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MISTAKES OF RAILROAD COMPANIES.

Railroad companies too often exaggerate their own importance to the towns and cities to which they render service. It is not that railroads are not builders up, but their work is far from being purely philanthropic. No one asks that it would be of the charity kind, but every community demands that the railroad company meet its obligations as a public carrier, also that there are civic duties and obligations that railroad companies are bound to observe.

The local application of this is to be seen in the Norfolk Southern and Atlantic Coast Line railroads which enjoy privileges of this city, but are slow in meeting their obligations on their side. It is a big mistake for these two railroads to arouse local public sentiment against them, when all they need do is to meet their just obligations to this city. No city of its size is so well paved as New Bern. Its business and residential streets are the pride of this community and the admiration of visitors. And yet with these street improvements on the part of the city, the two streets leading into this city over which visitors coming and going must estimate New Bern are in utter contrast with the rest of New Bern streets. These streets which the railroad companies are in obligation to keep in, order, equal to the other streets of this city, Hancock and Queen streets are nearly impassable for vehicle traffic, a succession of ponds in rainy weather, and dust beds in dry weather, with a dust laden air that makes the houses along the railroads almost uninhabitable, caused by passing trains and wagons. Both of these streets are thoroughfares for the passenger and freight business of these two railroads. They are railroad streets in every sense, and yet for months both railroad companies have kept refusing to live up to their obligations and seemingly must be forced through a court to pave their streets, and so fulfill their duty. All this is a mistake on the part of the railroad people. They seek business here. They ask for this and that concession, and yet when it comes to living up to their side, they resist to the last extremity. Railroads have fought communities before this, but what have they gained? They always lose their cases, and worse, they create a public sentiment that will ever be ready to antagonize them in the future, and this is something that every railroad and can avoid.

DEMOCRATIC DENIAL OF ELLER CIRCULAR.

The attempt to fasten some political irregularity upon Senator Simmons, as regards his vote on lumber, has placed the State Democratic party in an equivocal position before the voters. The denial of the lumber circular having been issued at all has aroused undisputed testimony on all sides that such a document was both issued and was used effectively in the districts where its force was intended to be felt. Thus the Eller circular being established as its authenticity and that Senator Simmons was not one of a number of Democrats who employed this circular in the political effect in the campaign, the situation as to Senator Simmons as the Eller circular is clear.

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the Democratic party? Is it to be construed as a sop to the lumber people, to secure their votes for the State Democratic ticket knowing that these same votes would go to the National Republican ticket, anyway? Or was it as Senator Simmons and other Democrats explain, a Democratic refusal to place lumber on the free list, when articles entering into its manufacture were continued under the Dingley protective tariff?

The mistake was made in discrediting the genuineness of the Eller circular in any particular. It was written and issued to serve certain Democratic party interests and no particular party man. It carried its purpose and altogether was simply a party measure to protect the State Democratic party and to enable its representatives then to be elected to protect the home interests of their people through national legislation at Washington. The blunder of the Eller circular, if any one so regards it, as being an issue today, is upon the State Democratic party, not on Senator Simmons or any North Carolina Senator or Congressman who made it a campaign document in 1908 or 1909.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address:

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Curious Justice.

A Paris contemporary gives us a glimpse of the administration of justice among the natives in the Lower Niger territory, which for its efficacy may be compared with Swift's account of the means adopted by judicial authorities in Laputa, we believe, to discover conspirators. If a native is accused of theft the heads of the village make a decoction of herbs and put into the essence about a grain of ground pepper. The liquid is then lightly applied to the eyelids. If the suspect weeps he is considered guilty. But the milder test is an improvement upon that of theft. The "wise man" of the district draws a vessel of water, into which he puts some poison. Then he takes a cow's tail and "asperges" the eyes of the supposed assassin. If the man becomes blind he is pronounced a murderer.

Right in your busiest season when you have the least time to spare you are most likely to take diarrhoea and lose several days' time unless you have Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand and take advice on the first appearance of the disease. For sale by all dealers.

The investigation into the affairs of the American Smelting and Refining Company at New York was dropped.

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General Bate's Unlighted Cigar.

General William B. Bate of Tennessee after distinguished service in behalf of the south was governor and then United States senator. His bravery in battle was attested by a dozen wounds, and in a single engagement three horses were shot from under him.

"It was a habit of the old warrior," said a man who knew him well, "to continually carry an unlighted cigar in his mouth, but few of those who noticed it ever knew the reason of his failure to smoke the weed. At the battle of Shiloh he and a brother were standing side by side when the brother asked General Bate for a light, as he had a cigar, but no match. The general lit a match and handed it to his kinsman, who had scarcely applied it to the tobacco ere a cannon ball came hurtling through the air and severed the smoker's head from his body. The terrible tragedy of Shiloh's bloody field was why all the years that followed the surviving brother was never known to light a cigar."

HAPPIEST GIRL IN LINCOLN.

A Lincoln, Neb., girl writes, "I had been ailing for some time with chronic constipation and stomach trouble. I began taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and in three days I was able to be up and get better right along. I am the proudest girl in Lincoln to find such a good medicine." For sale by all dealers.

Feet Versus the Pen.

In speaking of personal recollections of Dion Boucicault, Henry Miller dwells upon his superb skill as a stage director and tells of the following incident, which occurred during his first rehearsal under Boucicault:

"I went to him direct from Augustin Daly's management. Daly coached his players to cross and recross the stage during the progress of the play, with the idea that this continual moving about of the actors created dramatic action. During my first rehearsal I made a 'Daly cross' as I spoke one of my lines.

"Why did you do that? Boucicault asked in his quaint, quizzical manner.

"I explained that I imagined it would keep the scene moving.

"Thanks, my boy," said Boucicault dryly, "but if I cannot interest the audience with my pen I don't think you can with your feet!"

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THE POCKETKNIFE

Many Machines and Processes Used In Its Making.

ART IN FORGING THE BLADES.

To become an adept in the delicate work of tempering edge steel necessitates a long course of training and years of experience.

The labor of making a pocketknife is, as usual in every industry that is carried on by the aid of a great deal of machinery, much divided. Each blade must go through six separate processes—first, forging; second, laying on the "tangs," that part which is inserted into the handle and through which the blade is riveted; third, marking or stamping with the name of the manufacturer; fourth, "chilling," or filing a depression in the neck of the blade between the sharp edge and the heavier part or "tang;" fifth, tempering; sixth, grinding.

All this applies to the two ordinary blades of a knife. Nail blades are subjected to still another process—namely, the cutting of the file, which is a department of work in itself.

Should we inspect the material room of a knife manufactory we should find heavy iron presses, which stamp out from sheets of brass or iron the metal scales and lining. The bright tips on the end of the knife, called "bolsters," are pressed out of German silver under another heavy weight, which does its work in one blow. Huge shears cut from sheets of steel, used only for this purpose, long strips that are afterward fashioned under a press into springs for the back of the knife.

The rod of steel from which the blades are made is taken from the material room to the forge. Here one end is put into a bed of hot coals, the bellows are pumped, and the end is soon red.

The skilled forger then hammers the blade into shape upon his anvil, and so accurate is his eye and so exact his hand that the blade does not deviate a hair's breadth from the little brass pattern that is before him and to which each blade must correspond exactly.

The blade is next dipped in water and becomes as hard and brittle as glass. But the edges are rough. It is nearly uniform in thickness and is a light gray in color.

Again the forger's skill is brought into play in the tempering. Laying the blades on a copper plate over the fire, he watches them as they change their hue with the degree of heat, first to straw color, then to darker straw and now to the dark purple which denotes that the proper degree of heat has been obtained. They are plunged into cold water as fast as they reach this point.

If the blades were allowed to remain longer over the fire the steel would change to a light blue and become so soft that the blades could be bent easily. This is perhaps the most important process in the manufacture.

The blades are taken next to the grinding room. The grinder must also depend upon the accuracy of his eye and the training of his hand, for as he presses the blade on the rapidly revolving stone, turning it on both sides and grinding all its edges, he practically finishes it, though afterward, in the cutter's room, a higher finish is given it.

From the "wheel room" the blades go to the cutter's room, where they find the other parts of the knife and where all the parts are put together.

Each workman here is at work upon a particular lot of knives, all of one pattern. Upon his work bench are the various parts of the knives, prepared by other hands—the center scales that separate the blades, the outer brass scales of lining, with the German silver bolsters, which have been secured to the ends by a heavy drop hammer; the wood, ivory or pearl scales; the springs and the wire rivets.

Each brass lining, with its covering, is put in a vise, and holes are drilled in it for the rivets. A brass wire is thrust through the middle of the handle toward the back. This secures the spring, and it is then broken off with snippers and headed down with a hammer. This holds the scales and springs. Another rivet through the bolster secures one blade or two blades if the knife has more than one blade hung at each end.

The several parts are now put together. The next process is "hafting" or finishing the covers of the handle, which is done on a leather wheel coated with glue and emery. The rough edges are rounded and smoothed, and then the knives are carefully examined to see if the cutter has done his work properly.

If the spring works easily and the blades close without striking the knives are sent to the blade polisher.

On a wooden wheel covered with fine leather the ordinary blades are given a polish called a "glaze finish." Finer grades of knives are given a "crocus finish"—a mirror-like surface on a leather wheel which revolves very slowly, in order that the blades shall not become heated and lose their temper.

The knives are now taken to another room, where, on an oilstone, the keen cutting edges are "set." This done, the blades are closed, and the "hafting wheel" gives the final polish to the outer side.—Philadelphia Record.

Our Colored Subscribers

NORTH HARLOWE NOTES.

Craven county, July 19.—A large delegation from Pilgrims Rest Church, headed by Deacons C. A. McCabe and George Stamps, went to Morehead City Sunday to organize a new church, which is the first of the Christian Disciple denomination in that town. The trip was made on the launches of Capt. R. T. Tilden and J. D. Loftin, through the New Canal going and the old canal returning. The day was spent pleasantly not only on the journey but the good sermons listened to were very edifying.

The name of the new church is "Christian Star." After the morning sermon, Deacons McCabe and Stamps were requested to lift the collection to where there was a liberal response. A good collection was also taken up at the night service, after a powerful sermon by Rev. W. C. Miller whose text was "Where Art Thou?" Rev. J. H. Smith responded.

There will be quarterly meeting at Pilgrims Rest Church the fourth Sabbath in July, 23rd. We are anticipating a happy occasion.

This whole community sympathizes with Messrs. J. S. and J. A. Morton in the loss of their buildings by fire a few days ago. It is a loss felt by all in this section. The Mortons do about all the mercantile and other business of this section and we hope they will soon be able to rebuild.

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"Neither my sister nor myself might be living today, if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery," writes A. D. McDonald of Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 8, "for we both had frightful coughs that no other remedy could help. We were told my sister had consumption. She was very weak and had night sweats but your wonderful medicine completely cured us both. It's the best I ever used or heard of." For sore lungs, coughs, colds, hemorrhage, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup, whooping cough, all bronchial troubles, its supreme. Trial bottle free. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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An officer in the army, noted for his bravery, laughed at a timid woman because she was alarmed at the noise of a cannon when a salute was fired. The brave officer subsequently married that timid woman, and six months afterward he took off his boots in the hall when he came in late at night.—London Telegraph.

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Commodore Vanderbilt used often to arbitrate his tenants' disputes, and one day two farmers called on him in his function of arbitrator. The commodore before consenting to act up to the first tenant the necessary question: "Now, Henry, if I consent to arbitrate will you abide by my decision?"

The farmer—a hard headed old fellow, answered thoughtfully: "Well, commodore, I'd like to know what it is first."

SOLVES A DEEP MYSTERY.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poison that causes rheumatism, Electric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at all druggists.

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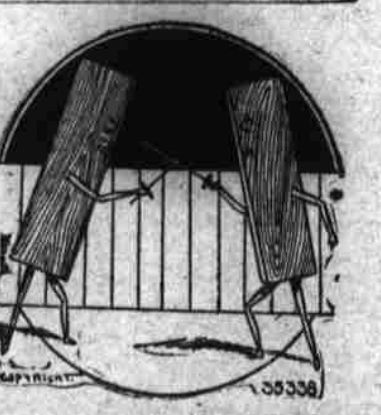
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