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Our readers will observe in another column the notice to citizens who are interested in building a railroad in the direction of Troy. We want the railroad, and there is no doubt that it will pay. The points for present consideration are how it is best to start the enterprise, and from what point on the R. & A. the road should run. We hope a wise decision will be reached.

We have received, and should have acknowledged in our last issue, the advance sheets of a novel entitled "ETOWAH: A Romance of the Confederacy," by Hon. Francis Fontaine, of Atlanta, Ga. The book is to be sold by subscription, and one-half of the proceeds will be devoted to building a Home for Disabled Veterans of the Confederate Army, at Atlanta. We hope the book will meet with great success.

OUR BIRTHDAY.

To-day the PINE KNOT is a year old. Fifty-two times it has brought its light to many homes. It has tried to shed an honest light and a genuine warmth from the flowery South to the floury Northwest, and from weather-beaten Maine to sun-brown California. It was a large undertaking, but, thanks to the excellent quality of our rich, fragrant, golden-hearted pine, we've accomplished it. Yes, we've done better. Our light-bearer has gone over the border into Canada, and over ocean to England.

Words of appreciation and encouragement have come to us from all quarters. We steadily gain new friends and keep our old ones. We have made no enemies except such as are the enemies of temperance and right living. We have tried to see to it that our paper be prompt, reliable, cleanly, well-printed, correctly spelled and orderly put together. These may be small virtues, but they make a large share of the difference between a good newspaper and a bad one.

In its fifty-two numbers the PINE KNOT has given enough original prose matter—editorials, essays, letters, stories, etc.—to make a book of 560 well-filled pages, and thirty-three original poems (said, by competent critics, to be superior to the ordinary machine-made). This does not include numerous poems, essays and stories by the editor, reprinted from other publications. The entire amount of reading matter, not including local news, published during this period, would make three large volumes of 500 pages each. Isn't that a pretty large dollar's worth? Since the start there have been 16,

000 sample copies sent out, in addition to the regular issues. In these special editions we have endeavored to tell to distant enquirers something about the resources of this magnificent state.

Yes, during the coming year we're going to improve the PINE KNOT. Be certain we shall stop publishing, when we can't improve. And of course we want your help; but not unless you believe the paper will help you more than your dollar will help it. That is a plain proposition, and we don't think we'll lose many dollars by living up to it.

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"MILLIONS IN IT."

The principal agricultural products, such as cotton, wheat, rice, tobacco, rye, Indian corn, oats and barley can be grown in abundance and with profit. For raising live stock, this section of country with its well-watered, pastoral character, seems to have unrivalled capacities. Her mining wealth is inexhaustible, possessing over twenty-one of the minerals useful for the elevation and advancement of mankind. The facilities for manufacturing are not surpassed by any other locality in the Union. The aggregate water-power is 3,500,000 horse power, and this force is distributed over her entire area. Gold is found in twenty-three counties. In fact, the auriferous area, in a general way, embraces nearly one-half of her territory; the productive is much less, containing a little more than twelve thousand sq. miles. There are ten of the precious stones found within her borders, and a number of companies are now being operated with a capital of several thousands of dollars to push forward and develop this new industry. North Carolina is rich in iron ores of the best grade, while coal is found in considerable quantities.—*Goldboro Argus.*