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ELECTRICITY IN TRANSPORTATION

A Mr. TURNER, of New York, has conceived the scheme of building an electric railway forty miles in length from Asheville to Rutherfordton. When completed it will be the longest electric railway in the world, and if a success it will demonstrate the practicability of using electricity in the place of steam for all transportation on railroads.

This particular project is then a most interesting one.

Midway between Asheville and Rutherfordton is Broad river, and where the road crosses the river and within half a mile above and below are found water powers, which combined, are equal to seventy-five thousand horse power. Here dynamos are to be planted to force the long freight and passenger cars over the mountains between Asheville and Rutherfordton. Here is sufficient power to pull all the trains on the R. & D. railroad over these mountains. The success of this enterprise is not a dream, for electricity is being used under similar conditions for transportation in both Germany and Switzerland. Comparatively it will cost but little to construct this electric railway, though it will traverse one of the most rugged sections of territory any where east of the Rockies. There is but little grading required for the road bed, for we are told that a loaded electric car can ascend or descend a mountain with as much self control as move on a dead level.

The success of the project means that all over the country where there is sufficient water power, electric railroads will be constructed. We look to see all Piedmont and Western North Carolina, where there is to be found some of the finest water power in the world, become bound in the iron bands of electric railways. Some day the Yadkin, the Catawba, the French Broad, the Broad, the Fignon, the Dan, the Pee Dee, the Neuse and the Cape Fear rivers will wear electric harness, and not only furnish rail road transportation, but will furnish the cities with light, heat, and water, run mills and shops and in fact furnish driving force for many of the institutions of commerce. This is not idle talk. Electricity is going to revolutionize the commerce of the country. The day is coming when the sea and the ox, the beasts of burdens will be freed from their great loads, Jove's thunderbolt bearing it. It takes no prophet to tell this much.

ENCOURAGE THIS MOVEMENT.

The farmers are a tremendous power when they combine, but they have been most unfortunate because of a lack of cohesive power. The very nature of their labors and their rural habitation tend to keep them ignorant of one another and the rest of the world, hence their interests have been treated with contempt too often. For every racial there is among the politicians, and there are thousands of them, there is more than one fool among the farmers.

But the farmers are earnestly trying to get the bull by the horns. Many of them may blindly follow such men as Folk and Peffer, whose crude notions are enough to shock statesmen and political economists, but the wisest and best men on the soil mean to do something better. The telegraphic despatches in yesterday's papers announced two important movements among the farmers. At a meeting of the farmers in Marlboro county, South Carolina, a resolution was passed calling for a mass meeting of the cotton planters of the South to urge a reduction of the acreage of cotton for the year 1892. Another despatch comes from the west stating that the farmers have determined to have a better price for wheat if they are forced to corner on it.

The supply of cotton has run away with the demand and the low price of cotton now is partially due to the fact that the Southern States made eight million bales last year, when only 7,000,000 bales were needed. The South is growing too much cotton and the effort to reduce the acreage should be encouraged. Storing cotton in warehouses will not raise the price one point but cutting down the supply will.

That will however not solve the serious question before the farmers and bring prosperity to the South. The farmers should never lose sight of the real cause of their most serious ills, to be the farmers relief and give them a fair chance in this wonderfully rich country by a reduction of the tariff, and the lowering of taxes. The farmers are so unwise for forgetting this for a moment.

Cotton is raised in thirty six different countries and while the reduction of the crop in the South would affect the market, it cannot reach the roots of the evil that is arising at the expense of agriculture. Cut down the imports and the farmers will prosper and give the farmer a fair chance to buy and sell in the markets of the world and we will

bear no more of such nonsense as subtrees, etc.

It is reported that Congressman Jerry Simpson will be accompanied on his speaking tour through the South by one or two female orators from the State of Kansas. Kansas is noted for her share of such orators, and one of them was so bitter in her opposition to ex-Senator Ingalls that she publicly declared that she "would follow him from Wall St. to h—l." Another doctrine they contend for up there in Kansas is the repeal of all laws in the Southern States forbidding intermarriage between the white and colored races. Some of them have gone so far as to declare that it was the exclusive right of the woman to determine the paternity of her child. Our friends in Georgia will hardly care to receive lessons in political economy from such teachers, and Uncle Jerry may expect to have his hands full if he takes with him any of these Kansas female orators. Their presence should excite the opposition of a first class Georgia watermelon. Wonder who pays the expenses of these female orators?—Raleigh News and Observer.

We understand that Jerry Simpson is good natured and will, no doubt, be regarded as a curiosity in the South. Put these women, if the News and Observer is correct, will be worse on the South than Sherman's army. It is said this gang is going South to see if it is really in favor of a third party, and if not it will go back to Kansas and preach Republicanism.

The Philadelphia Press has at long discovered that the South is in the union. It quotes with much joy apparently what Southern newspapers say of the Fourth of July celebration. The Press says:

"The Southern newspapers give significant evidence of the change in the method of recognizing the day. The Nashville American says: 'Our country's natal day was more generally observed here as a holiday than any former Fourth of July anniversary for the last third of a century.' The Charleston News and Courier is inclined to be a little facetious, but it nevertheless shouts with a good deal of vim: 'Glory! Old Glory! Let the American eagle flap his wings, screech a loud scorch, and take a firm hold of the flagstaff with his talons.' The New Orleans Times Democrat declared on Friday that the people intended to celebrate the day 'with a spirit and enthusiasm they have not put into it for nearly half a century,' and the Mobile Register asserts without fear of contradiction that 'despite the croaking of calamity orators and unprincipled demagogues, this is the freest, noblest and most prosperous land under the sun.'"

Now as a matter of fact the Southern people have been perfectly satisfied in the union for twenty years. They have but one complaint to make of their Northern friends and that is this: They have been and are being profusely bled for the benefit of a totally unworthy class at the North.

THE CHRONICLE believes in private execution of a condemned criminal, but it believes in humanness. What are the public to believe concerning the execution by electricity of the four men at Sing Sing Armed guards stood around the prison and warned newspaper men that they would be shot if they attempted to approach the prison to get the news of the execution, hence the newspapers have printed all sorts of contradictory about the execution and the public are in mental darkness as to the success of the new method of legal killing. It is asserted that some of the men were horribly burnt by the electrodes, but death was of course instantaneous, and painless. It is an important matter and the public have a right to know the real character of the new method. The newspapers of New York printed long accounts of what they supposed happened, which publication is a violation of the law. The law so far as regards the secrecy of the execution is very defective and is an insult to the liberty of the press.

The Albany Argus informs the Atlanta Constitution by authority that the Augusta Chronicle was correct when it declared that Hon David B. Hill never delivered in his Brooklyn speech or anywhere else one word in favor of the free coinage of silver.—Augusta Chronicle.

It is getting time to know what Hill is or is not in favor of. He once said "I am a Democrat," but there is more than one kind of a Democrat and the question now is what kind is Hill?

The Movement and the Resolutions. To the Editor of THE CHRONICLE. You seem to draw an erroneous conclusion from the inquiring of your Ohio correspondent published in yesterday's CHRONICLE. If you will turn again to his letter you will see that his inquiry is as to the kind of monument erected "to commemorate the Mecklenburg Resolutions." The genuineness of the Resolutions of May 21, 1775, has never been questioned, but the declaration of the 20th is the bone of contention. The controversy has been between these two events, and dates. Why did not your correspondent inquire as to the kind of monument erected to commemorate the Declaration which he refers to as subsequent to the resolutions was of course the National Declaration, for he would hardly expect a monument to be erected to the resolutions instead of the Declaration made by the same people just 11 days afterwards. The reference your correspondent makes to Bancroft's History is full proof that he referred to the Resolution of the 31st, for Bancroft makes no mention of the Declaration of the 20th.

Indeed it has been asserted, and so far as the public knows, without successful contradiction up to this time, that no historian or writer who has ever investigated the subject, with the exception of a few North Carolinians, has alluded to condemn the "Declaration of the 20th" as a myth or a fable, while all admit the genuine authenticity and commend the patriotic ruggedness of spirit of the resolutions of the 31. Your correspondent has heard of these highly creditable Resolutions, but does not seem to have heard of "Our Declaration." D. D. W.

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