: We want to congratulate the Second Regiment band of this city for the magnificent music given us on our parade of yesterday afternoon.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

The native laborers in German East Africa are expected to work from 5:30 p. m. to 6 p. m. in the burning sun, only an hour and a half's intermission at noon. Many succumb to the heat.

A Delightful Trip. (Reidsville Review.)

Wilmington, N. C., May 12.—It may not be uninteresting at this time to many readers of The Review to get a few points of the section of the North Carolina which is called "the garden spot of Carolina," as it is justly called, to be at this season of the year. My trip today over the Southern to Goldsboro and thence over the Coast Line to this city was one of so much pleasure and interest to me that I could not refrain from wishing my many friends and readers of The Review to be along with me to enjoy the pleasures of this delightful trip.

The trucking interests of this country, I am sure, would deeply interest the farmers of our up-country section, and I think any one who goes over the Coast Line for the first time in several years—as in the case with myself—cannot help being amazed to see the marvelous change and development of the trucking industry. Only a few years past this beautiful level farming land was almost entirely used for the purpose of the cultivation of cotton, this staple crop which has in recent years, as you know, depreciated so much in value—the price getting lower each year—that there has ceased to be scarcely any profit in it and has caused many farmers to discontinue growing it.

It is now being planted to reduce acreage and amount planted, giving much more attention to a smaller crop and bringing their land up to a higher state of cultivation which indeed has been greatly improved in the past two or three years. To a large extent truck or vegetable farming has taken the place in cotton raising and has proven to be a much more profitable mode of farming. Diversified crops is now popular in eastern Carolina and is something of too much importance for our people in the Piedmont section of the State. If we would make it more of a practice it would be very much better for us.

The country through which the Atlantic Coast Line traverses between Goldsboro and Wilmington is spread out in a beautiful level panorama and at this time of the year it looks very much like one big garden extending almost—the entire route. Now is the height of the strawberry season. On my trip I saw many large fields of strawberries, and in most of the fields large forces of hands, consisting of men and women, all busy engaged in picking strawberries to be shipped to northern markets. There is always a great rush to get the berries on the market so as to get them in early and demand good prices. In one field near Mt. Olive, I noticed today so many hands that it really looked like a small army. It was certainly a wonderful sight to me.

I casually overheard a negro remark that he had a picture of that sight. I too, just at that moment, was wishing for a camera so I could take a picture of that field and carry home with me to show to my friends.

There seemed to be a rush at all the railway stations loading cars with strawberries, green peas, asparagus and other early vegetables. At Goldsboro I noticed a long train of express cars, all loaded with strawberries. This industry is bringing in a great deal of money in this part of the state. It is conservatively estimated that over one million dollars has been paid out in this section during the past month for truck, and the Southern Express Company I am told, is now taking in about one thousand dollars per day for shipping fruits and vegetables. This will give you a slight idea of the immensity of the trucking industry in eastern Carolina.

The farmers obtain for their produce, obtained for strawberries, this season have been very satisfactory; indeed the prices are high and are still holding up well. The crop is a good one and little damage has been done by frost. I would like to write more about this season of the trucking industry, but time forbids.

Carrier Pigeon's Great Feat.

San Francisco papers are boasting of the accomplishment by a carrier pigeon near that city of a feat said to be unparalleled in the annals of these remarkable birds. It is not much of a flight, but the pigeon, which counts only the number of miles that were traversed, for there were only 180 of them; the speed was even less notable, for it was nearly two months; but when it is stated that the course was over the Rocky mountains at what was practically midwinter, the achievement is seen to be far out of the ordinary.

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PUBLIC OPINION.

These men who deliberately and premeditatedly betrayed and attempted to destroy the democratic party, are bewailing the prospects of democratic success in the next campaign, and while Cleveland expresses their appreciations he voices the universal howl of the bolters about the ingratitude and the dishonesty of the republican administration, which these bolters admit they conspired to elect.—Louisville Dispatch.

Mr. Grover Cleveland's incense burners agree with their bloated idol that Mr. McKinley and the republican party are doing very, very wrong in going back to a high protective tariff. What nonsense! What else was to have been expected? As well expect the sow to abstain from the luxury of her wallow, or a Spanish soldier to show mercy as that the republican party, with its all-powerful trusts, to leave their time-honored hobby.—Nashville Sun.

We have found so much to condemn in the Dingley bill and so little that is worthy of even qualified approval that it is a pleasure to note that in one respect it is entitled to universal admiration. If it passes in its present form we are assured it will strike a deadly blow at the manufacture of chewing gum, whose chief component is chicle, a resin exuded by a tree which grows in tropical America. Under the existing tariff this resin is admitted free, but the Dingley bill proposes a duty on it of 10 cents per pound, which is equal to about 50 per cent. of its cost to the importer.—Detroit Free Press.

In referring to the reception of the Jones-Aldrich tariff bill by the public, "Holland," the trustworthy New York Correspondent of the Philadelphia Record, expresses a prominent republican endorsement of a democratic sentiment to the effect that if congress "is not wise enough to give us an expedient tariff, not all the gold democrats nor all the force of the republican organization can prevent republican defeat."

This opinion was expressed in the presence of Secretaries Sherman and Alger, upon whom it is said to have made much impression. There are several weighty considerations in favor of this view of the political future, assuming that the Dingley bill proposed by Aldrich bill, nor any other, that this congress is likely to pass, can be regarded as "an expedient tariff."—Philadelphia Record.

A fine exhibition of ignorance, dishonesty, and swagger is found in an article by Charles R. Miller, entitled, "Has the Senate Degenerated?" which is published in the May number of a leading magazine. It takes the affirmative side of the proposition, and purports to be an answer to Senator Hoar, who took the other side in a magazine contribution a month or two ago. * * * The writer here mentioned says that among the members of the senate today are not more than a "score" who are in any way distinguishable from the mute herd whose senatorial activities are limited to the hunting of partonage and the care of private pension bills." He gives the score of names, but those of Cullom, Tetter, Turpie, Lindsey, and the Joneses, West, Harris, Spooner, and Morrill are omitted. All these men, and other who could be named and who are not in the list, are more than patronage hunters and private pension bill lobbyists.

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Dress Goods. LAWN—Rose Bud Lawn at 2 1/2c; Defender, worth 6c, now 4 1/2c; Dimity, all colors, at 10c; White Flue, very pretty, at 8, 10, 12, 15, 18 and 20c; all grades; beautiful colored Flue at 12 1/2c; Blue Lawn in Plain at 10 and 12 1/2c; Striped at 10 and 12 1/2c; Black Dotted Swiss with White Dots, beautiful goods, for 12 1/2c; White Dotted Swiss at 8, 12 1/2, 15 and 20c per yard; 28 inch beautiful Double Fold Dress Goods at 10, 12 1/2, 15 and 18c; splendid Double Fold Cashmere, 38 inches wide, at 20c; better Cashmere and Serge at 25c up to \$1.00; fine Black, Plain Brillantine at 29, 35 and 50c; Figured at 25, 35 and 50c; STATIONERY—One pound of fine ruled Writing Paper 10c; 1 box of fine Paper, 24 Envelopes, 24 sheets of Paper for 5c; finer 10, 15 and 20c; 72 sheets fine Linen Paper, 72 Envelopes, best goods, for 25c. One paper of fine Needles 1c; 1 paper nice Tacks 1c; 1 Lead Pencils 1c; 2 packs nice Envelopes 5c; 1 nice Lady's Under-vest 4c; 1 nice Lap Robe for summer for 25c;