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LET'S TRY AGAIN

Quite inadvertently the ADVANCE stumbled some weeks ago upon a project now almost forgotten but once nearly consummated.

In suggesting that the Portsmouth, South Mills and Elizabeth City Railroad, if constructed should be extended to Lister's pier, this paper did not know that a little more than two years ago an attempt was made to form a stock company to build a road from that point to Elizabeth City. We have since learned, however, that the plan was not only contemplated but that the stock was subscribed almost to the amount deemed necessary for the effecting of the project. But for the lack of a small fraction of the twenty-five thousand dollars asked for, the plan fell to earth.

Now if nearly twenty-five thousand dollars was subscribed for this undertaking two years ago, it ought to be altogether possible to get more than that amount now. Elizabeth City is bigger than it was two years ago; it is more progressive and less torn by dissension and strife. Our streets have been paved. Spite of the scepticism once prevailing, Elizabeth City now has gas. It's cotton oil mill is in operation. And, by the way, that oil mill company was formed on the second canvass for stock—after the first canvass had failed. Why not a second canvass for a railroad to Lister's pier?

There are Tyrrell county people who are interested in this project and have means to aid to some extent in financing the proposition. Lister's pier is in touch with some of the finest farming lands in Pasquotank county. The ADVANCE sees no reason why some of these prosperous farmers could not be induced to invest in the project. And with the help of the farmers of our own and Tyrrell county surely Elizabeth City can raise twenty-five thousand dollars! As a northern capitalist speaking of the matter said the other day, there is more than one man in Elizabeth City who could finance the proposition alone.

We know of a town in another section of the state that twenty-five years ago was no more than a country village. With no transportation facilities whatever, there was no possibility of any considerable development; and the big railroad lines refused to connect with it. But there was one man in the little village with money, a public spirited citizen who has since established a college for women in the town. He constructed and operated a railroad from his village to the county seat. Manufacturing enterprises sprang up. Business developed. To-day the census gives that town a population of twenty-five hundred people and at the present rate of growth it will in another decade or so be the biggest town in the county.

Better transportation facilities were the one thing needful to the development of that town. Better transportation facilities are the crying need in Tyrrell county and would greatly develop the Salem section of Pasquotank. Elizabeth City is to be developed by the improvement of the farming lands surrounding it and by making itself of easier access to these farming lands. It is but eighteen miles to Lister's pier. The building of a railroad to that point is a project within easy reach. The ADVANCE urges that the matter be taken up again.

WHY NOT GATESVILLE?

The ADVANCE commends to the people of Gates county the reading of the editorial on this page "Let's Try Again."

We should be glad to have them observe what happened in another state in a town without rail-

road facilities and which, if the railroads had been left to themselves, would never have been given such facilities, when a railroad was built by private enterprise and by private capital. Gatesville has been prevented from having a railroad because as a result of a railroad a few individuals now in business there would lose money. For the sake of these men it has been permitted that the growth of the county seat or one of the most rapidly developing counties in the state be checked and retarded. It is a shame that this should be so.

There may not be one man in Gatesville or in Gates county who could build a railroad and operate it on his own resources. But a few men could get together and do it. But in the case of Gates County it would not be necessary to operate the road. The Norfolk Southern would buy the road before the first train was run we believe and perhaps, even, before the first cross tie was laid. Gatesville can get a railroad, whenever she wants it enough to work for it.

The present population of Gatesville, according to the census is barely over two hundred, and the town will never be much bigger until it gets transportation facilities.

And while the Coast Line and the Norfolk Southern both tarry, behold Gatesville slumbers and sleeps.

Recently there has been established in Gatesville a bank that has made marked progress and the statements of which show great prosperity. But there have more recently been other banks established in Gates county and the bank of Gatesville will not be able to maintain its supremacy unless the town and those interested in it wake up.

LAXATIVES

Laxatives act in different ways and some are more harmful than others. Salines, for instance, impose heavy burdens upon the kidneys, besides irritating the bowels. When long used they produce an obstinate intestinal catarrh. Laxative drugs increase the condition which they are supposed to cure, while it is almost universally true that the most difficult cases to cure are those in which laxative drugs have been used. There are few physicians who will deny this statement. Many people use cathartics because they produce immediate result, without considering the injurious reaction that must follow. Many who have learned this from experience are led to believe that the use of the enema will overcome the injurious effects of constipation, but constant use of this means, good for occasional relief is almost as harmful as drugs, the natural action being steadily lost. It is a mistake to suppose that mild laxatives are harmless.

What we really need instead of drugs to prod already over-worked organs on, is the proper kind of food and exercise in order that they may do their work naturally. It is poor policy to put drugs of which we know little into bodies of which we know less.

If troubled with constipation, go to the bottom of things. Remove the cause by leaving off heavy pastries, cut down the meat allowance to half or less. Increase the fruit and vegetable items, drink plenty of good, pure water, particularly before breakfast. Exercise the muscles of the waist and give the internal organs a massaging when you first arise by bending the body forward, backwards and sidewise for from three to ten minutes. Endeavor to establish a regular, free and easy daily habit with the bowels. If found necessary, some mild laxative may be used at first to help establish the habit, but the use of the laxative should be decreased and finally dispensed with altogether.

GLASS HOUSES AGAIN

The editor of the ADVANCE is grateful for a good memory. When this paper first appeared here a certain "organ" was warning the folks that if they took a newspaper regularly out of the office, whether they had subscribed for it or not, they could be held legally responsible for the debt. Now the same medium is unctuously proclaiming that no paper

can collect such accounts.

The ADVANCE is not concerned with any question as to which of these positions is correct. This paper has no desire to collect any account which is not just and which one to whom a statement is sent does not believe to be just. But we do send out statements, as do practically all publications, notifying subscribers as to when their subscriptions expire. The object of these statements, of course, is simply to prevent misunderstanding, and not to "dunn" our customers for money.

Like most publications, the ADVANCE regards all subscriptions as permanent unless we are advised to the contrary when the subscription is taken. We have devised, however, a system whereby the paper of subscribers who prefer it is automatically discontinued when their time is up.

The ADVANCE has good grounds for believing that its bona fide subscription list will compare favorably with that of any publication in this section. And if any are getting the ADVANCE who do not want it, it is a simple matter to get it discontinued. Refusal of the paper at the post office will do the work or a request sent directly to this office will receive careful and prompt consideration.

WHY NOT?

An enormous amount of work was done by the Daughters of the Confederacy in getting up the play "Slumberland", presented at the auditorium last Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Also a great deal of work was done by those taking part in the play. For all this labor the daughters cleared, we understand, about one hundred dollars. Considering the amount of work involved, this sum is altogether too small. An equal amount of work put in soliciting voluntary subscriptions ought to have yielded better results.

There is still left a small debt on the monument to the Confederate soldiers of Pasquotank county which the Daughters have erected here. The ladies have

been working hard and faithfully now for nearly two years to raise this money. Can't the folks who take the ADVANCE come to their rescue now and subscribe the amount still due? The ADVANCE will be one of the seventy-five to give a dollar to this end. And we suggest to the ladies that now that so many are announcing themselves candidates for office, a canvass of the town might be especially fruitful.

Miss Mary Love is visiting at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Caleb White of Portsmouth is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Munden.

Mrs. Frances Chaplin of Tyrrell county is visiting her son, Mr. Spencer Chaplin, of this city.

Miss Ethel Godfrey has returned from a trip to Hertford.

Miss Mabel Roper, of Roper, N. C. is visiting Miss Wright on Road street.

FRAIL, SICKLY CHILD

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