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SHALL WE HAVE IT?

The people of Montgomery, Stanly and upper Richmond are determined to have a railroad, and we applaud their earnest efforts to that end. We make the assertion, and we defy its successful contradiction, that no section of North Carolina is richer in natural resources—minerals, timber, water powers and fertile soil—than upper Richmond and Stanly and Montgomery counties, and yet the people of those sections are hampered and their energies cramped for the want of communication with the outside world. Of what benefit is it to them to produce a surplus of corn, or cotton, or oats, or meat? It would cost them the worth of it to get it to market. The virgin forests will not yield their wealth because the timber is not accessible to the markets. As fine water powers as can be found in the United States lie idle because they are remote from the highways of traffic. Those people are tired of dragging along in the paths of poverty, surrounded by wealth which they cannot utilize, and they propose to shake off the yoke; they are determined to have access to the markets of the world.

Now the question is, will Rockingham and Richmond county extend to them a helping hand and get the benefit of the trade from that section, or shall the road be allowed to go to Wadesboro, Fayetteville or some other point, and thus rob Rockingham of the trade that naturally belongs to her and without which she must languish?

Already subscriptions books are open for a railroad from Albemarle, Stanly county, to Fayetteville, and the subscriptions are piling up. The people of Rowan and Stanly are moving in the matter of a road from Salisbury to Norwood, Stanly county, and, if we mistake not, elections have already been ordered in Rowan and Stanly counties to vote a subscription of \$100,000 each to the enterprise. Another projected line is to continue the C. E. & Y. V. branch road from Ashboro to Troy, Montgomery county.

Some of these roads will be built—no question about that. These are no "Windy Billy" projects, agitated for speculative purposes, but are inaugurated by Railroad Companies now doing business in North Carolina, and BY THE PEOPLE OF UPPER RICHMOND, STANLY AND MONTGOMERY. They need the road and are ready and willing to help build it; and, very naturally, the people of upper Richmond want it to come to Rockingham.

Can Rockingham afford to let it pass her by? Not if she expects her present industries to thrive and to multiply. Much of the trade that now comes here would go elsewhere, and the town would be seriously crippled. On the other hand, if the road should come here we would get practically all the Little River trade and much from Stanly and Montgomery counties.

But enough for the present; we shall have more to say next week probably. Pending the railroad meeting to be held in Rockingham on the 12th of July we trust that our business men and citizens generally will give the matter serious consideration.

IT TURNS out that the appeal for aid, made by the Bear Poplar Alliance and published in THE ROCKET last week, was altogether unnecessary and without reason. As stated by a Salisbury paper, the damage done by the hail storm extended over but a small territory, and the farmers whose crops were most injured were in good circumstances and able to bear the loss. People these days are too ready to cry out for help when overtaken by any little disaster. Self-reliance is giving place to a spirit of dependence upon the charity of the public, and this feeling is fostered, we fear, by the promptness and readiness with which the people respond to calls upon their generosity without stop-

ping to inquire into the merits of the case. When a great calamity, like the Johnstown disaster, befalls a community and the people are impoverished, paralyzed and broken in spirit, the hand of help should be extended without stint. But public aid to minor disasters and individual losses ought to be discouraged, because it has a tendency to beget carelessness and to educate the people to dependence upon their neighbors. A people without self-reliance will never accomplish anything.

Dr. McDow, the slayer of Editor Dawson, of Charleston, was put upon trial for murder last Monday. The jury that is to sit in judgment on the case is composed of seven negroes and five white men, which, it is thought, assures McDow seven votes for acquittal to begin with.

Reply to "Lower Richmond."

Correspondence of The Rocket.
 EDITOR ROCKET:—As we expected, the howling of ruinous tax salutes us. It is an admitted fact that railroad tax is not ruinous but is a forshadow of wealth and prosperity. Your correspondent of last week's issue, "Lower Richmond," has fired off what lower Richmond has done for upper Richmond. He says they have built us a railroad, court house, jail and public roads. Next he will be off on our "coon-skin" country where the bull frogs can wade our largest streams without wetting their collar bones. Now for the benefit of the donkeys of lower Richmond, we want to tell them that this coon-skin country, once on a time, owned the wealth of the county, and paid the tax to a great extent. It was this property that brought the Carolina Central railroad and helped them to get their tail over the dash-board. But since they have gotten this road and are going at the rate of 2,40, they have forgotten this coon-skin country. The Criminal Docket will show where all the court business comes from, and it will show too that the majority comes from their land of flowers. Who is it then, that needs the court house and jail? Certainly not the coon-skin people. We were told by one of these fellows that he was opposed to the building of this road and would vote against it. But, individually, he would give \$500 to help build it. What magnanimity! What a grand and patriotic impulse! What love for the dear people! Why if we could get 99 more like him we could build the road—it would not cost us a coon-skin. We are not, however, an object of charity and don't want it in that way. We want it as an investment for the county, that all good citizens can point to it and say, "What a grand old county we have." I would like to say to these howlers, whose bellies are bigger than their brains, that we do not want and do not expect them to build us a railroad. And their hissing, howling and braying will amount to nothing, as they do not know but that Laurinburg is the whole world. I hope they will never find out any better; that they may remain in their Garden of Eden and enjoy it to their fullest. His intimation that our objective point was to strike Rockingham, while partially true, I would inform him that we live more than a dozen miles above Rockingham and have no personal interest in the place, but think it would be detrimental to the interests of the whole county should it not strike Rockingham and go out by "Scotch paradise"; or, in other words, keep it in the county. Now, while we know this nonsense and bigotted egotism is not the sentiment of the good people of lower Richmond, we appeal to the good people, and in candor, ask the level headed business men if it would not be a good investment to build this road. We think that \$50,000 would grade the road the 20 or 25 miles through this county, and we claim that the wealth it would bring into the county would ten fold repay the taxpayers, as the Carolina Central railway has clearly demonstrated that railroads do not burden or impoverish a county, in the long run, but help to bear the burden of taxation; and we further claim that the water powers lying idle, from Rockingham to Salisbury, are sufficient to manufacture all the cotton grown in North Carolina. Further, that the timber along the route would build three such railroads; and it is a notorious fact that the annual expenses for transportation above Rockingham to Montgomery is not less than \$10,000. Now can any man with a thimbleful of sense fail to see why we want, and intend having, a railroad to develop this fine section and save this annual expense? Now in getting our road, would it be to the interest of the county to send our trade by Fayetteville, Wadesboro, or Salisbury? Is it not plain if we, of the upper end, have it to build, that we will be forced to do it on the cheapest plan? Who then, will be at fault? We are trying to so shape it that our towns and villages can have a chance at the trade. Can our business men, and good people of lower Richmond, sit by and let this howling ignorance drive from our county this immense wealth by the cry of ruinous tax? Now, coming down to business, we do not deny that the Carolina Central railroad has been a great blessing even to the most remote citizen of upper Rich-

mond, though we know that it has not been one hundredth part the benefit that it has to lower Richmond. Still, we do not complain, but think it has been money well spent. Has it not brought its millions of dollars which would not otherwise be here? Will it not be the same when we get this road? Will it not build up and bring property to be taxed, and by this will it not benefit the whole county? This is the view we take of the matter—and in justice not only ask, but demand, the \$50,000. Should the good people of lower Richmond let the tax howlers, who never paid 15 cents of any kind of tax, defeat this great measure, then we say if you mean war, you shall have it to the knife and the knife to the hilt, and your lovely Scotch town we love so well can go where Ward's cats went; and you can keep up your court house and jail at Rockingham and we will fight you until—freezes and take a little on the ice. Further, we will never furnish you with another postmaster. We mean business, and don't you forget it. Take the case, gentlemen. TAXPAYER.

PINE BURS

Gathered in the Tar-Heel State.

The Yadkin Falls Manufacturing Company, situated 12 miles from this place, though running on full time, is unable to supply the demand for thread. A number of orders go unfilled.—Stanly Observer.

The Postal Telegraph Line is nearly completed to Washington and the office will be opened here July 1st. The office will be that formerly occupied by the Western Union and is now being fitted up.—News and Observer.

Mrs. Lowe, mother of Isaac and Jake Lowe, and mother of 14 other children, died in this community at the advanced age of 103 years. What does Dr. Kingsbury say to this? It is a fact there is no going back on Doctor.—Yadkin Valley News.

As announced the bids for the \$43,000 of consolidated debt bonds of the city were opened at the mayor's office yesterday at 12 o'clock. The highest bid was \$105.52 and was made by Gustavus Ober, of Baltimore, to whom the bonds were sold.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The cotton bloom season has arrived—a little later, perhaps, than heretofore—and the Star is in receipt of a blossom of the new crop from Mr. B. V. Henry, of Lilesville, who says, "it was plucked from my farm to-day—June 20th, 1889."—Wilmington Star.

A gentleman who has traveled a good deal in this county told us the other day that he never saw a finer prospect for a good crop. Cotton, he said, was also growing very rapidly, and if conditions continue favorable the indications are that we will be blessed with good crops.—Monroe Express.

The people of Ashboro and of Randolph will celebrate at Ashboro on the 4th of July the completion of the railroad from High Point to Ashboro. There will be suitable ceremonies, civic and military, including speeches by the Governor and other distinguished gentlemen.—Statesville Landmark.

Daniel Stone, of Hope Mills, had the misfortune to have his arm caught in the gearing of the machinery at Hope Mills No. 1 Saturday evening last, and it was so badly lacerated that Dr. McNeill, the physician, found amputation necessary. At last accounts however the party was doing well.—Fayetteville Observer.

Our sympathies are extended to our townsman Mr. N. V. Bass in the sad death of his wife on Wednesday of last week. A little babe was taken to Jesus just a few days before its mother answered the summons to cross the river. Babe and mother sleep in graves side by side in the family graveyard a few miles in Nash county.—Rocky Mount Plain Dealer.

The neighborhood of Trinity College was thrown into excitement last week by the rumor that a Mr. Holderby, a student at Trinity College, had eloped with the wife of Mr. J. R. Moose. The rumor was only too true. Thursday he went to Mr. Hayworth's, procured a buggy and he and his paramour drove to High Point, took the night train and have not been heard from since. Mr. Moose has applied for a divorce. Holderby was studying for the ministry.—High Point Enterprise.

Mr. Press Austin has been living at the Jack Ross place one mile from town for about three months. Since his abode there 102 snakes have been killed on the plantation. The reptiles embraced black snakes, chicken snakes, adders, king snakes and pilets, there being only two of the last named. And we are assured that this statement is strictly true. Snakes thrive well in this latitude. Barring the cotton-mouth, of Mississippi, the cobra, of Africa, and the anaconda, and the boa constrictor, of South America, Stanly can grow most any kind of snake you are looking for.—Stanly Observer.

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