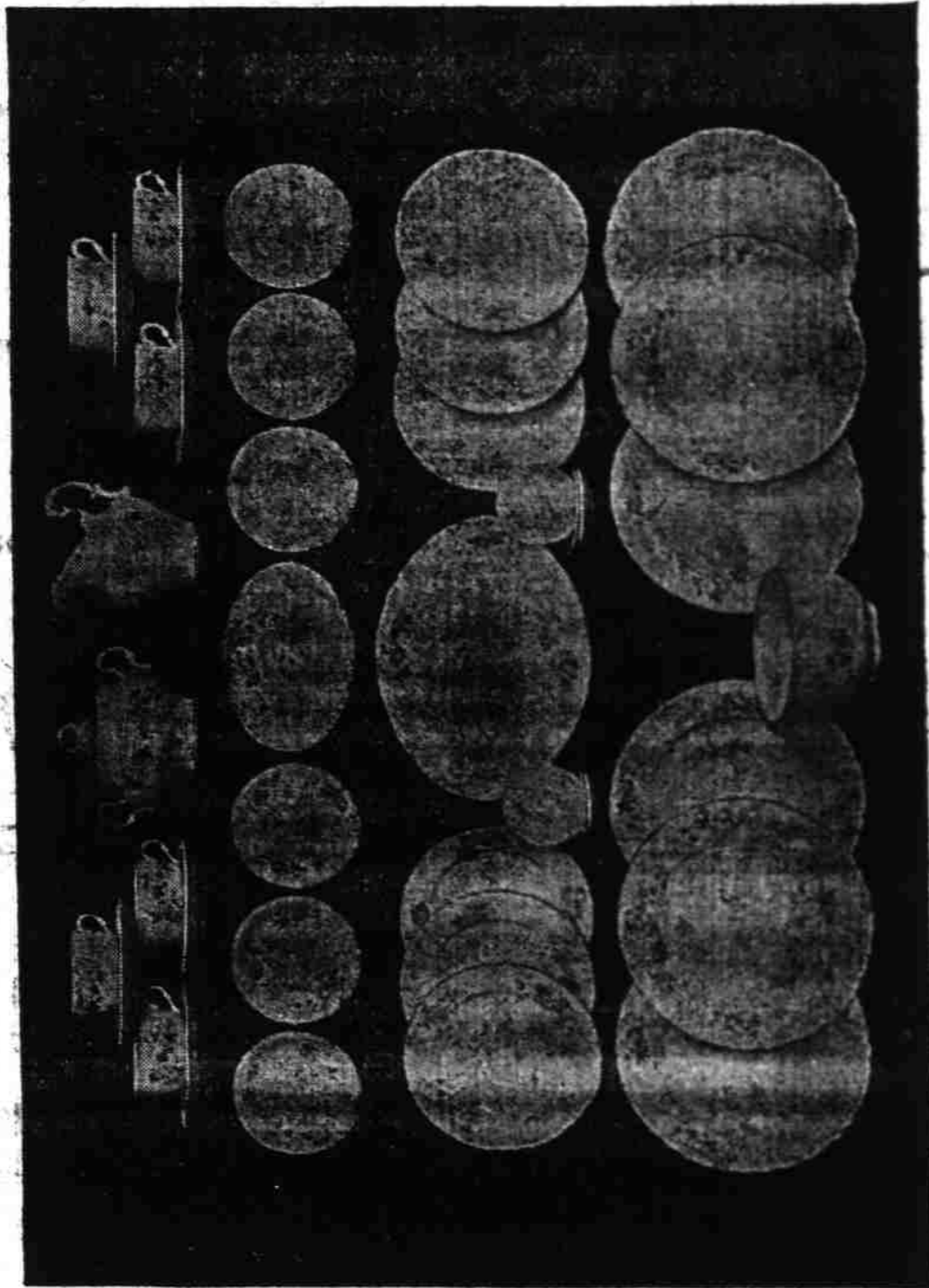


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OLD NORTH STATE FINLEY'S THEME

RELATION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY TO NORTH CAROLINA.

FREIGHT RATES DISCUSSED

President of Southern Railway Company Guest of Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce at First Annual Banquet.

Goldsboro, N. C.—President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, who was one of the speakers at a banquet given Friday evening by the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, spoke on "The State of North Carolina," with special reference to the relations of the Southern Railway Company to the State and what the management of that Company is endeavoring to do for the State.

States Great Progress.

Referring to the dependence of production upon highways to market, Mr. Finley said it was not a mere accident that the progress of North Carolina in recent years had been coincident with the development of more efficient transportation agencies. Reviewing the splendid achievements of the people of North Carolina as shown by United States Census figures, he summed up the agricultural progress of the State by showing that the total value of farm prosperity in the State increased from \$233,834,693 in 1900 to \$537,716,210 in 1910, an increase of \$303,881,517, or 130 per cent, as compared with an increase of 100.1 per cent for all of the other States. Even more noteworthy were the statistics of manufacturing showing a gain in the value of manufactured products in North Carolina from \$85,274,983 in 1899 to \$216,656,055 in 1909, an increase of \$131,381,972, or 154 per cent, as compared with 80.7 per cent for all of the other States, every manufacturing industry in the State, with the single exception of turpentine and resin, showing increases ranging from 56 per cent for men's clothing to 459 per cent for boots and shoes and 463 per cent for mattresses and spring beds. He drew the conclusion from the statistics of agriculture and manufacturing that economic conditions in North Carolina are exceptionally favorable to progress and development. As showing that the progress of those parts of the State served by Southern Railway lines compares most favorably with other parts of the State, Mr. Finley pointed out that, in the twenty-year census period from 1890 to 1910, covering the first sixteen years of the corporate existence of the Southern Railway Company, eighteen North Carolina cities with a population of 2,500 or more in 1910 had shown a growth of more than 80 per cent, these cities being Asheville with 83.3 per cent increase; Hickory, 83.6 per cent; Statesville, 98.4 per cent; Concord, 100.8 per cent; Winston-Salem, 111.6 per cent; Mount Airy, 117.4 per cent; Shelby, 124.3 per cent; Hendersonville, 131.7 per cent; Graham, 151.7 per cent; Burlington, 180.2 per cent; Lexington, 189 per cent; Charlotte, 194.3 per cent; Mooresville, 283.7 per cent; Greensboro, 379.2 per cent; Gastonia, 457.5 per cent; Thomasville, 557.1 per cent; High Point, where the increase could not be expressed in percentage for the reason that the population which had grown to 9,525 in 1910, was so small in 1890 that it was not returned separately by the census; and Salisbury, combined with Spencer and East Spencer, suburbs which owe their existence to the shops of the Southern Railway, showed an increase of 144.4 per cent.

Speaking of the helpfulness of the Southern Railway Company to the territory traversed by its lines, Mr. Finley pointed out that one of the ways in which it is contributing to the development of North Carolina is through its large expenditures in the State, its payments within North Carolina on account of wages and taxes alone being each year in excess of the total amount of freight revenue collected within the State. Mr. Finley said that the Company's helpful co-operation is available for every community in the State. He told of the organization and activities of the Greater Western North Carolina Association, and said the Company would be glad to participate in a State-wide movement of the same sort if carried on under the auspices of the State or through a responsible organization similar to that in Western North Carolina. He said that, in addition to an agent of the Land and Industrial Department located in the State and the representation of the

Department of Farm Improvement Work by an Assistant Manager at Charlotte and Field Agents at Greensboro and Asheville, North Carolina shares with the other States traversed by its lines in the services of the Company's Dairy Agents and Live Stock Agents. Under a scholarship provision made by the Company, three North Carolina boys are receiving the benefits of the full four-year agricultural course in the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College. Telling of the recent appointment by the Southern Railway and associated companies of four Market Agents to assist in the successful marketing of agricultural and horticultural products from territory along their lines, Mr. Finley said that one of the first concrete propositions undertaken by these agents was that of aiding in the effort to find the most advantageous markets for 50,000 cans of tomatoes put up by the Girls' Tomato Clubs of North Carolina.

Notice of Special Election.

State of North Carolina,
Town of Marion.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Board of Aldermen of the town of Marion by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, ratified on the 1st day of March, 1918, entitled, "An act to authorize the town of Marion to issue bonds for improving and enlarging the Graded School," and upon a written request signed by the Marion Graded School Committee, a Special Election has been called by the said Board of Aldermen of the town of Marion to be held in the court house on Saturday, the 5th day of April, 1918, between the hours of seven o'clock a. m. and sundown of said day, at which time and place the following proposition will be submitted to the qualified voters of said town for ratification, viz:

PROPOSITION.

To issue the sum of twelve thousand dollars in coupon bonds of the town of Marion for the purpose of improving and enlarging the graded school; said bonds to be in denominations of five hundred dollars each, to bear date of the 1st day of May, 1918, and become due and payable at the Chase National Bank in the City of New York on the 1st day of May, 1948; said bonds to have interest bearing coupons attached at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st day of May and the 1st day of November in each year at the said Chase National Bank in New York City; the interest on said bonds to be paid by the annual levy of a sufficient amount of taxes on the property and polls in said town, and the bonds, when the same shall become due and payable, to be paid in the same manner by the levy of a tax on property and polls.

At the said election, those who desire to vote in favor of the issue of the said bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots "For better graded school" and those who desire to vote against such issue shall have written or printed on their ballots "Against better graded schools."

If a majority of the qualified voters of the said town shall vote "For better graded school," then and in that event the bonds will be issued; but if a majority of the qualified voters shall vote "Against better graded school," then and in that event the said bonds will not be issued.

A new registration for this Special Election has been called, and all persons voting in the said election will be required to register. W. B. Ratliff, Esq., has been appointed Registrar, and A. B. Gilkey and Thomas McGuire have been appointed Judges to hold said election.

By order of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion, North Carolina, at its regular meeting, in the office of Mayor, on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1918. WILLIAM SWEENEY, Secretary of the Board of Aldermen.

Marion, N. C., March 5th, 1918.

NOTICE!

James H. Borders,
vs
Maud Borders.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of McDowell county, by the above named plaintiff to dissolve the bond of matrimony, existing between the above named parties; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the next term of the Superior court for said county to be held on the sixth Monday before the first Monday in September, 1918, to be held in the court house of said county in Marion, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 11th day of March, 1918.

THOMAS MORRIS,
Clerk of the Superior Court,
Johnston & McNairy, Attys.

Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as the Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Nancy Caroline Kaylor, late of the County of McDowell, North Carolina, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said decedent to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of March, 1918, or this notice will be plead in bar thereof. All persons indebted to the said Nancy Caroline Kaylor are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at Glenwood, N. C. This 10th day of March, 1918.

E. G. GOFORTH, Executor of Last Will and Testament of Nancy Caroline Kaylor.

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NOTICE!

To the Voters of Marion: You are hereby notified that the Board of Aldermen have ordered a new registration for the election to be held April 5, 1918. The Registration Book will be open in my store March 19-29 inclusive. Sunday excepted. W. B. RATLIFF, Registrar.

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		Southbound	
		No. 5	No. 3
		Daily	Daily
Dante	Dp	1:10 p.m.	8:00 a.m.
St. Paul	Dp	1:35 p.m.	8:20 a.m.
Speers Ferry	Dp	3:27 p.m.	9:41 a.m.
Johnson City	Dp	5:53 p.m.	11:15 a.m.
Erwin	Ar	7:10 p.m.	11:55 a.m.
Erwin	Dp	7:22 p.m.	12:02 a.m.
Altapass	Ar	10:40 p.m.	2:27 p.m.
		No. 1	
Altapass	Dp	6:15 a.m.	2:27 p.m.
Marion	Dp	7:49 a.m.	3:31 p.m.
Thermal	Dp	8:33 a.m.	4:01 p.m.
Spartanburg	Ar	10:45 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
		Northbound	
		No. 6	No. 4
		Daily	Daily
Spartanburg	Dp	4:25 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Thermal	Dp	6:05 p.m.	12:33 p.m.
Marion	Dp	6:35 p.m.	1:05 p.m.
Altapass	Ar	8:05 p.m.	2:27 p.m.
		No. 2	
Altapass	Dp	6:05 a.m.	2:27 p.m.
Erwin	Ar	8:10 a.m.	4:35 p.m.
Erwin	Dp	8:17 a.m.	4:42 p.m.
Johnson City	Dp	9:01 a.m.	5:28 p.m.
Speers Ferry	Dp	10:42 a.m.	7:02 p.m.
St. Paul	Dp	12:17 p.m.	8:34 p.m.
Dante	Ar	12:45 p.m.	9:00 p.m.

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