

## THE ROAD IS LEASED

Howland Gets the A. & N. C.—  
His Proposition is for a Lease  
for a Term of 91 Years and He  
Agrees to Spend \$250,000 for  
Betterments During the First  
Five Years.

Charlotte Observer.

Newbern, Sept. 1.—The stockholders of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, in session at Morehead City, this afternoon, voted—893 to 95—to lease the road to R. S. Howland, of Asheville. The State vote was cast for the lease.

It was a distinguished gathering which met to-day to decide on the question of the lease of the road. Last night it was said the deal had really been consummated, needing only official endorsement. The local interest was satisfied the lease would be made and there was no crowd attending the meeting here, but outsiders were in evidence. Ex-Governor Jarvis, J. H. Poy, Governor Aycock and Messrs. Beckwith and Ballard, members of the board of internal improvements: Judge Womack, Colonel Davidson, and Attorney General Gilmer, were among those present.

Shortly after 12 o'clock the meeting of stockholders was called to order by President J. A. Bryan, who nominated J. E. Robinson, for temporary chairman, George Green secretary and C. L. Stevens assistant secretary. On call it was shown that a quorum was present. The chairman declared the meeting organized. President Bryan said it was the desire of Governor Aycock that the meeting adjourn to meet at Morehead City, and on motion adjournment was taken to meet at 3 p. m. at the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead. Special cars were provided and the crowd at once boarded these, which were attached to a shoofly train, which was held. The stockholders took dinner at the Atlantic Hotel at their own expense, and it was 4 o'clock before the meeting was called to order. The proxies' report was read by the secretary and adopted. It showed 17,262 shares represented with 1,410 votes. The temporary organization was made permanent. State Proxy J. W. Grainger, said the Governor had received two propositions for a lease of the Atlantic & North Carolina, upon which he and Mr. Ballard agreed as favorable. By mistake the secretary read a proposition from a Philadelphia syndicate, this being withdrawn before the meeting. The proposed corporation to be known as the Goldsboro, Newbern & Morehead City Railroad Company signed by W. L. Kennedy, H. B. Borden, William Dunn, W. S. Chadwick, name a lease proposition for 93 years, to pay 3 per cent. the first 20 years, 3 1/2 per cent. the third ten years and then 4, 4 1/2 and 5 per cent each successive ten years, and 6 per cent. the balance of the time. Various provisions were included to provide for interest on bonded debt, payment of taxes during lease, meeting all expenses, keeping property up and subject to expert examination by State; also to protect the road from damages, accept supplies on hand at market value, secure all rental, deposit \$1,000,000 as security. The Howland proposition covered same interest rates for a term of years and was for 91 years and four months. It is also agreed upon the various provisions as the first proposition and in addition agreed upon an expenditure of \$250,000 for betterment on the road during the first three years, the lease to be in the name of R. S. Howland, or the Howland Improvement Company, of North Carolina.

When the propositions were read R. C. Duncan offered a resolution that the Howland proposition be accepted. Col. Theo. F. Davidson was given permission to make a few remarks. He gave a sketch of Howland, of his \$300,000 investment in western North Carolina, his character and his reputation among the people of Asheville, among whom he was held in high esteem. He also told of his property holdings in Rhode Island, California and Cuba. C. E. Poy said he was against the lease and entered a protest, giving warning that if a lease was given its validity would be tested in court. C. A. Flowers, holding stock proxy for Fannin county, said he agreed with Mr. Poy. His people would favor lease for 25 years at 3 per cent, with 1 per cent added each additional ten years, with a security deposit by lessee of \$1,500,000. Governor Jarvis favored the lease and spoke eloquently, to which Mr. Poy again replied, upholding the lease by private stockholders of the road to Howland. On a vote on the Duncan resolution 893 favored it and 97 were against, the State vote being cast for lease.

The Catawba Power Company will move its headquarters from Rock Hill, S. C., to Charlotte September 15th.  
Mrs. Sarah R. Chedister, who died in Asheville last week, left an estate valued at \$74,000 to be divided between her seven children.  
George Holliday, colored, committed suicide in the jail at Fayetteville Thursday by hanging his head against an iron bar of the cell.  
The Lincoln Journal says that the population of Lincoln has trebled in the last four years, and the taxable property has doubled in the last three years.  
The State has chartered the Watauga County Bank, commercial and savings, at Boone. It also authorizes the Alpine Cotton Mills, at Morganton, to increase its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$125,000.

## SOME FARM EXPERIMENTS.

Cotton Well Fruited When 400 Pounds of Fertilizer Was Used  
Mr. J. A. Morrow Hurd—Probable Farming Near Pisgah—Other Items of Interest.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

Pisgah, Sept. 3.—A stranger of the male sex weighing about 10 pounds made his arrival at Mr. Porter Morrow's Saturday. Mr. John W. McReady has a giant red oak in his yard which is 15 feet around, actual measurement. Mr. McReady is having an experiment in cotton culture. On one acre he applied 400 lbs. of Durham 8-2-3 goods and on another he applied 200 lbs. of Durham 8-2-50-3. On the first the cotton is well balled, on the latter the cotton is about the average.

Mr. John A. Morrow was thrown by a mule Tuesday and badly hurt. On Friday he was on the way to town leading a mule behind the buggy. The animal got scared at a bush and jumped against the hind wheel, breaking out several spokes and pulling Mr. Morrow out back ward over the seat of the vehicle, bruising him up.

Mr. Ed. Morrow sprained his foot during the game of ball Thursday between Pisgah and Union Grove and it keeps him on the hop.  
Mr. John W. McReady went to the city of King's Mountain Friday on business.  
The writer's sprained knee-joint is doing as well as could be expected.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lem T. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Morrow, and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus S. Carson were visitors at Mr. John A. Morrow's last week.  
Mrs. Ida Bradley was the guest of Mr. W. P. Morrow last week.  
On the writer's test farm the teosinte is doing well—19 sprouts to one stalk. Sand vetch covers the earth like dew. Soja beans are five feet tall and blooming. The Kaffir corn is in tassel.  
Pisgah was defeated by Union Grove in a game of ball last Thursday by a score of 9 to 4 in favor of Union Grove.  
Miss Annie May Weir spent last Tuesday in Kings Mountain at Mr. G. C. Hopper's.  
Mr. C. W. Chaney of Lenoir is preparing a handsome, modern, and commodious residence on his farm adjoining Mr. W. Jack McCready.

We have just received a letter from Mr. James A. Morrow of Blue Ridge, West Virginia. He speaks of visiting home folks in Pisgah in December.  
Farming pays in Pisgah. A young man rented a worn out farm near here last year and cleared \$280 off his cotton, produced 420 bushels of corn and cleared on it \$340.20; 1600 bundles of fodder at \$1 per hundred—and then married a nice, quiet, sensible girl and settled down to enjoy life.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Hanks leave this morning for Crocker to spend till Monday at Mr. John W. Howell's, the father of Mr. G. M.  
Mr. E. B. Weir of Dallas has the contract to erect a number of new houses for the Arlington. Work has begun and will be prosecuted until completed, which will occupy about three months.  
Mr. J. F. Jackson of Gastonia, has some magnificent cotton on his farm near here. The stalks are loaded down with the heavy bolls. Mr. Jackson used 400 lbs. of Durham fertilizer to the acre.

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## WAY TO CURE DRUNKENNESS.

In Persia the Drunkard's Ear is Nailed to the Sidewalk.

Pittsburg Press.

There is only one custom in our country which I would like to see established in America, and that is the custom of dealing with drunkards, said Isaac Yohannen, a Persian missionary, who lectured to a large audience at the Norwegian Lutheran church last evening. "In our country when a man gets drunk we take him and nail him to the sidewalk, driving the spikes through his ears. Then when other people come along they spit in his face and kick him until he is sober. I think this method would do a great deal of good in America, because you have more drunkenness than we do. There are no saloons in Persia, the chief beverage being home-made wine. They don't even know what beer is."

"Our officials have several ways of making prisoners confess to crimes," said Mr. Yohannen. "The favorite method is to take them on a stand, around which all the people of the town gather, and then put out one eye. If the crime is not very great, an arm is cut off or a leg severed. If it is only a trivial offense, probably an ear is sacrificed. Very often innocent people are subjected to these torments, but it cannot be helped."

"The Persians very seldom hang a man for crime. If he kills another he is fined \$15 and allowed to go. If he kills ten or a dozen and the people finally decide that he ought to be put out of the way he is hanged. But he is not hanged as they hang men in this country. He is hanged by the feet and a heavy weight is tied to his head. Then he is allowed to die. If the accused prisoner is a woman her hair is shorn from her head providing the offense is a trivial one. If it is a serious one she may be turned into a room filled with mad cats and be scratched to death."

"Persian jails are dark cellars and contain no furniture whatever. The government doesn't feed prisoners, this being left to friends of the accused. If he happens to have no friends he will starve to death. Oftentimes when food is brought by friends the keepers of the prison appropriate it so the prisoners have to go hungry."

## KANSAS IS CONTENTED.

William Allen White Finds Nothing in the Matter With the State.

Emporia Gazette.

Kansas is called excitable—but she is as calm as a basket of chips this year. Not a wave of trouble rolls across her peaceful breast. Right years ago people were flocking into the Gazette stopping the paper. T. G. Wibley stopped it three times in that campaign. But this year he is taking the paper—insides and tops and all—without so much as a yip of disapproval. And when Wibley is satisfied the world is soaked in goose grease and is smooth all over. Right years ago the Populists were going to reform the world at the next meeting of the legislature and were carrying banners up and down the streets denouncing Wall street, waving flags at the octopus, and shaking sticks at the gold bugs. These were hot, happy and ramunctious days. A man could start a riot by reading the alphabet in a loud tone; produce a revolution by reciting the multiplication table in a dramatic manner, and get six months in the hospital by declaring for either of the ten commandments against the Chicago platform.

But now Kansas is as idle as a pointed turtle on a plaster parlor log; placid as a hired man asleep under a hedge fence, and happy as a big sunflower that nods in all the breezes.

The reason is that Kansas has paid her debts, has money in the bank, a clear conscience, and "an organ in the parlor to give the place a tone." Everything is lovely and the altitude of the goose is above timber line.

How Mary's Lamb Escaped.

Washington Star.

Mary had a little lamb; The meat trust didn't know That Mary had it or they would Have seized it long ago.

The Bell Telephone Company serves 1200 people in Charlotte and employs 25 young women operators. Charlotte alone of the Carolina towns has a larger list, so the Charlotte Observer says.

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## FREE SPEECH IN THE HOME.

Thoughts Evoked by a New Display of Pennsylvania Justice.

Chicago Record Herald.

A young woman of Wilkes-barre, Pa., who was fined 67 cents for swearing at a visitor made the defense that she should be allowed this freedom of speech in her own home. While this may sound like a spirited plea for the liberties of the home the thought sometimes occurs that the sweetest of places might be the better for some of the restrictions that apply to our broader social intercourse.

It is by no means certain, for example, that the home of the young woman referred to is improved because she raises her voice there in profanity. We might even argue that there would be a much greater improvement if she did not raise her voice at all. A low, softly modulated voice is not only pleasant for the visiting neighbor, but for the old folks at home and for the brother and sister. On the other hand, a screeching and a bawling, even without profanity, are particularly hard to bear when there is no escape into the outer darkness.

However, this is but one phase of the question, which is really of the broadest imaginable dimensions. Sometimes the liberty of the home goes to the other extreme and manifests itself in a portentous silence that is as difficult to endure as an excited outpouring of denunciation. In one case, as in the other, we miss the good form that is imposed by society and we long for a return to society, for formality instead of freedom. Anything, in fact, is preferable to the much too cozy home circle, and under such circumstances the comfortable old slipper does not suggest comfort. It feels rather as if it might be something to throw.

But whether freedom shrieks or goes dumb the desideratum seems to be about the same, and it is the same with man and woman. Why ignore the little refinements and graces and courtesies in the home that are for common use outside? Why should the Wilkesbarre girl make her queer distinction?

## THE WHITE PLAGUE.

People Should Join in Movement to Stamp Out Consumption.

Richmond Times-Dispatch.

It is said by medical experts that of the 90,000,000 people in the United States to-day, 9,000,000 will die of tuberculosis unless some method of prevention be used.

That is a statement that ought to startle and arouse the people to action. But it will be disregarded by most of those who read it—by some because they will not believe it, and by others who do not believe that there is any possibility of their becoming victims.

But the statement is doubtless true, and who can say that he will not fall a victim to the White Plague, when the air is full of the disease germs? "No medicine in a bottle ever cured tuberculosis," said Dr. Homer M. Thomas, of Chicago, in an address before the Chautauque Assembly at Ottawa, Ill. "The four basic principles upon which rests salvation from tuberculosis," said the speaker, "are pure air, pure water, pure food, pure thoughts."

But what we want is prevention. Consumption is a preventable disease, and it is sinful for us to fail to use the means to that end. A movement to stamp out the disease has been inaugurated in Virginia, and it should have the cordial support of the people.

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