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## TAP THE N. & W. SAYS MR. WRAY.

### ADVANTAGES IN THIS ARE MANY

### A Heavy Freight and Passenger Traffic, and Competition in Freight Rates will Appeal to a Variety of Interests in two Prosperous Counties.

"Let me offer you a suggestion for your paper," said Postmaster J. F. Wray yesterday. "Reidsville's interest in better railroad facilities should not be allowed to lag. Nothing can be of greater benefit to the place and to the county than another road coming into this point, and you have been on the right track in advocating this matter. While you are at it pull for a railroad to run from Yanceyville through Reidsville and Leaksville and Spray, and tap the N. & W. either at Ridgeway, Va., Madison or Stoneville. The proposition would appeal to capitalists more forcibly and would be of great advantage to every section through which it passes than a spur line or trolley or dummy run into Caswell alone.

"A road from Yanceyville to the N. W. would give all these points the advantage in freight rates, and in this way the saving to the merchants alone would be enough to pay good dividends. Then the better rates which the Reidsville and Spray manufacturing enterprises would get would justify the manufacturers at these points in subscribing liberally for stock.

"Those towns which have competition in freight rates have long advantages over those which have only one road, as has been demonstrated time and time again in other towns of the State. Put Reidsville on this basis and she would have an advantage over Danville, Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington, and Mt. Airy, and in fact almost every other place in this Piedmont section.

"In addition to this fine advantage we would have right at our door an abundance of the best timber to be found in the State, and Reidsville would have a saving in the accessibility to the raw product and competition in freight rates on the manufactured articles. And what I say of the lumber industry will apply with equal force to the tobacco interest, which at the present time is of most importance to Reidsville.

"The through road would give the tobacco market here an advantage over the Danville or Narrows markets in a section which produces quantities of tobacco, and bring into closer touch with our merchants some of the most prosperous in a rich section of Rocking County.

"Another advantage in this road would be a heavy passenger traffic which would be kept up from Reidsville to Leaksville and Spray, as all those people desiring to go either North or South would in all probability find it

much more convenient to come to Reidsville to catch the Southern than to go over the slow line from Spray to that point.

"Passenger traffic is one of the most profitable features of the railroad business, and capitalists will be more interested in knowing about the prospects for business in this line. Passengers load and unload themselves and do not require bills of lading and so much red tape.

"A connection with the Norfolk and Western will give Reidsville freight rates to and from the West as good as those enjoyed by Lynchburg, for instance, as that road and its connection would get a large part of the coal, provisions, shoes and feedstuffs, all of which come from the West. Under present conditions these supplies come to Reidsville through Asheville or Lynchburg, and there being no competition here, the freight rates are perceptibly higher than at those points further away which already have competition on other roads.

"A railroad connection would be infinitely better for Caswell merchants and no doubt you would find them more anxious to encourage a railroad enterprise than a trolley line.

"In addition to the co-operation of those citizens to the East of us we would also enlist the support of the gigantic manufacturing interests at Spray, as I understand they have already been desiring the connection with the N. & W. at Ridgeway, and have been making some efforts looking to a consummation of a deal whereby the advantage in freight rates could be secured.

"This is a suggestion not so much for the committee which is looking into the proposition to connect up the Caswell territory as it is for a supplementary committee to proceed to work on the other end and get matters in shape to submit a proposition to the committee which the meeting appointed Thursday night."

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W. E. Jones, Reidsville.

Daniel Clift, Martinsville, Va.

J. S. Pirtle, Thompsonville.

Mrs. O. C. Heckett, Washington, D. C.

E. T. Motley, St. Louis, Mo.

J. N. Gardner, Nashville, Tenn.

J. B. Gardner, Reidsville.

J. N. Watt, Reidsville.

W. G. Massie, Mikesville.

C. A. Wootton, Reidsville.

J. R. Wright, Reidsville.

J. H. Carruth, Reidsville.

J. T. Peice, Geneva.

D. J. B. Gantt, Reidsville.

D. G. Plack, Reidsville.

C. R. Hopper, Elkton, Va.

J. J. Swann, Hopper.

J. S. Page, Oregon.

T. J. Penn, San Francisco, Cal.

D. E. Wootton, Reidsville.

G. W. Buxton, Reidsville.

R. H. Blackburn, Jacksonville, Fla.

C. H. Denny, Jacksonville, Fla.

S. P. Paschal, Reidsville.

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Rev. Tom Dixon made an address on the negro, in a Baptist church in New York, Sunday. It was lively. He said that the negro must be removed from the United States, or that in fewer than 69 years we will have to fight for existence and the preservation of the white home. "There is only one solution of the negro problem by which a race war within this century can be avoided, and that is by a peaceful and friendly migration of the African," said Mr. Dixon. "This has never been seriously tried. President Lincoln would have accomplished the task had he lived out his years. The man who freed the negro was at the time of his death preparing a plan for removing him from this country." The Baltimore Sun's report indicates that Mr. Dixon almost stirred up a riot. There was excitement during the meeting, the cheers of the negro sympathizers being answered by cries from others. Toward the end of the meeting, it was necessary to call in two policemen—Rev. Madison C. Peters, pastor of the church instructing them to arrest the next man who interrupted the proceedings. —Charlotte Chronicle.

**Record of a Marrying Parson.**

The Rev. F. K. Hunsicker, pastor of St. Peter's church of Molltown, holds Berks county's record for the number of weddings conducted in 1905. During the year 1,698 marriage licenses were granted in the county, and Pastor Hunsicker married 115 couples, being 8 per cent. of the number of licenses granted, but decrease of twenty-three couples from 2904. This deficiency was due to Mr. Hunsicker being abroad five weeks.

It is no unusual event for this minister to perform five or six marriage ceremonies on a Saturday night, and in one day the past year he married eight couples.

During the thirty-six years of his ministry he has married 2,515 couples, conducted 8,168 funerals, baptized 6,400 persons and confirmed 3,350 persons. —Hereford Correspondence Philadelphia Record.

**A Menace to Health.**

Kidney trouble is an insidious danger, and many people are victims of a serious malady before the symptoms are recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure cures the irregularities and strengthens and

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He is now 37 years of age, having been imprisoned at the age of 21, when a student at Warsaw university. His appearance, however, is that of a man of 60. He is physically and mentally a wreck, his sharp teeth are whitened by the moist air of the prison cells, and his features are haggard; the vivid eyes alone show that he is still life in the wasted body. His awful experience has made him very timid, and he declines to permit the use of his name, for fear he may be caught again by the czar and sent back to his prison cell. This is his story:

"A little over 16 years ago I was brought from Warsaw to the Schlusselburg, after a Polish patriotic agitation. My cell was an underground room of about eight feet by twelve. For the first six months I was kept chained to an iron bar passing through the wall and out into the corridor. Whenever the bar was turned by the guard I was jerked around in my bed. Every half hour the guard turned the handle, so that even the solace of an undisturbed sleep on an iron bedstead was not granted to me.

"In the morning the bed was removed from the cell, and I was obliged to lie on the damp stone floor, not withstanding my illness.

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"In such surroundings it is little wonder if attempts are made by the prisoners to free themselves from the burden of a life without hope. One prisoner, Gratshevsky by name, poured over himself the contents of the paraffin oil and died after horrible suffering. Another, Sopsy Grinsburg, opened her veins with a broken lamp tube.

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