

The A. and N. C. Railroad Incident.

For two or three weeks there has been a great hubbub regarding the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. This road is owned largely by the State; it is one hundred miles long and connects Goldsboro with Newbern. It was built years ago to connect with the North Carolina road from Goldsboro to Charlotte, in furtherance, we believe, of the scheme of internal improvements inaugurated by Governor Morehead. For years it has been of doubtful value to the State and the private persons who own stock in it. It is operated by the State. So much as to the facts to be remembered in order to understand the above mentioned hubbub.

A few weeks ago Capt. McBee, formerly in the employ of the Seaboard in a responsible position, made overtures to Governor Aycock to lease the road, something after the manner that the North Carolina road is now, and has been for years, leased to the Southern. While the governor was considering the proposition and holding the matter open for other bidders to have a chance to bid, Mr. McBee conceived the idea of getting hold of the road in another way. He and one Finch of New York, who formerly lived in Charlotte, got up a plan to put the road into the hands of a receiver, that receiver to be McBee. Neither of the men owned stock in the road, but for the purpose of their plan, bargained for forty-five shares that were owned by a private stockholder. With these shares they went before Judge Purnell of the eastern district of the Federal court and asked that the road be taken from the management of the State and put into the hands of a receiver, on the ground that the private stockholders were not getting profits from their investments owing to the mismanagement of the road. The road is said to be worth about \$1,000,000, most of it owned by the State. Yet, on this showing, the receivership was created temporarily and McBee took charge of the road. The day before the case was to come up as to whether the receivership should be made permanent, something happened—something vigorous and startling. McBee and Finch were indicted for criminal conspiracy to unlawfully get control of the property, and McBee was hauled up on a bench warrant before Judge Walter Clark to answer the charge. Finch, being in New York, couldn't be arrested.

Now, the penalty for conspiracy is a term in the penitentiary, and, as there was every prospect of a consummation of this kind resulting from a trial of the case, the efforts of Messrs. McBee and Finch were directed toward getting their skirts clear of the whole business. The hearing before Judge Clark showed up very bad for these men, and they were bound over to the next term of Wake Superior Court. It resulted also in the annulling of the receivership by Federal Judges Purnell and Simon on the very next day, and the putting of the road back into the hands of the State. Judge Purnell expressed himself as highly indignant at the evident imposition that had been played upon him.

McBee is under a \$5,000 bond to answer to a criminal charge, the road is back in the hands of its officers properly appointed, the governor has ordered a complete investigation of the management of the road with a view of bringing about a better condition in its affairs, and there is at present a lull in what has been a very big nine days' wonder.

During the gathering of Democrats in Raleigh last week incident to the meeting of the executive committee, the papers interviewed a great many individuals from different sections of the State as to their preferences of a candidate for president. Judge Parker of New York seemed to lead, with Cleveland next. A good many leading Democrats expressed themselves to be in favor of any man who had a straight party record and could unite the forces. A few scattering fellows favored Hearst, but most of them took pains to give him a black eye. One man said he was for whoever Senator Simmons was for. Such faith as this man has has not been seen in all the land. And such refreshing frankness, too.

Miss Ida Hagler, one of the county's best teachers, makes out a case for teaching drawing in the school that should attract the attention of the other teachers.

The case of the colored man, Henry Weddington, who was spoiled by a rubber-tired buggy, will do to think on now when the temptation to extravagance and over-buying is so great.

Every county in the State is welcome to follow the example of Union's telephone system, and the Progressive Farmer is doing other sections a good turn by directing their attention to this example.

The article published elsewhere showing how the Southern railway is killing the business of Mr. Koener, the flour mill man of Charlotte, is a striking illustration of the power of life and death that the railroads hold over all business and enterprise. And like the foolish boy, they are too often ready to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. It begins to look like there is something in the old question of whether the railroads shall own the country or the country own the railroads.

"Common Sense in the Poultry Yard," published elsewhere, gives just credit to the hens, and is worth putting in your hat. When the people of Gaston county were talking of the cost of moving their county seat, it was said that "the old hen could pay the tax."

GREAT DROP IN COTTON.

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upward rise was brought about by the buying of brokers and speculators who saw that the market had slumped too far and would react, just as it did. A part of the excitement on the floor of the exchange was caused by the scramble of brokers who wanted just such bargains and had to fight to get in the ring to get them. The buying rush was almost as exciting and just as noisy, if not more so, as the panic.

The announcement of Sully's suspension was put out on the tickers everywhere within a few moments after it was made, and there was somewhat of a flurry on the floor of the New York stock exchange after the news reached there. Mr. Sully is a member of that exchange, having purchased a seat two or three years ago. Stocks went off from half a point to a point and one half on the fear that the failure might bring a rush of stock selling there. The weakness was only momentary, however, for the word was passed around that Sully had not been trading in stocks, and, in fact, that the clearing house sheets had never shown a single transaction by him. The market was reassured and stocks went up again.

All sorts of explanations were made for the suspension. One of the reasons given was that the New Orleans bull party had sold cotton while Sully was buying in the confidence that they were supporting him. Another was that Sully's following in the market had sold their long cotton without advising with him. From two well informed sources came a denial that there was any treachery from New Orleans. A cotton operator with New Orleans connections said that the bull party there was still bullish on cotton.

Another account, that came from one of the six or seven best known cotton operators in this country, was that the bear party had made a deliberate and well planned attack to overwhelm Sully and had succeeded.

The bears, according to this authority, had figured out the weakness of Sully's position due to immense holdings of spot and contract cotton and to his operations on the Liverpool market, and planned an attack on the market that would carry it down just far enough to make it impossible for Sully to meet his margin calls, knowing that his failure would send the market so much lower that they could cover at figures to recoup them.

Daniel J. Sully became a factor in the cotton market in January of 1903, when he took up the bull movement. He established a cotton house of his own last year, under the name of Daniel J. Sully & Co., but when his operations in cotton became so successful, the cotton market having been pushed up above 17 cents a pound early this year, he widened the scope of his firm's business, bought a seat on the New Orleans stock exchange, went into the coffee exchange, got a membership on the Chicago board of trade and, it was said, made connections with other prominent exchanges throughout the country.

The members of the firm were Daniel J. Sully, Col. S. F. R. Morse of Houston, Tex., Walter S. Crandall and Edwin Hadley, Jr. Recently Wm. R. Egan, manager of the firm's New Orleans office, was taken into the firm.

Later, a meeting of Sully's editors was held yesterday, and it is reported that he offered to pay all of them 40 per cent. cash and 60 per cent. in notes of two years, and that he expects to resume business soon.

Rumors of War News.
The war news has been quiet this week. There are rumors that the Japanese captured Port Arthur on Sunday, after a land and sea attack of two days, but this is unconfirmed at present.

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MISS RODMAN'S ADDRESS.

Sets Forth the Responsibility of Teachers and Parents—The Boy or Girl Who Has a Character Can Withstand any Temptation.

Wardlaw, March 18.—The school at Wardlaw Academy closed on last Tuesday with public examination and short and appropriate exercises by the students.

I need not utter one word of praise in behalf of the teacher (Miss Pearl Rodman), as her students stand as a clear test of the hard work and careful training that she has done for the past year. Miss Rodman has high ideals in life and no parents could place their children under any teacher who would be more careful in training them, as will be shown in the parting words she gave to the parents and students, who were gathered together on that day.

"We are able to quote it to full: 'Parents, the time has come for me to lay aside my responsibility with your children—I have felt the weight, perhaps, a great deal more than you think. A teacher wields an unlimited influence, and impressions made on the mind of a child are never forgotten, so who can feel capable of instructing and guiding a child? Parents, I have had the welfare of your children at heart since I have been in your midst as much as you yourselves. Now, of course, my responsibility ends. I am through my sowing, let the harvest be what it will or may; but yours will end only with death. Be sure you take advantage of your opportunities, and build up characters that will stand any test after your children have left you to engage in the activities of life. If a boy or a girl has a character he can withstand any temptation, and be victorious in any conflict. These children have been placed in your care that you might refine and shape their lives; for every one knows, since the creation, children have displayed two natures and it is your work to see that and help them overcome their weak nature. Of course they cannot decide and know what is best for them, or the responsibility would not have been placed upon parents. Who knows what can be made of those lives by careful training? You want them to be great, but there are many attributes of greatness, and there cannot be an effort without a cause; therefore to produce certain effects certain means must be used, and if properly trained they are obliged to succeed.'

"A teacher, when she enters the school room, feels very much as I imagine an architect would feel when he is selecting his material. He examines the stone in the quarry—in the rough. Some are strong and massive, and are able to bear great weight and pressure, so are hewn out and laid aside without much work or polish to lay the foundation of a massive structure. What an important place, though not one of show, for perhaps they are to be placed underground, but without a foundation nothing could be built.

"Next we see the expert selecting stones for the walls; these need still more polishing, as they are to occupy a more conspicuous place; but not a more important. The architect wishes the ornaments, now still more hewing, shaping, polishing and chiseling in order to render them capable of filling ex-

alted positions in beautifying. "Oh, it has taken time, work and patience to prepare the material, selecting, polishing and placing it, but view the structure as it stands before you—a success and beautiful in every respect; foundation secure, walls polished and splendid, ornaments beautiful and grand. All are filled with admiration, and praise only is heard. All the stones have not been dealt with in the same way, and do not occupy the same place, but all are useful and a success. Look how the expert is turning and examining that beautiful stone he has come across in his search. He sees it in great possibilities, but they must be developed. What does he see? The possibilities of a great statue, expression of manhood and nobility; so he goes to work with earnest zeal and after days and days of hard work the statue is finished, and its expression of beauty would rival Venus. Is he proud of his achievement? Yes, and well he may be.

"As a teacher deals with the treasures of the mind, she sees in some self reliance and confidence, and possessing such qualities as would render the child capable of filling the most difficult places in life. Then there are the bright, quick intellects which are to be beautified, sweetened, and purified; though not to engage in the hard-earned toils. Can they all be dealt with in the same way? No, they are not all to occupy the same place in life, and do not need the same training, and different methods must be used to draw out the traits, for after all teaching is bringing out what is within and not storing the mind with facts.

"Children, you are not to occupy the same positions; so don't try to imitate others, but have some purpose in life, and fit yourself perfectly for it. Try to fill your place better than any other could fill it, but don't try to fill another's place. Have high aims, and build lofty characters and useful lives. Be an honor to yourselves, your parents, your state, and if I have succeeded in putting a purpose in one life I do not consider my work a failure, for a life without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder—blown any way; but with a noble purpose in view success is certain. Children, remember:

"I wish to give you help to those who wish to help you."

"Now, parents, I wish to thank you for your kindness to me while among you, and I truly hope you will have been some help to you in sharing your responsibility. This has been my one desire, and as I now relinquish my responsibility my interest shall still be with you and I wish you and all your children much success in life. I shall always rejoice at your success, and have a tear to shed with you in your sorrows."

"We were then all dismissed for dinner, and there was never a more beautiful picnic dinner spread; and all seemed to feel good that they were there.

Miss Rodman has made us an excellent teacher and we hope she may decide to continue to teach for us a number of years yet.

"AMICUS."

Marriages in Sandy Ridge.

Monroe, R. F. D. No. 5, March 21. Mr. H. B. Marsh of Monroe and Miss Jennie Clark of this township were married yesterday afternoon, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Howie, Rev. L. E. Stacy officiating. The bride is one of the prettiest and most popular young ladies of Sandy Ridge. The groom is a young man of fine character, steady habits and bright prospects. He is with The Savings, Loan & Trust Co. Mr. W. H. Howie, Sr., of Mineral Spring is to be married next Wednesday evening to Mrs. Mittie Niven of Washaw. Rev. L. E. Stacy will officiate. I think I will be able to report one more, anyway, before many weeks shall have passed by.

The Beulah Literary Society, organized about the first of last month, with Mr. J. W. Dees as president, has increased in number considerably, they having now twenty or more members. The society had a large audience on last Saturday night.

The school at Beulah, taught by Miss Bertie Sloan, will close on the 23rd inst., with an entertainment by the pupils.

Mr. S. L. Forbis and family have recently moved to Mr. J. W. Dees' place. Mr. Dees will live with them, he says he is tired of bathing.

Our mail carrier, Mr. Penager, never fails to come on time, rain or shine. Although sick with a gripple sometime ago, he never called on his substitute. The patrons would appreciate this, as a new man would have caused uneasiness even if he did as well as the present one.

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