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**THE JOURNAL.**

H. S. HUNN, Editor.  
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**BAD POLICY.**

We copy below a timely article from the *Journal Observer* concerning the public lands in the Southern States. We have been contending since the JOURNAL was founded that it would be good policy for the State of North Carolina to use a portion of her convict force in cutting roads through her swamp lands, and now since the work is under way we think it advisable for the authorities to be cautious about letting these lands slip. There is no question about these peccos containing some valuable lands and some well timbered. All that is necessary to make them marketable is to cut roads through them which will not only be of convenience to the people living in those sections where the lands are, but will at the same time begin the work of draining:

Some of the Louisiana papers are criticizing the policy of that State in disposing of its public lands at a mere nominal price, ranging from twelve and a half to seventy-five cents an acre, these lands being bought and held by speculators with a view to future speculation. A great deal of it is heavily timbered land, one tree of which placed on the market would command more than the price paid for many acres. The *Times-Democrat*, of New Orleans, commenting upon it, says:

"We have pointed out repeatedly the danger of selling our entire public domain at cheap rates, and when better prices are ahead. The United States Commissioners of Agriculture, the forestry department, the lumber men all declare this, and predict an immense demand for Southern land and lumber within a very few years. In the meanwhile, the best of it is being 'gobbled up' by capitalists and corporations, by the thousands of acres at a time. Even in Florida, where much open treeless country has been lately purchased, improved and brought under cultivation—a decided advantage to the State—there is some complaint over the surrender of all the State lands to a foreign company; but Louisiana, being mainly well wooded, has far better reason to object to the sale of its public domain at figures which, while they were just and proper a few years ago, are really below their market value to-day."

All this applies to our Southern States as well as Louisiana, in some of which large tracts of the public domain have been practically given away, not to actual settlers whose purpose was to develop and improve but to speculators whose purpose was to hold and make money on. The State of Florida gave away several millions of acres, and the State of Texas an immense domain, to a Chicago company which agreed to build in consideration thereof a State capitol, which the State, which has a surplus in her treasury, could have built herself without feeling it. Mississippi and Alabama have also disposed of large tracts with an equally lavish stupidity.

And this short sighted policy prevails in the face of the fact that every day adds to the value of these lands, and that the time is not far distant when the Southern forest and the Southern swamp will be sources of inestimable value, the first for manufacturing purposes and building material, the latter for arable purposes when drained and reclaimed. Even now the agents of Northern lumber dealers are scattered about the South looking at the forests and making investments when they can, not with a view to present use, but to future use when convenient transportation will be opened up to them.

With a keen business foresight, they are anticipating future contingencies and are making investments now which will pay them ten or perhaps a hundred fold within a very few years.

It is a stupid and unpardonable policy for the States to be thus surrendering for a mere nothing lands which in a little time, if properly managed, may become sources of large revenue, especially when such surrender is not necessary and there is no valid reason for it.

**That County Line Again.**

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Neither Craven nor Carteret can successfully resist the law; and both will have to accept the division line, when run according to the act to define and establish it.

Therefore, it is of no consequence, just now, whether the passage of that act was procured through fraudulent misrepresentations or not. It is in force and the question for consideration is "has it been complied with? Has its evident meaning and expressed directions been carried out in locating the line claimed by Carteret as the dividing line between the counties?"

The act is explicit enough in regard to the natural boundaries and there is no dispute as to its meaning until they terminate at the head of Blue Billey's creek. It then calls for a "northeast course to the turnpike, thence to the mouth of Tourngain bay."

A northeast course will never intersect the turnpike, but will pass its northern terminus a considerable distance off, hence the course must be changed to conform to the call with the least possible deviation from the course named, which will make the line intersect the turnpike at its northern extremity or terminus.

This Messrs. Anthony Huff, Edward Caraway and Rufus W. Bell, in whom I had the utmost confidence offered to show, but instead thereof, showed the end of a neighborhood road which, as I am informed, is at least three miles from the place recognized as the end of the turnpike and Messrs. Wm. Howland and John Guthrie, who profess to be acquainted with the facts relating thereto corroborated their evidence. Not being aware that there was any dispute or controversy as to the turnpike's locality, the line was run accordingly and I supposed correctly until I received a letter from my father enclosing a copy of the act establishing the turnpike, which had been sent down several days before and kept for me at Mr. Washington Bell's store until the line was finished and I was returning home. I immediately showed the act to Mr. Guthrie and proposed to run the line correctly from Blue Billey's creek to the road recognized as the turnpike at Back creek, thence to Tourngain bay and upon his refusal to do so, declined to sign the joint report required by law to establish the line run as the dividing line between the counties and reported my action to our Commissioners, who individually concurred in my opinion that the line proposed is within the meaning of the act and were willing to accept a line so run. Still whether there is a turnpike or not is a question not by any means settled; some of our best lawyers doubt its existence. For the act of its creation expressly provides that the turnpike to be established shall extend through the State lands from the head of North river to the head of Adams creek and the turnpike, so called, runs from the head of North river to Back creek which is three or four miles from the head of the creek designated. If the turnpike was properly laid according to the act of its creation its northern terminus would be at the head of Adams creek and a line run thence would take more of Carteret's original territory than the present line takes from Craven, and Craven, if disposed, could contend for that line with as much justice and propriety as Carteret can for the present one.

It is not surprising that Craven has delinquents who are anxious to transfer their property from her tax list to that of Carteret. They believe their taxes will be less, for our confident friend, Mr. Guthrie, will not fail to so inform them, giving as a reason that the glorious old county of Carteret had never paid a cent of "railroad tax" and never should while such good, honest men as himself lived to oppose it within her wide extended borders.

Now, in conclusion, I will state in justice to our chairman that he was doubtless deceived, though unintentionally, since Mr. Rufus W. Bell admitted to me that he believed a northeast line from Blue Billey's creek to the turnpike would strike it near Back creek and did not think it would take from Craven more than one or two white families and that he told Mr. Bryan so. But he was referring to the lines between Blue Billey's creek and Tourngain bay and not

through the whole extent from Hesters creek to the said bay. The above is a fair statement of the facts as I understand them in regard to the county line and you can form your own conclusions as to whether Craven or Carteret's commissioners are to blame. Respectfully,  
H. A. MARSHALL,  
Surveyor appointed for Craven.

**BUT FOR A LAWYER.**

How a Dishonest Bank Cashier was Saved From the Penitentiary. A certain cashier, having large responsibilities at the head of a great city bank, was tempted, no matter how, to indulge in private speculations with the bank's funds. Before he realized it he had misappropriated and lost \$50,000. In desperation and to retrieve his fortunes he went still deeper, with the result that instead of extracting himself he shortly found the amount of his loss increased to \$100,000. The time of the annual examination of his accounts and the affairs of the bank being close at hand, he was unable to contrive a method of concealing his stealings, and the day before the official examination he went to his lawyer, a wealthy man, and made a clean breast. The lawyer, after some reflection, asked: "Do the directors still retain their confidence in you?" "They do not even suspect," was the answer. "Will you promise to be governed by my advice?" "I will." "Sit down and write a complete confession of your guilt." The cashier wrote and signed the required confession.

"Now," said the lawyer, "go to the bank before 10 o'clock to-morrow morning and take negotiable securities from the safe, to the amount of \$100,000. Bring them to me as early as possible. The cashier did as was directed, and brought government and State bonds to the required amount and gave them to his lawyer. "Now I will go with you," said the lawyer, "and plead your case with the bank directors at the regular meeting." They went together. The cashier read his confession in a voice convulsed with sobs. He told how the theft had been committed, avowed his remorse, and in the same breath confessed his inability to make good the amount. "What is the amount?" asked the President. "It is \$200,000," answered the cashier. There was a decided sensation in the board, and exclamations of astonishment at the extent of the loss went from mouth to mouth, in the midst of which the lawyer rose and addressed them. He begged them to consider the confidence, which was in itself a temptation, they had reposed in their cashier, his long service, and other things calculated to mitigate their feelings toward his client. He then shewed them that the publication of this deficit at that time would cripple the bank and probably compel it to close its doors, and ended by saying that he himself had such confidence in the future of his client, in his remorse and repentance, that he would engage to collect among his other friends and from various sources \$100,000, and bring it to them before 3 o'clock on that day, provided they would give his client a written guarantee against a criminal prosecution. "If not," he added, "his client would surrender himself into their hands and meet the penalty of his misdeeds, but the bank would lose the whole amount." Well, the directors deliberated, but they accepted the lawyer's terms, gave the cashier the release on the condition named, and took his resignation at the same time. The lawyer easily made a loan upon the securities and kept his word, "and," said my informant gravely, "that very cashier is a broker in the New York Stock Exchange to-day. He has paid up his liabilities to the bank, and is highly respected by all who do not know him as well as I do."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

The franchise of this enterprise is based upon the charter of the Dismal Swamp Canal Company. The purpose in view is the "improvement and extension" of that most important connecting link of the inland waters of Virginia and North Carolina. The legality of the Lottery has been fairly tested and established before the court. It is the

**A BRILLIANT SCHEME.**

**Dismal Swamp Lottery**  
Of Norfolk, Va.

**MOST ATTRACTIVE SCHEME**  
ever yet placed before the public, and an examination of the detailed plan will show that it is far more favorable to the ticket-holders than any other of similar character.

**CAPITAL PRIZE \$5,000.**  
Class A, to be Drawn at Norfolk, Va., on

**THURSDAY, September 20, 1883.**  
J. P. HORBACH, MANAGER.  
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