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WHEN THE Georgians heard that Kentucky had gone 74,000 Democratic majority they tore their hair and wept with rage.

THE PHILADELPHIA Times wants Chief Joseph to tie a rag around General Howard's neck and send him back safe to the great father at Washington.

THE IOWA Democrats have nominated Irish for governor, and declare that Tilden must be renominated in 1880. They think on general principles he will do better in '80 than in '77.

NILSON RECEIVES twelve hundred dollars a night for soothing the savage Russian breast, besides which she will receive about six thousand more in benefits. Who wouldn't sing?

THE DEPARTMENT at Washington is telegraphing about every where to discover whether Sitting Bull has returned to his old hunting grounds from Canada. If old S. Bull has got back, they want need a telegraph to find him.

SECRETARY SHERMAN violated the civil reform order of the President by making a political speech in Ohio, and then celebrated the event by taking a jaunt in a revenue cutter around Lake Erie. He will need that cutter to row himself up Salt River after the elections.

THE PEOPLE of Union desire a narrow gauge road, and the people of Georgetown are also clamoring for connection with Camden. Fairfield lies between Kershaw and Union. Why not build a narrow gauge road from Shelton to Winnsboro, to tap the Spartanburg and Asheville and the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta road, and continue the same to Camden via Ridgeway. This route from Shelton to Camden would be easily graded, and would largely enhance the value of the real estate through which it passes.

A propos of Commodore Pegrans' reminiscences, the editor of the Norfolk (Va.) Landmark says:

"We happen to know something of Mr. Dawson's career, and can add our testimony to that of our gallant townsman, Captain Pegrans. A little incident, however, will speak, as Mr. Tupper has it, 'volumes in a word,' and this we give. After Mr. Dawson was wounded—the hurt in his leg was from a piece of shell, and under the knee—he gave up his place in an ambulance to a man worse wounded than himself. This incident speaks for itself."

It is about time to stop abusing Captain Dawson. The seeming effort to "crowd" the News and Courier is raising a sympathy in its behalf; while its editor is stigmatized as an adventurer, he is receiving a vindication of which any one should be proud. Surely one who, though a stranger, fought so gallantly in behalf of the Lost Cause, has won the right to express an opinion on all matters affecting the public welfare.

WHEN THE order of Patrons of Husbandry was first organized, it swept over the country like wildfire, and at one time numbered its members by the millions. But an attempt was made in the West to divert it from its legitimate purpose and to make a political machine of it; and in consequence it declined. There still remain, however, a large number of granges whose members devote themselves strictly to their duty—which is to improve agriculture. These granges have accomplished a vast deal of good, yet much is in store for them. There is no reason why the order should not be revived in Fairfield. Now that politics will no longer be the absorbing topic, the farmers can devote themselves to the material improvement of the country. An effort in this direction is making in

the reorganization of the subordinate granges, and the formation of a County Pomona Grange. Granges will give rise to fairs, and fairs by stimulating farmers to competition will achieve lasting good. Let the farmers organize. Not to fight merchants, but to prevent the ruin of the country, now imminent through defective tillage.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

A Pointed and Interesting Letter on the Subject.

Messrs. Editors:

It is a cheering sign of the times to see our people taking some interest in a matter which to me seems to be of vast importance to the whole county of Fairfield. I refer to the proposed Narrow Gauge Railroad from Chester to Georgetown.

The beginning of all public works is the full and free discussion of their merits through the medium of the press. I ask, then, the use of your columns to set forth a few points in connection with the above-named project. We can get a Narrow Gauge railroad if we resolve to have it, feeling that it is a necessity, not a luxury. Our sister town of Chester has become a railroad centre, by simply using the means at her disposal, small though they seemed at first. If it be urged that Chester was in better condition at that time to undertake such works than we are even now, I would suggest that the burden we propose to assume bears no greater proportion to our present and prospective resources, than that which Chester so bravely took up here to her available means. We have the great advantage of her experience, both as to the accomplishment and the fruition of her great work. Could we ask a more encouraging statement than Chester can make as to the result of her experiment?

As to the direction in which we must seek an outlet, the Chester and Georgetown Narrow Gauge offers almost everything that we could ask. Suppose the road was built and in successful operation—what new facilities does it afford to Fairfield? On the north it opens to us the Chester and Lenoir N. G. R. R., which, by its connection with the Air Line Railroad at Gastonia, has emancipated Chester from oppressive freights upon both cotton and merchandise. But the Chester and Lenoir is already almost completed to Lincolnton, N. C., and the company has just accepted a guarantee by citizens of Catawba county to extend the road to Newton on the Western N. C. R. R. Here, then, we have opened to us one of the granaries of the South—that splendid Piedmont country of North Carolina, with which a wagon trade has been steadily kept up for fifty years, throughout all our upper counties. Should no further extensions of the Railroad system in North Carolina take place, we shall have secured to ourselves incalculable benefits by reaching these points. But the State of North Carolina is steadily pushing her great work, the Western N. C. R. R.—the last tunnel through the Blue Ridge is approaching completion, and a comparatively short time will see the road built across the short interval, via Asheville and the French Broad, to the great valley of East Tennessee.

And mark, Messrs. Editors, the important fact that the above extensions are not projected lines. The Chester and Lenoir Railroad is secured to Newton by a legally binding guarantee signed by the best citizens of Catawba county. The State of North Carolina is building the W. N. C. R. R., with convict labor and by appropriations from the State treasury. The vast expenditures already made render the completion of the great work almost a necessity.

But not only do we reach the West by rail, but from Asheville to Winnsboro we have competing lines, viz: first via Statesville and Charlotte, and the C. C. & A. R. R. (with the line via Salisbury, N. C., to Charlotte, to keep freights within bounds); second, via Newton and the Chester and Lenoir to Chester and the "Chester and Georgetown Narrow Gauge Railroad;" third, via the "Spartanburg and Asheville," "Spartanburg and Union," "Chester and Union Narrow Gauge," and "Chester and Georgetown Narrow Gauge" to Winnsboro and all points south.

Thus it is certain that the building of the twenty-six miles from Winnsboro to Chester opens to us the great granaries of North Carolina and East Tennessee, with a moral certainty of reaching Cincinnati through the Cumberland Gap and that by three competing routes, with all the economy of the narrow gauge system in our favor. This gives likewise an outlet to the sea, over competing lines too, to Wilmington, Norfolk, Richmond, Baltimore and New York. All this, Messrs. Editors, to the north of us—is not this much worth working for? If we fail to seize this golden opportunity, can we ever repair the loss? With all these advantages, not only not secured to us, but passing around our very borders and redounding to the benefit of our more enterprising sisters, where shall we be a few years hence, in the eager race for prosperity and for prestige?

If you will further indulge me, Messrs. Editors, I shall in a future letter consider the results of extending our line southward, and also the ways and means of doing our part in this great enterprise. FAIRFIELD. Winnsboro, Sept. 3, 1877.

A SAD CASE OF ARSENIC.—Yesterday morning, about four o'clock p. m., a man with a heel in the hole of his stocking committed arsenic by swallowing a dose of suicide. The inquest of the verdict returned a jury that the deceased came to the fact in accordance with his death. He leaves a child and six small wives to rejoice over the end of his untimely loss. In death we are in the midst of life.—Exchange.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the announcement that twenty-five carpenters have left New York under contract with British builders for three years' work, comes an earnest warning from our Consul at Liverpool, which should deter emigration in that direction. Where one who receives employment a score will be reduced to beggary. This is not the only country that is suffering from depressed industries, and the chances of a revival of business are much better here than elsewhere. The whole story is told in the statement of the Consul, that able-bodied American mechanics are calling upon him daily for relief. Promise of constant work and good pay, coming from across the water, should be distrusted.

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