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## MISCELLANEOUS.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Of the President and Directors of the Wilmington and Manchester R. R. Company.

OFFICE WIL. & MAN. R. R. C. ) Marion C. H., 26 Nov. 1851. To the Hon, Senate and House of Reps. of the State of So. Ca:

In pursuance of an Act of the Gen-eral Assembly of the State, in December eighteen hundred and forty-nine, entitled "An Act to aid in the con-struction of the Wilmington and Manchester Rail oad," the undersigned, in pool waiting shipment. behalf of the company, begs bave to engineer, and the proceedings of the meeting of the stockholders in January, of the present year, to which time (and to the first of January of each ande up, which exhibits "the coudition and prospects of the company" at that time.

As important events have since then transpired in the affairs of the company, it is deemed proper to make a sunplemental report of them also.

At a meeting of the stockhollers President and Directors to issue bonds not exceeding \$800,000, bearing interest not exceeding 7 per cent., payable semi-annually, and redeemable at a period not exceeding twenty years, convertible into the stock of the company at the option of the holders, and to mortgage the road, proporty and effeets of the company to secure the payment of the same and the interest thereon, "for the purpose of raising the means for the more speedy com-

pletion of the road." In pursuance of this authority, the undersigned, under the instructions of the Board of Directors, proceeded to execute the 7 per cent, bonds of the company for \$300,000, with interest tors of the Company. The Board of compons attached, payable on the first Directors on the 8th of October last, coupons attached, payable on the first days of June and December of each year, at the Merchant's Bank of New the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad York, redeemable on the first day of Company, its increased receipts from June eighteen hundred and sixty-six, local business, and the reduced expenses and convertible into the stock of the of the Company which must soon folcompany at par value, at the option of low the completion of laying the new the holder, at any time before the first and heavy rail which the Company day of Jane eighteen hundred and six. have substituted for the one formerly ty-five, and executed a mortgage of used, concluded that it was better for the road and effects of the company to the interest of the Company to accept secure the payment of the same; that subscription, as the dividend which would be declared from the profits of of Messrs. Lanier, Winslow & Co., Bankers in the City of New York, for

The sale of these bonds has been in part effected by their agents, for cash, at prices more favorable than was at one time anticipated by them.

Negotiations have also been made, and the contract for seven thousand Baily, Brothers & Co., (which is the subscription. The market value of remainder of iron required to lay the that stock is now about 60, having ri-Wilmington, and 2500 tons at Charles- than two years past, and is still improton, during the next year, at \$41 50 insurance included, to be paid for in the stock of the South Carolina Rail-these bonds, the interest not to commence running till 60 days a ter deamount paid in; the stock of the latter livery, or in cash, at the option of the

to sell them on better terms than those

heretofore disposed of. The company, if they deem it best, have a right to sell all of the bonds and pay cash for their iron and locomotives.

In the month of April last the subscription in the town of Wilmington was formally made by authority of the Legislature of North Carolina of \$100. 000 to the capital stock of this Company, and the bonds of the corporation at 6 per cent. interest, payable annually, issued and accepted by the Company, in lieu of a subscription of that amount made by certain citizens of Wilmington, on condition that they might substitute the authorized subscription of the town therefor. About half these bonds have been sold at par and during the winter it is believed the other half will be disposed of on the same terms. This subscription was month of January, 1852, at \$42 50 per ton, payable on delivery, all ex-penses included.

Proposals for building the bridge

Two cargoes of this iron are expected soon to arrive, as advices have been received that they were at Liver-

The 3200 tons of rails purchased submit herewith, to your honorable ho. last year and referred to in the report dies, the third annual report of the of January last, have been received, President and Directors of the Wil. except one cargo, which is early lookmington and Manchester Rail oad ed for in Charleston, and has been paid Company, the report of the resident for as well as means provided for that which is to come of that purchase.

The stock of the South Carolina Rail Road Company which was set year) the accounts of the company are been disposed of, except 400 shares, made up, which exhibits "the coudi. (125 paid in) which was sold at \$108, as it was regarded the better policy to appropriate the proceeds of the Compony's bonds, when not immediately wanted, to that purpose, and hold the stock paying a dividend equal to the rate of interest on the bonds, and bidding fair to command a better price held in Wilmington in April 1 st, to some time hence. Of this stock the which time the general meeting of the Company now hold 800 shares (\$100,struction of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad to the extent required in order to receive it from the Comptroller General. At the last session of the Legisla-

State, for 2000 shares of the capital stock of this Company, provided the Company would accept 2000 shares of the capital stock of the Wilmington and Raleigh Railcoad, owned by the State, at its par value, therefor. The stockholders of this Company at their adjourned meeting, left the acceptance or rejection of this subscription to the decision of the President and Direcin view of the improved condition of the Company (the first ever made to the stockholders) and the prospect of an early completion of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad, would increase the value of that stock to par, or sufficiently to enable us to use it successfully by hypothecation when we might be required to do so.

The stock was consequently acceptwhole road) 4500 tous delivered at sen to that price from below 20 in less ving in such a way as bids fair to reaper ton on delivery, freight, duty and lize quite as much to our Company as Company at the time of subscription as selling at 62 (one hundred paid in.) At the same rate in bonds, the com-

requirements of the Engineer. From the New York Spirit of of the but his wife Cleoptra, being pleased wert the population, natives, foreigners, the junction of the South Carolina Times.] the junction of the South Carolina Rail Road, East, twelve miles of the track have been laid with the iron, and running twice a day, in connexion with the Camden branch.

The contract for laying the track beyoud this is progressing satisfactorily, ting from his jaded steed, at the close and one of the Company's engines of of a pleasant day in the fall of the over 16tons burden is now on the road running the passenger car and tansporting iron and materials to further the work. Platform and box cars are also provided, and the business of transportation of produce and merchandize will in a short time be commenced.

Wilmington, the grading is finished in the substantial meal spread before him part, and in such a state of progress as in the dining-room of his host. All to be ready when required, and the this might have been seen, and more timbers contracted for and delivered too, if you gentle reader had been there assigned to the purchase of 3000 tons where required, and the balance to be to see. of iron which was made during that so delivered at the direction of the Enmonth, deliverable at the Company's gineer. That for the bridges over the wharf, in Wilmington, during the principal streams is delivered where needed, and some of the bridges com-

across the Great Pee Dee have been advertised for, according to the specifications, and it is expected that the had Howe & Mabus' Circus here a this year, and commenced early in the Clown. But thar's a Debatin' Club States, North and South America, Orenext.

Prospects of the Company .- With the amount of work done, of the capital stock subscribed, the whole of the to while away the tedious hours of rous to mention-behold these couniron needed, as well as the number of night, our traveller assented, and to tries traversed by steamboats, rail oads locomotives secured, the payment for all of which is provided for, the means house was a country school house, and these things have been if it hadn't been the Company can now cont. ol, to pros- I presume that you, kind reader. know or Columbus. Gen. Washington apart to meet this payment has not ecute their work, and with an increas- how it must have looked for who is wouldn't have been born-but suppose ed force which it is intended soon to there in this "great and gel lorious he had, what then? What did Washadd to its construction, they hope to ked'ntry" that has not seen one !- ington ever do that was a great benereach the Great Pee Dee river, (65 There, mounted upon his throne in fit to this country. There is much miles from the Western terminus of the road) in time to take the next cot- village schoolmaster, exofficio, the sure he performed several masterly reton crop, or so much as may be offer- President of the Society-the counter- treats, but what's that an evidence of? ed, to market; and as about 20 miles from Wilmington are wholly graded and ready for the superstructure, which front of the old dominic sat the Secreta- screamed Foster, the village doctor, in is provided for, as soon as the iron contracted for arrives at that port, they ded deb iters for the evening occupied the ington a coward! who so base as dare same in January had been regularly 000 worth) having received \$50,000 sign to commence laying down their desks of the scholars back from their say it? Look at him at the battle of President of the United States. adjourned, the stockholders, by a vote since January, by complying with the required by the Charter, authorized the conditions of the act to aid the conwork on both sides of the line with continued and constant application till they are united.

The experience of others engaged in similar enterprises, as well as that ture of North Carolina provision was of those in this, warn us that it is unmade to subscribe, on the part of that safe to promise its completion too strongly at any given time. All that can be fairly expected is, that the means and resources of the Company tion?" shall be steadily applied to the construction of the entire work, and in this it is belived the public will not be disappointed.

Respectfully submitted. W. W. HARLLEE, Pres.

BE GENTLEWEN AT HOME.

There are few families, we imagine, anywhere, in which love is not abused. as furnishing a license for impoliteness! A husband, father, or brother will speak harsh words to those he loves best, and to those who love him the best, simply because the security of love and family pride keeps him from get-ting his head broken.

It is a shame that a man will speak more impolitely at times to his wife or sister, than he would to any other female except a low and vicious one .-It is thus that the holiest affections of man's nature prove a weaker protection to woman in the family circle than than the restraints of society, and that woman usually is indebted for the kindness and politeness of life to those not belonging to her own household. Things ought not to be so. The man who, because it will not be resented, inflicts his spleen and bad temper upon those of his own hearthstone, is a small coward, and mean man. Kind words are the circulating medium be-tween true gentlemen and true ladies at home, and no polish exhibited in society can atone for the harsh language and disrespectful treatment too often indulged in between those bound together by God's own ties of blood and the still more sacred ties of conjugal

lov-col At the same rate in bonds, the company have agreed to pay for seven first class become to great the company to \$1.

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A Good One.—Davy Crocket happened to be present at an exhibition or animals, some time ago, in the city of animals, some time ago, in the city of the animals, some time ago, in the city of animals, some time ago, in the city of animals, some time ago, in the city of the animals, some time ago, in the city of the animals, some time ago, in the city of the animals, some time ago, in the city of the animals, some time ago, in the city of the animals, some time ago, in the city of washington, when a monkey seemed to an animals, some time ago, in the city of the animals, some time ago, in the city of washington, when a monkey seemed to attract his attention, and he distract.

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The remainder of the bonds, amount time and prices which are fixed with a desire to discover the course with prodigious swith the based which he so often saw in his youthful dreams: actuated by this design.

The timbers for this portion of the honds, amount time the definition he made from them an unitary over the course was progress in every movement; he specially the prodigious swith the became like the race; there was prodiced to the definition he made from them an unitary made to the definitio A Good ONE .- Davy Crocket hap-

A WISCONSIN DEBATING SOCIETY. Wisconsin is a great State and Genin the estimation of her citizens. It was a good many years ago that a horseman might have been seen alighyear in front of a substantantial looking Tavern in the village of J and State of Wisconsin. A few moments later he might have been seen From the Great Pee Dee tiver to have been seen devouting with avidity land!"

> "Landlord," said the dismounted horseman, as he pulled away at a Cuha short six, "any amusements in the village to-night !- meeting, singing Peace to his ashes and to their'n. school, or anything?"

"Well no stranger," said the host, "not exactly any amusements; if you'd only come a little sooner, now, for we contract will be let before the end of week ago and they had a first-rate behold the populated world, the United over to the school house to-night gon and Asia, Hindostan and Belor-

spos'n you go over!" the "Debatin Club" he went. The and telegraphs, and ask yoursel', would that that temple of knowledge sat the said about his talents for war. To be feit presentment of Dominie Sampson, Sir, it is that he was a coward." and of "the prodigious" notoriety. In "General Washington a coward!" beauty and her chivalry

The house was called to order-the "minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted"-the Committee on "Hezediah Pitcher, with nonpayment of dues," was ordered and rose and said,-

"Is the house ready for the ques-"Aye, aye!" c. ied a dozen voices.

And the Chair proceeded :-"Gentlemen-the question for this evening is which conferred the greatest benefit on mankind, Mr. Christopher Columbus, or General George the Black Hawk War, and he'll find Washington? On the offirmative, that General Henry Dodge fit the battle Messrs. Van Dreezer' Lusenbury, and Penix; on the negative, Messrs. Foster, Milligan and Sampson. Mr. Van so great that our traveller might have Dreezer has the floor."

Mr. V., the village lawyer, a smart dapperlooking man, arose, and after Jtaking a sup of water from the tin-cup which stood before him, did depose and

"Mr. President and Gentleman and Ladies-I arise to advocate the affirmative of this question; that is to say, that I affirm that Mr. Columbus did a greater benefit to mankind than Gen Washington. In order to more fully digest the interrogatory just propounded, to enter fully into the merits of the case, I will give a brief, succinct and condensed account of Mr. Columbus' life and eploits. Sir who was Christopher Columbus ! Sir, echo answers the greater man of his times. man of the same name, who was an indignant basket-maker in a small town called Rome, situated on the river Tiger a stream which takes its rise in the Pyranine Mountains, and flows in a south-easterly course into the Gulf of Mexico. At an early age, Columbus evinced a decided talent for of his infancy in persuing books of tra- and never paused. The same quick-

on ten miles of it a passenger car is eral Henry Dodge is her greatest man, vailed upon him to grant Columbus's re- have made converts by thousands, on quest whereupon, providing his vessels Hawaii they have met with no success and men out of his own pocket, Col- whatever. umbus got ready, and on a certain day of certain mouth, and in a certain year he set sail from the Holy Sea of Rome, and after a long and tempestuous trip. he set foot at last upon the Plymouth Rock, in the Island of Juan Fernandez: it was on that occasion that he exclaimcarefully directing the hostler to give ed-Breathes there any man with soul proper attention to his panting horse; so perfectly dead as never to himself and a few moments later still he might has said this is my own my native

> "Sir, Mr. Columbus did not long survive the hardships of that voyage and was taken prisoner by the Kina of the Cannon ball Islands, and with all his crew, cast into chains and slavery, where he died at an advanced age, ignominious natural death with his whole crew, leaving not one to tell the tale .-

"Sir, the discovery of this continent was the greatest invention of the year 1492. Fernandez's Island was the stepping stone to the settlement of this country, sir. Look around you and chistan, England and Turkey, France Rejoiced to find anything wherewith and China, and many others too nume-

of Marathon, at the Pyramids, at Still man's Defeat, at Bad Axe; and, sir, look at him at the battle of New Orleans!"

"General Washington at the battle of New Orleans!" exclaimed a huge laid on the table, when the Chairman backwoodsman, gesticulating violently. "Mr. Speaker, is there such an ignoramus in the house? Sir, any school boy knows that the battle of New Orleans was fit before Gen. Washington was born. Let the gentleman read Plutarch's lives, the lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, or let him read Arkwright's History of of New Orleans."

Here the noise and confusion became been seen wending his way to the inn, a wiser man than when be arrived at

A WORD FITLY SPOKEN .- A stranger, who was itinerating as a teacher, called upon my father, and requested permission to examine some of the boys. I was among the number. My father, by way of relieving the feelings of the man said-"That boy is very slow at learning; I fear you will not be able to do much with him." My heart sank. I would have given the world to have been as some boys. The man spoke with kinduess, gave me some directions, and laying his hand upon my head, observed—"This lad will make a good schoular yet." I felt his kindness Sir. Columbus was the off-spring of a it raised my spirits; the possibility of being able to learn was, in this moment, and for the first time, impressed upon my mind; a ray of hope sprang within me; in that hope I lived and Inbored ; it seemed to create power; my lessons were all committed to memory with ease, and I could have doubled the effort had it been required, From the sea and occupied the leasure hours- that period Adam never looked back vel and navigation. It was while engaged in these pursuits that he inadvertly met with the works of Robinson and Crusoe, and Captain Cook, and the definition he made from them was swi tness, and he felt the pleasure of it opera-house in Philadelphia is under himself.—Adam Clark.

No. An set to punish placing ob- constitute a our stock expital for the

umbus, actuated with a magnanimity is not a little worthy of note, that which is a caricature of her sex, pre- while in England and Scotland they

#### RUFIS CHOATE. Rufus is a picture to look at, and a

crowder to spout. He is about seven eet six, or six teet seven, in Lis socks; suple as an eel, and wity as a corkserew. his face is a compound of winkles, "yaller janders," and jurisprudence .-He has small, keen, piercing black eyes, and a head shaped like a mammoth goose egg, big end up, his hair black and on ly, much resembling a bag of wool in "admirable disorder," or a brush heap in a gale of wind. His body has no particular shape, and his wit and legal "dodges" have set many a judge in a snicker, and so confounded the jurors as to make it almost impossible for them to speak plain English, or tell the truth for the rest of their natural lives. Ru'us is great on twi ting and coiling himsel up, squirming aound, and prancing, jumping, and kicking up a dust, when steam's up. this ocutory is firstrate, and his arguments ingenius and foreible. He generally makes a ten st.ike-judge and jury down at the end of every sentence. He is great on flowery expressions and Ligh falootia "flub-dubs." Strangers. mostly think he is crazy, and the rest scarcely understand what its all about. He invoices Listime and elocution for r thousand per cent, over ordinary cha .ges for having one's self put through a course of law. Rufus Choate is about tifty years of age, perhaps over. He is considered the allest lawyer in New England, or perhaps the United States. His hand writing can't be deciphered without the aid of a pair of compasses and a quadrant. His autography som: what resembles the map of Onio, and looks like a tiere of crayon sketching, done in the dark with a three-pronged o.k. He has been in the Senate and may be if he has time to fish for i',

### MAXIMS TO GILLE A YOUNG MAN.

Keep good company or none. Never be idle. If your hands cannot be usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind.

Always speak the truth. Make few promises.

Live up to all your engagements. Have no very intimate triends. Keep your own secrets, if you have

When you speak to a person, look him is the face.

Good company and good conversation are the very sinews of vi. tue. Good character is above all things

Never listen to any loose or infidel conversation.

Your character cannot be essentially injured except by own acts.

If any one speaks evil of you, let your life be such that none will believe

Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors. Ever live, mis ortune excepted, within your income.

When you refire to bed, think over what you have been doing during the

Never speak lightly of religion. Make no baste to be tich, if you would prosper.

Small and steady gains give competency with tranquility of nand.

Never play at any kind of game of Avoid temptation, through fear that

on may not withstand it. Earn mony before you spend it. Never run in deht, unless you see a

ray to get out again. Never borrow if you can rossibly

Do not marry until you are able to

pport a wie. Never speak evil of any one.

Be just before you are generous. Keep yoursel, innocent, if you would

be happy. Save when you are young, to spend when you are old. Never think that which you do for

religion is time or money mispent. Always go to meeting when you can Often think of death, and your accountability to God.

Read over the above maxims at least ouce a week (Sunday night.)

The project of erecting a spacious

Foote's majority for Governor in Mississippi is about fi.teen hundred