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**Let's Have the Salisbury Road.**

The Journal desires to say candidly that in its opinion the proposition of the Salisbury railroad people to come through this county, expecting eventually to get a southward connection, is the best thing that has been offered in a long time. It is true that they ask the townships concerned to use their credit to a certain extent to aid in building the road, but this is coupled, as an absolute guarantee of good faith, with the condition that we issue our bonds only after the trains have been running regularly over the road. This takes the question entirely out of the range of uncertainty, and narrows us down to the simple question of whether we are willing to put forth a reasonable effort to get a railroad that all thinking men must see would be a vast benefit to the town and county.

We believe that this road would mean great things for Monroe and all the territory through which it will run. Transportation is the key to modern progress, and those communities that have fewest railroads are the least prosperous. The currents of commerce are fixed by the railroads, and as they are now being fixed they will probably stay for generations. Hence no town that has a chance to get an additional road ever misses it. But every argument that applies to Monroe, doubly applies to the country outside of the town. Poor land near railroads and good wagon roads is becoming more valuable every day, while fertile lands so located that they are without hope of such facilities are getting relatively less valuable. This writer drove through a rich country one day last summer. The farms were growing up in rich clover, timothy and blue grass. It was a rich soil, but there were few people to be seen. "Where are all the people that should be on this rich land?" was asked. "Why," was the reply, "they despaired of ever getting a railroad through here and they have moved away."

True, we must pay some money to get railroads, and we also have to pay for streets and sidewalks, and churches and schools—but when we pay we have what we pay for. So with this. We pay some in order to get more. And, by the way as our people are signing the petitions to be presented to the county commissioners on the first Monday in March, it appears that everybody understands the question.

**Will Yet Shine in Its Own Light.**

Referring to the statement by the editors of the New York Journal of Commerce that efforts had at different times been made to bribe the paper to cease its fight upon the ship subsidy idea, and to join the forces that are trying to hocus-pocus Congress into this scheme, the Charlotte News says that "Things begin to look a little gloomy for subsidy seekers," and that at the previous session of Congress it was revealed that "the organization backing the ship subsidy bill was made up principally of ship builders and ship owners, who would benefit greatly by the funds secured from the treasury. It was further charged that a lobby was maintained in Congress to promote the cause of the subsidy-ists."

We are unable to see but three classes of people who are howling for this latest device to make all the people pay tribute to a few: (1) The ones who expect to get in on the ground floor and those who are paid to work; (2) the second class comprises that list of growing members who sneeze when the interests take snuff for the purpose of attracting attention; (3) and the third are those who have taken the statements of the others in good faith and are deceived thereby. Certainly no argument has yet been put forth that convinces the country that the scheme is anything but a raid on the treasury, and because it is such, those who expect to profit never let it die. But it will undoubtedly shine in its own light some time.

**Are We Ready for It?**

Writing of the bill introduced by Hon. Ashley Horne, and now pending in the House and Senate, to erect a building for State purposes in Raleigh to cost \$1,000,000, a correspondent of The Journal asks these questions:

"Should the State of North Carolina put a million dollars in brick and mortar at Raleigh while her people travel the public roads often hub-deep in mud and water, and has only four months of public school during the year, while many of her people cannot read and write, and there are many orphans and unfortunates, with young criminals, all to be better cared for and reformed; parasites that claim so many victims every year to be destroyed; and worse, a worm long enough to reach from Richmond and Jacksonville all over the State of North Carolina, sucking the State's purse and devouring her social, physical and moral life? With all these to overcome, are we ready to put a million dollars in the fine house at Raleigh?"

The Journal does not think this measure wise at this time. While the need of it is real, it is not so pressing as others, and should wait its turn.

**Time for Senator Overman's Bill**

The bond looters are trying to prevent the legislature of Nevada from repealing a law which they had sneaked through a previous session compelling the Governor to accept gifts of repudiated bonds, and thus become a collection agency after the manner of South Dakota. We understand that Senator Overman once introduced a bill in Congress providing for an amendment to the constitution of the United States so that the section which forbids an individual from bringing suit against a State in any Federal court, shall forbid a State to bring any suit for a claim acquired from an individual by gift or purchase. It should be possible to get this amendment, and it is the only thing that will put to sleep forever the attempt of these sharks to collect repudiated bonds.

**Winston-Salem.**

The bustling new town of Winston and the good old town of Salem, make a twin city (only a street divides them) that is a credit to North Carolina and the South. Up there they do things, and do them right. They are reaching out to be the biggest city in the State, and if the 1920 census does not put them there some other towns must do some bumping. The North Carolina edi-

tors visited the city last week and it is needless to say that their entertainment left nothing to be desired. The folks there act like they were glad to see a visitor, and if they can't get him to decide to stay permanently, they will make him wish he could. A spirit of co-operation is building the town. It is already one of vast industrial accomplishment, and its products are as varied as could well be wished. The board of trade directory shows a list of "six hundred civic patriots, who are actively interested in the civic development and industrial growth of Winston-Salem; public spirited citizens who are giving liberally of their time and means to promote this purpose through their membership in the board of trade and their co-operative interest in its activity and efforts."

**Progress in Guilford.**

We don't know of a county in which there is so much real progress as that of Guilford, which has all come about in a few years. Why is this? They are developing the young as well as trying to make money. Their latest movement, and it will succeed, is to place in the public schools of the county a superintendent of health, a commissioner of agriculture, and a supervisor of domestic science—all to be employed for full time. Many counties in the State ought to add these three officials to the present educational force—and they could be more than paid for by placing the county officers on a salary basis in the larger counties.

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