



They couldn't be built now for twice \$71,000

When the talk turns from politics to railroads, and the traveler with the cocksure air breaks in with, "There's an awful lot of 'water' in the railroads," here are some hard-pan facts to give him:

American railroads have cost \$80,900 a mile—roadbed, structures, stations, yards, terminals, freight and passenger trains—everything from the great city terminals to the last spike.

A good concrete-and-asphalt highway costs \$36,000 a mile—just a bare road, not counting the cost of culverts, bridges, etc.

Our railroads couldn't be duplicated today for \$150,000 a mile.

They are capitalized for only \$71,000 a mile—much less than their actual value. Seventy-one thousand dollars today will buy one locomotive.

English railways are capitalized at \$274,000 a mile; the French at \$155,000; German \$132,000; even in Canada (still in pioneer development) they are capitalized at \$67,000 a mile. The average for all foreign countries is \$100,000.

Low capitalization and high operating efficiency have enabled American Railroads to pay the highest wages while charging the lowest rates.

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NEWS AND INTERVIEWS.

Interesting Sidelights on Monroe and Union County Life.

Even though he has been successful at the business, Mr. J. E. Stack hesitates to advise a young man to embark upon the uncertain, often treacherous, career of a cotton merchant. After pointing out the unwholesome features of the occupation, he usually ends up by relating this story:

"Upon the death of his father, a young Northern man inherited \$10,000, and hearing of the opportunities abounding in the South, he went to Memphis, Tenn., to locate. Uncertain as to the kind of business he wished to engage in, he secured quarters at a hotel, and leisurely surveyed the various occupations and industries in that city.

"He made the acquaintance of an elderly man who was thoroughly familiar with the industries of the city, and when he had about made up his mind to go into the cotton business, told him of his plans. 'I find,' he said, 'that the cotton men of Memphis make the most money, live in the best homes, and ride in the best automobiles. I think I will buy cotton with my \$10,000.' His friend said nothing, but asked him to take a ride with him over the city before he made a final decision in the matter.

"The next day the friend called for him in his automobile. They rode through the city, viewing the business and residential systems, and then hied to the cemetery. On entering the city of the dead, the friend singled out several large and imposing monuments to the Northerner. 'That,' he remarked, pointing to a beautiful stone of granite, 'is a monument to the member of our largest hardware firm, and that one,' he continued, directing the gaze of the young man to an equally imposing stone, 'is the monument to our wealthiest merchant.'

"At this point they left the car, and walked to the furthest recess of the cemetery, the monuments dwindling in size as they walked. When they reached the fence, the Memphis man stopped before a sunken mound, by pulling back the briars, and kicking away some of the dirt, he exposed a miserly looking little stone, the written characters on it almost unintelligible. 'This grave,' he said, 'as he stepped back to view it, 'contains the remains of our former cotton king.'

Mr. Stack says this little story usually discourages the youngsters with cotton on their brains.

A firm in Monroe has a coffin, left by a cabinet maker, in the attic over its building which it has been unable to give away or sell. An effort was made to get an old darkey to haul it away, but he left the store in alarm. "No, boss," he exclaimed, as he retreated to the door, "I doesn't want one ob dem 'lins in mah house!" Judge Rogers, who once auctioned off a hearse, has promised this firm to try to dispose of it on the court house square some of these days.

Toni Rossi, the Italian ice cream vendor, has bought some Italian bonds which he believes will return him a handsome profit in a few years. Owing to the high exchange rate, he bought these bonds at the rate of \$49 per thousand francs, the normal rate being \$198 per thousand. Eventually, when the exchange rate is normal, Toni's bonds will be worth four times more than he paid for them. In the meantime, he draws five per cent annually in dividends on them. Many people are speculating in French and Italian money, especially New York bank clerks, who are said to be investing most of their wages in francs.

Dr. Horace Smith, reputed to be the best fisherman in the two Carolinas, has his ups and downs just like ordinary fishermen who are content to sit on the creek bank with a pole and hook, according to Mr. N. M. Redfern, who has been on many fishing trips with the Doctor.

"I particularly remember one occasion when we were fishing on New river, near the coast," said Mr. Redfern. "For a boatman we had a de-vout negro preacher, who frowned upon our 'cussing' when our luck was bad. Towards evening, while I was pulling in one fish after another, Doctor Smith, who was fishing with his famous 'new departure,' was having no luck at all. He grumbled, and he defiantly threw his line here and there. The old preacher remained quiet. Suddenly, an eight-pound rock, one of the prettiest fish you ever saw, caught my line. Away it went. Then came the tussle between the fish and myself and Doctor Smith, when he saw what a great catch I was about to make, began 'cussing' like a sailor. The preacher seeing the size of the fish as it bobbed out of the water, became frightened and began rowing for the shore with all of his might. However, before he got far, I pulled the eight pounder safely into the boat, where it was a target for the envious of Doctor Smith. The darkey, seeing everything was alright, dropped his oars, and as he mopped the perspiration off his forehead, remarked with a sigh of relief: 'Deed, Doctah, when youse begun cussin' lak dat I shore thought Mistah Redfern was a pullin' de debit into dis heah boat. I was makin' for de sho'."

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina.—Union County. In the Superior Court Nancy Pressley Owens, vs. David Owens.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Union county by the plaintiff for the purposes of declaring void the marriage ceremony performed between the plaintiff and defendant and for a divorce a vinculo on the ground of adultery, as will appear upon reference to the complaint, which is now on file in the office of R. W. Lemmond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Union county, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Union county, at Monroe, N. C., on March 19, 1920, and answer or demur to said complaint, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded therein.

This February 14, 1920.

R. W. LEMMOND, C. S. C. John C. Sikes, Atty.

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Does your back ache, night and day? Hinder work; destroy your rest? Does it stab you through and through when you stoop or lift or bend? Then your kidneys may be weak. Often backache is the clue. Just to give you further proof, The kidney action may be wrong. If attention is not paid More distress will soon appear. Headaches, dizzy spells and nerves, Uric acid and its ills Make the burden worse and worse. Liniments and plasters can't Reach the inward cause at all; Help the kidneys—use the pills Monroe folks have tried and proved. What they say you can believe.

Read this Monroe woman's account. See her, ask her, if you doubt. Mrs. F. Lizerick, 500 Crowell St., says: "Some time ago I had some trouble with my back and kidneys. My back ached a good deal and my kidneys were out of order. I got a supply of Doan's Kidney Pills, and found them to be just as represented. Doan's cured me of the trouble, and I have great faith in the medicine."

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Police Justice George A. Little of Minerva, N. Y., has announced that he had refused because prohibition prevented him "from making a living." Since the ban went into effect last month his revenues from the office dwindled more than fifty per cent, the justice stated, while there has not been a single case of intoxication and only a few minor assault cases to be tried.

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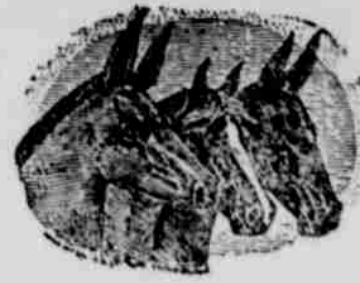
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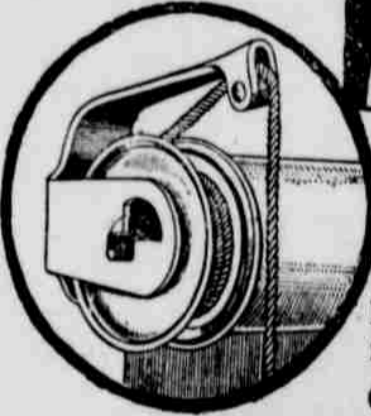
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NOTICE. Having qualified before the clerk of the Superior Court as administratrix of Bettie Waddell, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against my intestate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of February, 1921, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. Parties indebted to said estate will please make prompt payment. This Feb. 12, 1920. EMMA BLAIR, Administratrix. Stack, Parker & Craig, Attys.

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