

THE TORCH-LIGHT.

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The Railroad.

We had something to say recently of a railroad from Oxford to Henderson or some other point. We need greatly an outlet. Let a road, narrow gauge or of the usual width, be built, and in five years our town will be doubled in inhabitants, and quadrupled in trade. Now what hinders the construction of such a road? It cannot be money. The people interested are abundantly able to construct and equip such a road. Let land owners give sections of land, let those who do not own real estate substitute so much, or agree to have such a distance of the road built, let all give or do something, and the road can and will be built.

What is needed is determination and combination. As soon as the moneyed men make up their minds fully that they must have a railroad, then the success of the project is assured. A half dozen wide-awake public-spirited citizens can give the scheme such an impetus that it cannot fail. A liberal subscription and a strong united effort on their part would arouse the people and secure the necessary means. Will they make the move? Now is the time.

Many railroad towns are rapidly improving, whilst inland towns are stagnant and retrograding. All along the various railway lines of our State villages are springing up and the old towns are rapidly growing, both in population and trade, we can hear of no town off the road that is making any progress.

It is strange that all of our people do not so realize the absolute necessity of a railroad as to cause a vigorous and persistent effort to be made for the accomplishment of so important and greatly to be desired need. We must express the hope that the matter will not be allowed to sleep, but that some immediate steps will be taken to carry this plan into execution. There must be a beginning to every thing. Will there ever be a beginning to an enterprise like this? He who wins the victory must strike the blow. They who would see Oxford and Granville improve must strike hard for a railroad.

One thing is certain we intend to have a railroad from Oxford to Clarksville, Morrums crossing or Henderson, and the place that gets the products of this county will find a Pactolus of gold they never dreamed of before.

The uprising in Louisiana has terminated in a formal and peaceable surrender of the affairs of the State into the hands of the United States authorities. The movement under Lieutenant Gov. Penn seems to be ill advised in the light of policy, and it is rather curious that the result could not be foreseen, especially as the Washington Government had already chosen to acknowledge Kellogg, and had shown no disposition to reconsider its action in favor of the people's legally elected government. We don't see how Louisiana could keep such a dose as Kellogg on her stomach, but then—what's the use?

Forty-one babies were recently photographed in a bunch at Dayville, Conn. How in the world did they keep them still!

EDITORIAL DOTS.

Wild catstock is on the decline. San Francisco is the city of bay windows.

Fast young men's motto, meet and drink.

Sidney Dunn is now sheriff of Wake county.

The German, of Erie, has kicked the bucket.

The panic was one year old the 18th of this month.

Our grandmothers' clocks are coming into style again.

Colorado is to have a home for people with sore throat.

Two bald eagles were recently seen in the vicinity of Tarboro.

Judge Beadle is the Democratic nominee for governor of N. J.

T. B. Kingsbury is now engaged upon Our Living and Our Dead.

Cremation hasn't a single advocate just now among the Jersey pines.

That little bit of a county, Clay, produced 12,000 bushels of wheat. Good.

A Governess advertising, says she "is perfect mistress of her own tongue."

President Grant will not attend our State Fair. We don't care so we are there.

That little rose-bud of perfection, the Gordonsville Gazette, is a paper after our idea.

Every possible preparation is being made for the success of the approaching State Fair.

The Plymouth pulpit is being freshly painted, That's all right—but not a bit of whitewash.

A Croquet club composed of Methodist ministers, and named the Wesley Club, claims the championship of Fairmount, Philadelphia.

The Fitch-Sherman Wedding.

We see it announced in the papers that a grand wedding will come off in Washington about the 1st of next month. The bride elect is Miss Maria Ewing Sherman. The groom is Thomas W. Fitch, an engineer in the United States navy. The engagement has been of a year's duration, and 'tis told that "they met by chance, the usual way." Eighteen hundred invitations have been issued. They are very beautifully executed on the finest tinted note paper, with cards and envelopes to match in shade and quality.

There will be eight bridesmaids. The bride's dress, imported from Paris, "is white gros-grain silk with crepe finish, which gives it the most velvety appearance. This is trimmed with white satin and pointed lace, looped with orange flowers and clematis."

We regret exceedingly that "circumstances over which we have no control" prevent our attending.

What has become of the Raleigh Christian Advocate? Is it dead or alive. The last copy we had the good fortune to peruse looked very much like it was suffering from a violent attack of chills and fever. Its articles were very much after the tombstone order—pale and ematiated. We ask again, is it dead or alive.

The Rich. Enquirer says "Vice-President Wilson thinks the nomination of Grant for a third term would split the Radical party all to pieces. It is hard to split a knotty log." We agree with you, Mr. Enquirer. It would be hard to split a knotty log unless it chanced to be a rotten one.

Newspaper Scandal.

It is creditable to the Southern papers that so few of them devoted much of their space to the great scandal that recently agitated the North, and excited no little interest in other sections of the country. The leading papers of the country—those with largest circulation and size, have done a great and positive evil, not only in the wide publicity they gave of the nauseating filth of the Brooklyn embroglio, but in devoting their columns generally to scandal and crime. We do not know a single great paper in the country that is fit to go into a decent household—not one. Many of them are ably conducted and display vast enterprise, spirit and energy, but they contain so much that is vicious and corrupting, that cannot be read by youth, at least without danger, and are wholly unsuited to family reading. We believe that either one of the New York dailies constantly read, would be more hurtful to the taste and morals of the young people of our land, than would be all the dime novels and wicked stories that are circulated so abundantly at this time.

This ought not to be the case. The leading papers should be moral and intellectual educators. As it is, no father who is careful of the interests of his children can willingly allow these papers to be read at home.

It is a very unhealthy sign—this craving of the people for highly-spiced scandal, for blood and thunder stories, and for full records of all the horrid crimes that are daily perpetrated in our land by scoundrels and villains. If the people would not read and relish such monstrous stuff, newspaper men would not print them. That is so. But it is no excuse for the newspaper men that they should spread moral poisons simply because people are bad enough to crave such destructive stimulants. If they would do their duty, they would not cater for vicious and depraved appetites, but would attempt a reformation and purification by substituting healthful and elevating mental pabulum.

We repeat, our Southern editors do not offend to the extent the Northern editors do. We do not believe that anything ought to be put in even a newspaper that has in it the slightest moral taint, or that is calculated to foster and develop a vicious taste, pervert the life or corrupt the morals. People can not be too particular in what papers they read. We hope those who read our little paper, if not benefited, will not be injured.

It is quite evident the authorities of Oxford have been derelict in their duty, as the Torch-Light is not only intoxicating but "disorderly" and incendiary. It is full of exhilarating spirits, and the fires of its genius blaze in riotous splendor.—Richmond Enquirer.

We have taken nothing stronger than black-BERRY-wine in brevity doses. That's what got us out of fix. Snuff the Torch, Sam, and look out for mosquitos.

"There are no less than five parties to the Louisiana row, so that it may be truly described as a Penn-agonistical affair."

The man who made the above pun ought to be punished by being sent to the Pen-itiary.

They are pegging away in the State Prison at Trenton—2,045 shoes a day. Awl-together it is a lasting business and waxes strong.

A Nebraska paper tells of a flock of pigeons numbering 4,828,764. Close figures.

Walking from North Carolina to New Jersey.

Yesterday a man named Jenks, with his wife and little boy about six years old, arrived in this city on their way to New Jersey, having walked all the way from North Carolina, a distance of over four hundred miles. They gave a dismal account of affairs in that State, and say that it is no place for honest and industrious poor people. They were destitute of money, and had but little clothing.—Washington Star 11th.

We have often heard of Capt. Jenks, of the "horse marines," but this is the first definite account we have of that gentleman outside of poetry. It seems he has a wife, and boy about six years old with him.

"They gave a dismal account of affairs in that State." Why did they not particularize and let us know what portion they passed through?

This is some carpet-bagger that has about played out in North Carolina, and is looking out for other regions in which to exercise his genius.

North Carolina is in a more flourishing condition than she has been for years, and God's sunlight never shown on a more hospitable people.

"No place for honest and industrious poor people!" We hope this class of honest and industrious poor people will stay on the other side of the Potomac. Any man who comes from the North and settles among us, who is willing, like the rest of us, to earn his "bread by the sweat of his brow," and behaves like a gentleman, shall be treated as such. But vagabonds who share our charity and then, serpent-like, strike back at the hand that feeds them, may seek a more congenial clime, and may the Star long continue to shed its "dim religious light" on their pathway.

Fall Trade.

This promises to be safe, and not speculative. It will probably increase as the season advances, and continue longer than in former seasons. A moderate activity prevails in the dry goods trade in filling small orders. Prices firm, but are still about 10 per cent. lower than last season. In woolen goods there is a prospect for a good trade. The boot and shoe men appear satisfied with the outlook in their line. The hardware trade does promise as well, but is doing fairly. The carpet business, a leading Philadelphia specialty, is rapidly recovering, prices being firm and the demand good. Not much is doing yet in groceries. The iron trade continues depressed and a return to a condition of average prosperity is not anticipated before spring.—Philadelphia Star.

The September report from the Department of Agriculture, shows a heavy falling off in the cotton crop prospect during the month of September, every State in the South suffering, some to quite a heavy extent. The severe drouth in some sections, followed by a cold spell and attended in others by warm winds, has been the cause of this falling off, which may be estimated at an average 12 to 15 per cent. North Carolina suffered 15 per cent. but still stands very well up in the pictures as compared with the other States.

The good people of the town of Conshohocken, Pa., were very much surprised the other morning when they got up and found that the bottom had fallen out of their reservoir, and they had no water to cook breakfast with. The water is supposed to have disappeared into a cave underneath.

There is a rupture between the grangers and the tobacco association of Danville about commissions for selling.

Revenue Decision.

The following decision, recently made by the commissioners of internal revenue, is of importance to all business men:—The penalty for accepting an unstamped check is precisely the same as for issuing it, viz., fifty dollars. The law declares that any person who shall make, sign, or issue, or accept, negotiate, or pay an unstamped check, shall be liable. If a person has sent to him an unstamped check, he must return it or stamp it before he accepts it, otherwise he violates the law. It is thus seen that the receiver of an unstamped check is just as liable for the penalty and just as much bound to see that it is stamped as the issuer of the check.

It having been stated by some journals that McEnry was never inaugurated Governor of Louisiana, and that, consequently, Mr. Penn had no right to act as Lieutenant Governor, the Baltimore Sun says; "The truth, however, Kellogg and McEnry were inaugurated the same day by rival Legislatures. Both appealed to General Grant, who finally sustained Kellogg, and that's what makes all the difference."

As an evidence of the good morals of Perquimans county, we learn that there is but one "Bird" in the county cage, and that one happens to be a "Black Bird," which was entrapped for pouncing upon an old gray goose while smiling at the gander.—The Register.

Nineteen States are to choose United States Senators the coming winter, viz: Vermont, Maine, Indiana, Nebraska, West Virginia, Louisiana, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

A gentleman undertook, for a wager, to stand for a whole day on London bridge with a tray full of good sterling sovereigns, and would fail to find customers for them at a penny apiece; and he won the wager, as all passers by thought he was trying to cheat them with brass imitations.

Fayetteville is taking steps to revive her cotton manufactories.—The old Cross Creek factory grounds are spoken of as an old eligible location. It is proposed to build mills for weaving purposes mainly.

An effort is being made to divide the state of Nebraska into two States, to be called North Platte Nebraska, and which shall have a population of 86,000 and 140,000 respectively.

There was a destructive fire in the Graniteville Cotton Mills at Fall river, Mass., Sept. 19, by which forty lives were lost, mostly of young women. Heavy loss of property.

Out of the fifty-four young men appointed cadets at West Point and examined during the past week, only twenty-two passed the examination and were admitted.

"Six thousand dollars worth of penknives for the Treasury Department." "Go cut down the debts!" asks the Boston Post.

It took a breadth of carpet 20 miles long to cover the floors of the United States Hotel at Saratoga.

Horace Maynard has been nominated for governor of Tennessee on the Civil Rights platform.

Samuel J. Tilden, the Democratic nominee for governor of New York is just 60 years of age.

The wife of Rev. W. M. Robey, President of Davenport Female College, died on the 10th inst.

Five hundred families of Menonites are en route from Russia to the United States.

The yellow fever is said to be raging in Pensacola, Florida.

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