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NEW BERNE AND HER FUTURE.

We thank our friends for their expressions of approbation given the former articles on this subject. The prospects of New Bern, and indeed of this section, have been allowed to drift along unchecked.

A citizen of Pamlico tells us that in our article of the 8th inst., the remarks on the action of Gov. SCALES relating to the A. & N. C. R. R. voiced the sentiment of the people of his county. This is true.

It has been said by those who profess at any rate to know the Governor's mind regarding the disposition to be made of the railroad, that his policy is to lease the road. The facts prompting this action being in substance as follows: During its existence since 1859, under State management it has accumulated a debt of over \$200,000; its stock of \$100 par value depreciated to \$10, and for a long time selling even lower than this; the property of the company being no better, nor more valuable than the first year of its existence.

We are speaking of the road now as a piece of property owned by the stockholders; representing so much money and from which they have a right to expect some return. There may be some sentiment among a certain class of people that it is an institution of convenience merely, never intended nor meant to pay. We do not think so.

If what we have said was the true condition of the road and so found by Governor SCALES or assuming the executive of the State, no sane man can see any objection to action looking to the execution of this policy. Now was this the policy of the State? If the appoint-

ment of the State directors looks like it had any meaning, it has an eye that way. And it looks just one step further. The selection of the Governor on the Board of Internal Improvements—whichever did the job was the appointing power—were made to carry out the policy of lease, to "farm out the right of transportation"—to use the language of the charter—to a certain lessee, whether the lease so made was in accord with the views of the people of this section or not.

We have made no assertion as to the lease sentiment in this section. We believe that a large majority of the people want a lease of the road when one can be obtained on advantageous terms and sufficiently guarded. We wonder if the Governor knew this before the 25th of June! It is presumable that he did, as the State's proxy in an interview with the reporter of the News and Observer on the 27th or 28th of June is reported to have made a similar statement except he placed the majority favoring a lease as much greater than we have yet said.

There is certainly a great mistake here, and the Governor should know it. It is the duty of those interested in the happiness and prosperity of the State to tell him. He may think differently; his advisers may advise differently, but we fully believe that were the Governor brought face to face with the facts, and they were convincing he would act according to his convictions. Honorable in thought, just in judgment, we shall never have any other opinion of Governor SCALES than that he acted with the lights before him, being his best judgment.

It is said that this road can give more trouble than any other institution in the known world. It may have earned this reputation, and deserves it, so much the more reason for getting it out of the hands of politicians, yet this is no argument to excuse from placing men in the management not identified with the interest of the company. And we urge if the Democratic party has any courtesies to extend; if it has any offices to fill from the citizens of the State at large, fairness and justice would say, not forget those citizens resident in counties where no political hopes are held out to them; these people have done their duty. In the last campaign, no county in the State can show a better record than Craven or Halifax and of all counties in the State not one has suffered more from political misrepresentation than Craven. No, these people do not deserve to be slighted. They do not parade their actions, nor are they self-assertion of their own party allegiance. They have spoken to the record, and can refer to that. Wake up, people of Eastern Carolina! Lets pull together, a strong pull. No better people have ever been born; no truer people; wake! Wake up!

TARIFF DUTIES ON RICE. We lay before our readers in this issue a letter of Secretary FAIRCILDS in regard to granulated rice, in which it will be seen that only such products as may comply technically and truly with that name shall be admitted at twenty per cent ad valorem.

It appears that this provision of the law has been abused, doubtless with the consent of a ring in the New York Custom House and in the Treasury Department, by admitting broken rice under the head of granulated at twenty per cent ad valorem when it should pay two and one-quarter cents per pound. This has been a source of great loss to the producers of rice in this country, and it is certainly a cause for congratulation to them that Secretary FAIRCILDS is determined to enforce the law as it exists.

Agricultural districts are the greatest sufferers from a protective tariff. Their position is that a tariff should be levied for revenue only, and that the manufacturer should be content with the incidental protection that necessarily follows. We believe this is the doctrine of the Democratic party; but however much they oppose a protective tariff they certainly will insist on the execution of the laws as they exist.

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But the Secretary must have the hearty endorsement and co-operation of the planters themselves. A united effort on their part can not fail to receive proper consideration at the hands of the authorities at Washington. Doubtless many of the planters have been ignorant of this injustice done them, but now they need no longer remain ignorant of the fact, and now at the beginning of a Democratic administration they should lay their grievances before the Department and demand the full benefit of the law as it now stands.

Lucky Fridays. Friday, long regarded as a day of ill-omen, has been an eventful one in American history.

Friday, Columbus sailed on his voyage of discovery. Friday, ten weeks after, he discovered America.

Friday, Henry II. of England gave John Cabot his commission, which led to the discovery of North America.

Friday, St. Augustine, the oldest town in the United States, was founded.

Friday, the Mayflower with the Pilgrims, arrived at Plymouth, and on Friday they signed that august compact, the forerunner of the present Constitution.

Friday, George Washington was born.

Friday, Bunker Hill was seized and fortified.

Friday, the surrender of Saratoga was made.

Friday, Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, and on Friday the motion was made in Congress that the united colonies were, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

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