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Next Spring.

Their loveliness of life and leaf At last the waving trees have shed, The garden ground is sown with grief, The gay chrysanthemum is dead. There is no comfort in the year, Despair has slowly tolled his knell, The world's existence is a tear, And life but one supreme farewell. But oh, my love! remember this: There must be birth and blossom; Nature will waken with a kiss.

Next Spring! La's, was it not? this mystic year, We came together—you and I! We saw the river through a tear, And weeping felt the roses die. We dreamed and saw the swallows fled, The garden straggled of her attire, And then, when all the world was dead, We both sat watch by the fire. But oh, my love! there will begin Another life! the primrose ring! Deep woods that we must whisper in! Next Spring!

The W. N. C. Railroad Bill.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF THE STATE'S INTEREST IN THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to sell and transfer to A. S. Buford, Wm. P. Clyde and T. M. Logan, assignees of Wm. J. Best, or their assigns, the five hundred and twenty thousand dollars of the coupon bonds of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company which were deposited with him under the provisions of sections 12 and 24 of the act of 29th March, 1880, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the State's interest in the Western North Carolina Railroad Company and for other purposes," upon the payment to said treasurer of six hundred thousand dollars in cash.

SEC. 2. That if the said assignees of Wm. J. Best shall cause the said Western North Carolina Railroad to be completed and in operation to the Tennessee river at or near the mouth of the Nantahala river in a manner acceptable to the commissioners provided for in said act of 29th March, 1880, to examine and accept the work on said road, on or before the 1st day of September, 1884, and shall, on or before the 1st day of May, 1884, have purchased from the treasurer of the State, as provided for in section one of this act, the said five hundred and twenty thousand dollars of bonds and shall have placed within sixty days from and after the ratification of this act and kept continuously at work, a force of at least seventy-five (75) convicts on the line of the road from the mouth of the Nantahala river westward to Murphy, the said Western North Carolina Railroad Company shall have full authority to make and execute mortgage deeds and bonds which need not contain the words, "that the mortgage cannot be foreclosed for either principal or interest until said railroad shall have been completed to Paint Rock and Murphy," as provided in section 10 of said act of 29th March, 1880; and said company is also authorized and empowered to declare the said proviso in the mortgages already executed and the bonds issued thereon to be null and void.

SEC. 3. That when said railroad shall be completed to the Tennessee river, as provided in this act, and the said five hundred and twenty thousand dollars of mortgage bonds and accrued interest shall have been redeemed as provided for in this act, and the interest on the eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars of first mortgage bonds for which the State is liable, referred to and described in section 3 of the said act of 29th March, 1880, shall have been further secured as herein-after in this section provided, so that the State shall be protected against the payment of the interest thereon, the Governor is authorized and directed to cause the deed deposited with the United States Trust Company, in accordance with the provisions of the said act of 29th March, 1880, to be delivered to the said W. P. Clyde, A. S. Buford and T. M. Logan, or their assigns, and the said assignees of W. J. Best shall be deemed to have complied with the contract entered into with said Best, and the same shall be deemed as cancelled, except as to the payment of interest on the said \$850,000 bonds: Provided, that before the said deed is delivered, the said assignees shall in addition to the thirty thousand dollars now on deposit in the Citizens' National Bank, place with the Treasurer of the State the further sum of thirty thousand dollars, in the four per cent bonds of the State as additional security for the payment of the said interest as it matures.

SEC. 4. That the said assignees shall, within sixty days from the ratification of this act, place and keep continuously at work on the line of the road from the mouth of the Nantahala river westward to Murphy, a force of seventy-five convicts, and when said road shall have been completed to the Tennessee river at or near the mouth of Nantahala river

in accordance with the provisions of this act, then said assignees shall retain and keep continuously at work upon the said Murphy branch a convict force of seventy-five hands as hereby before provided; and they are hereby authorized to place and operate the remainder of the convict force as now provided by law on the road leading in the direction of Maryville, Tennessee; but such remaining convict force shall be so placed and operated only on condition that the said seventy-five hands shall be placed and continued on the said Murphy branch. And when the work on the line in the direction of Maryville, Tennessee, shall have been completed to the Tennessee line, then one half of the entire convict force shall be placed and kept continuously at work on the Murphy branch west of Nantahala river until its completion to Murphy, and the remaining force shall be placed on the Rabun Gap branch. That in case said assignees, whether in law or fact, their successors or assigns, shall fail or refuse to comply with the foregoing provisions of this section for three consecutive months, or shall, for the period of eighteen months from the completion of the grading to Murphy, fail or neglect to complete the same for use, with rails and necessary fixtures for operation, then in that case all the rights, franchises and interests of the said assignees or their successors in said line of road from the mouth of the Nantahala river to Murphy, shall revert to and be vested in the State.

SEC. 5. That the Western North Carolina Railroad Company is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, equip and operate two branch roads, to wit: The one starting at some point on the main line between Charleston, in Swain county, and at the mouth of the Nantahala river, and running thence to the North Carolina and Tennessee line, in the direction of Maryville, Tennessee, the other starting at a point on the main line in the vicinity of the mouth of the Nantahala river, and running thence up the Tennessee river by Franklin, in Georgia.

SEC. 6. That the Western North Carolina Railroad Company is authorized and empowered to lease, or purchase, or consolidate with any other railroad in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee or Georgia, which it may deem advisable, in order to make a continuous railroad connection with the railroad systems of said States.

SEC. 7. That the Western North Carolina Railroad is authorized to mortgage these branch roads and issue bonds thereon for the purpose of raising money to complete and equip the same.

SEC. 8. That the said branch roads shall be subject to the same restrictions as the main line in regard to discriminations in freight and charges and liabilities for taxation, and the company shall have the same rights as to surveys, condemning lands for right of way, depots and station houses, and other buildings, and in constructing, equipping and operating said branches as it has on the main line to Murphy and Paint Rock.

SEC. 9. All convicts furnished by the State to said road shall be delivered to the authorities of the same at the penitentiary in Raleigh, and the expenses of transporting said convicts, and the necessary guards therefor, to the work on said road and returning the same to the penitentiary at Raleigh, shall be borne by said grantee.

SEC. 10. That until the completion of the road to Murphy and Rabun Gap, the said assignees or their successors may retain and work the convicts under the terms provided for in the act of March 29th, 1880.

SEC. 11. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Students Visiting a Thread Mill.

Two hundred and thirty-seven students of Yale College paid a visit to the William Linn Company on Wednesday, and by a personal inspection were convinced that Professor Sumner has libeled the mills in his description of what he called "the tariff built fraud." They saw in one of the mills, where 33,000 spindles were in motion, spinning cotton thread, literally embowered in flowers, there being a space at the base of each window laid out in flower beds, the humidity of the atmosphere required for the thread being obtained by sprays of water, which also serve to make the flowers flourish. The company has a capital of five millions invested, producing half that amount of manufactured goods every year. The people employed live in cottages built by the company which are models of cleanliness and beauty, and they have reading-rooms, library and a dancing pavilion for their amusement. There are sixteen hundred persons employed, the girls averaging from \$6 to \$8.50 per week, and the men's wages, all through the mill, average \$14.50 per week. One rule observed is that no one can be employed who cannot read and write, and this is an incentive to the children to improve, as the height of their ambition is to be admitted among the mill-hands. The cottages occupied by the hands are supplied with water and gas, and every year a prize is offered for

the handsomest door-yard, so that the display of flowers is remarkable. The gardener employed by the company instructs the cottagers in the care of the plants and supplies them with cuttings. The students were treated to a lunch, and the girls pinned to their coats a memento of their visit in the shape of a paper box containing a spool of cotton, as a specimen of the produce of "the tariff-built fraud."

FACETIÆ.

"What are you doing?" said a father to his son, who was tinkering with an old watch. Improving my time, sir," was the reply.

"Why is a lawyer like a restless sleeper?"

"He lies first on one side and then on the other."

"Ah, my friend," said a clergyman to a parishioner who was the husband of a tennant, and who made application for a divorce, "we should be yielding and forgiving. There are no divorces in heaven." "That's the reason," said the sufferer, "why I am so anxious to get a divorce here."

An advertisement in the New York Sun says, "An errand boy wanted; only a live boy need apply." It is well to be explicit in matters of this kind. There is nothing more heartless than to advertise for boys indiscriminately, and have perhaps twenty or thirty dead ones apply for the position, only to be disappointed.

Old Persons.

PREPARED FOR THE ENTERPRISE.

A list of the names and ages of persons over 70 years of age residing in Macon county, North Carolina, March 1, 1883.

NAME.	AGE.	NAME.	AGE.
Mr. Drake,	94	Mr. Gimpse,	86
Thomas Rogers,	93	William Frady,	88
James K. Gray,	87	David Malone,	70
John D. Howell,	87	John Gibson,	70
John Kinsey,	85	John Corbin,	70
Martin Hurst,	81	John L. Jacobs,	77
Joab Moore,	83	Thomas Frady,	77
James Rogers,	82	H. P. Watkins,	74
Andrew Russell,	80	Wm. Standfield,	74
Curtis Saunders,	84	William Peck,	70
Andrew Rogers,	86	Thomas P. Moore,	79
William West,	87	Samuel Roper,	78
George Carson,	85	Edward T. Talbot,	76
John Gillespie,	80	John Baby,	78
John Baty,	87	William Cate,	78
George Crawford,	88	William Bates,	75
John Hartson,	80	William Angell,	74
Wm. Donaldson,	85	Joseph Moffit,	75
John B. Chorr,	84	William Dewese,	76
Daniel Nichols,	83	Andrew M. D. Ansell,	72
James Houston,	81	Luhan Long,	72
John B. Folsa,	80	David Carpenter,	70
Elijah Cloer,	82	Robin Stockton,	70
William Southern,	85	Thomas Angel,	76
Jack Drywan,	78	Henry Dille,	76
R. Leatherwood,	72	Samuel Sellers,	72
Thomas Williams,	75	Wm. McConnell,	75
Ruben Coggin,	79	Warick Roane,	75
William Beasley,	78	William Deal,	72
Fred Raby,	75	Mathew Russell,	72
Isaac Keener,	71	James Fouse,	72
James Tallez,	73	E. W. Wilson,	72
Robert C. Linn,	72	John Lunsley,	72
James Wright,*	71	Stanhope Hill,	75
Logan Berry,	70	Mrs. R. Burnett,	84
Mrs. H. Anderson,	86	Mrs. Wilson,	91
Mrs. M. Moore,	88	Mrs. F. F. Lomb,	81
Mrs. Huggins,	90	Mrs. Kelly,	91
Grannan Norton,	95	Mrs. Gibson,	91
Sarah Williams,	84	Mrs. Coggins,	80
Grann Boston,	104	Mrs. Annons,	81
Mrs. Vanhook,	84	Mrs. Nichols,	86
Mrs. Parib,	80	Mrs. Nichols,	86
Matilda Berry,	71	Mrs. Parker,	80
Mrs. Corbin,	76	Mrs. Live,	85
Mrs. Moore,	71	Mrs. Moffit,	82
Mrs. Henderson,	74	Mrs. Oliver,	80
Mrs. Monday,	78	Mrs. Nichols,	76
Mrs. M. Saunders,	72	Mrs. Moses,	76
Mrs. Yates,	70	Mrs. Gregory,	76
Mrs. Houson,	71	Mrs. Houson,	78
Mrs. Moore,	78	Mrs. Norton,	78
Mrs. Crawford,	70	Mrs. J. Norton,	78
Mrs. Stockton,	78	Mrs. Dowdle,	77
Mrs. Dairymple,	78	Mrs. Anderson,	77
Mrs. Dills,	71	Mrs. Cate,	78
Miss Angell,	72	Miss Gladwell,	78
Miss Dowdle,	78	Mrs. Buckner,	77
Mrs. Curtis,	70	Mrs. Hays,	70
Mrs. Tatham,	77	Mrs. Saunders,	77
Mrs. T. Moore,	72	Mrs. Houson,	72
Mrs. Roper,	78	Mrs. Talbot,	77
Mrs. Cate,	77	Mrs. S. Roper,	77
Mrs. Saunders,	76	Mrs. Young,	78
Mrs. F. Saunders,	77	Mrs. Norris,	78
Mrs. Yates,	79	Mrs. Monday,	78
Mrs. Watts,	75	Mrs. Henderson,	74
Mrs. Henry,	71	Mrs. Mallonee,	74

*Mr. Wright was President Johnson's best or right hand man at his marriage.

I here give the whole number of persons whose ages are above 70 years of age in Macon county, N. C.

136 persons' ages aggregate the enormous sum of ten thousand six hundred and sixty-seven years.

26 of the oldest men's ages aggregate two thousand two hundred and fifteen years, and give an average of eighty-five years two months and nine days.

21 of the oldest women's ages aggregate eighteen hundred and twenty-three years, and give an average of eighty-six years nine months and twenty-one days, showing the old ladies to be one year six months and twelve days the seniors of the men.

The population of the county in 1880 being eight thousand and five, these one hundred and thirty-six persons give one and sixty-nine one-hundredths per cent of the entire population of Macon county, N. C.

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