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RAILWAY DISCRIMINATION— SHALL IT BE CONTINUED?

Attorney William R. Lovill Writes Article on Local Railway Tactics. Says People are Being Subjected to Unfair Treatment at Hands of E. T. Ry.

We are especially friendly to our little railway, and we feel it has been of wonderful benefit to our county and town, we could hardly do without it and retain our equilibrium in the commercial world. We have likewise done much for the railroad. No people have done more for it from a financial point of view than our town of Boone and vicinity. While this will not be denied undoubtedly; and from the fact that at least two-thirds of the freight carried by the East Tenn. and Western North Carolina Railway originates on the Linville River Road, is it not strange that our town and county in general is very unjustly discriminated against? That freight rates are unreasonably high no one would pretend to deny, yet it costs money to operate a railroad and they claim it is necessary to make "ends meet" so I think it is pretty generally agreed that it makes no difference that the freight rates are—go right on and pay them and hush up—Now while this is true doesn't it look like the people of Boone and Watauga county are entitled to fair treatment? They never have asked for any special favors; they never will, but why is it they are flatly discriminated against and denied service that their brethren in adjoining counties enjoy from the hands of the management of the splendid railway? Railroads are public service corporations in which the public has an interest, and have the rights of the people been forgotten? Shall we continue to sleep on while our rights are being denied us? Are our people not entitled to the same consideration as Dog Town, or Bull scrape or Pineola? If not, why not?

Now let us see if this is true or false.

At 6:30 a. m. we have a splendid passenger train leave Boone for Johnson City arriving there at 11 a. m., leaving for Boone 1 p. m. arriving at Boone at about 5:30 p. m. This is not objectionable in any way; in fact it is a splendid train, rendering splendid service to the country and the schedule allows passengers who wish to return the same day to transact any business in Johnson City. At 7 a. m. a local freight train leaves Boone for Cranberry. This train pulls a coach for the punishment of passengers as far as Cranberry. Now this train is necessary and is serving a good purpose, and gets back to Boone finally the same day. Now, no one can complain at this, but let's see what is happening to our more fortunate neighbors at Dog Town, Bull Scrape and Pineola. They get all the benefits from the two trains mentioned also and what else? At 8 a. m. a passenger train leaves Johnson City for Pineola arriving there at about 12 m. I suppose, and returns the same day to Johnson City, giving Cranberry, Dog Town and Bull Scrape the benefit, injury or convenience of six passenger trains daily, or four regular passenger trains and "Mariah" thrown in for good measure. Now is this not discrimination? If the management of the system wants to give our people a square deal, why don't they have the passenger train that leaves Johnson City at 8 a. m. go on to Boone, stay two hours and return to Johnson City, but they say "hush little baby, don't you cry, you'll be an angel bye and bye" "Haven't we given you a magnificent Sunday train that goes to Boone, stays long enough to turn on the wye, and leaves for Johnson City?" We answer yes, and it is a train to be wonderfully proud of, and we are, but why can't we have better service for those who are making and have made the railroad valuable?

The laws of the State of North Carolina have wisely provided a remedy for this long and continued injustice and unless those who are in control and seem to be indifferent and "sleep at the switch" wake up to the full realization that the people have rights as well as the railroads, this remedy should be invoked. My judgment is the answer will be—IT WON'T PAY—Let us see.

Respectfully,
W. R. LOVILL

THE HAPPY VALLEY LIKE UNTO CANAAN

Nature's Beautiful Garden; Growing Crops Inspire Husbandmen; Roots and Herbs Gathered

By Old Hurraygraph.

The "Happy Valley" is North Carolina's scenic promenade through Caldwell county. It is a beautiful land; like unto Canaan, a land of promise, fresh, sweet, big and generous enough to destroy much of life's littleness, narrowness, staidness and limitations. It is nature's beauty garden. A masterpiece. Nothing less would do to mark the end of man's journey around the globe, fulfill his hopes, and make a place for a happy civilization. A love spot, let down from Heaven, between two ranges of mountains, bordering the Yadkin river for twelve miles or more from whose summits a blue arch, more attractive than anything lovely Italy can produce, bending as a benediction over the vari-colored picture of nature, nestling in such restful ease and quietness around the foot-hills that stretch along the base of the towering mountains. The growing crops, meadows, and shrubbery lining the water streams, have the appearance of an arabesque pattern, and inspires the husbandman with pride in his valley farm. The cattle upon a hundred hills, and in as many dales, browse in apparent joy; slake their thirst from numerous brooklets, or loll beside the Yadkin river, as it meanders, and sing its merry way on to the sea, through meadows and fields that blossom as the rose; tasseling corn and shaded avenues. The "Happy Valley" is given an endless number of glorious sunrises and sunsets, as the orb of day mounts in the east the tops of the Green mountains, on his journey west, and departs over the jagged pinnacle of the Ripshon range of mountains in the west, in indescribable glory, looking back, in such splendor, seems to bid one to be content in such a happy valley, with all its blessings, and these scenes hold the beholder enraptured and lifts the ascending thoughts to even higher altitudes. The "Happy Valley" climate is superb. The ideal valley for homesites. A valley peopled with the best citizenry of the State. A valley as full of historic lore as it is beautiful. A valley of happy homes, and happy people. It is in such environment the Patterson School, for the education of mountain boys, who have energy and ambition, but not the means, is located, where they can work their way to the attainment of knowledge, on the splendid farm at-

HILLMAN DIRECTOR TEACHER TRAINING

Dean of Appalachian Training School Succeeds Superintendent Allen

(Raleigh News and Observer)
Dr. J. E. Hillman, dean of the Appalachian Training School, has been named to succeed A. T. Allen as supervisor of teacher training for the Department of Education, and will assume his duties the first of September, according to announcement made yesterday by Superintendent Allen, who regards him as one of the best fitted men for the work available.

The new director has been at the head of the training department of the great mountain school for teachers for several years, and has attained widely acknowledged success in his work, Mr. Allen said. He has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Peabody College and is generally recognized as one of the best equipped trainers of teachers in the South.

The immediate task of the department of teacher training under Dr. Hillman will be the reorganization of the course of study offered at the twelve summer schools operated under the direction of the Department of Education, with a view to making it eventually possible for a teacher doing the work of eight summer school terms to be allowed the credit of college work.

Plans looking in this direction were taken up by Superintendent Allen soon after he was named superintendent to succeed Dr. E. C. Brooks. A conference of the directors of the several summer schools was called, and committee to work out the details was named. Members of the committee are Prof. N. W. Walker, Dr. Robert H. Wright, John E. Calfee and John H. Cook.

tached to the School.

Roots and Herbs.
There is money in roots and herbs, if you know what kind to get among the many hundreds of varieties that grow in forest and fields. Quite a nice business has been carried on here this summer by E. A. Dobbin, who has been purchasing large quantities of stuff along this line, and it has afforded the school boys, and the citizens of the neighborhood, the opportunity to realize snug sums for pocket change and other purposes. Maypops sell for 3 cents a pound. Mandrake 10 cents a pound. Lobelia 10 cents, when dry. Star grass and star roots, from 35 to 40 cents a pound. Ginseng \$14 a pound. Small quantities of this herb have been found in this valley, and usually comes in in ounces. Lobelia is the principal crop, and is more largely gathered than any of the rest. You frequently see numbers of persons, young and old in the meadows gathering this plant, which is dried before marketed.

UNION MEETING UNDER WAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Reverend Norman H. Camp, of Chicago, arrived in Boone on Saturday, and preached his first of a series of sermons in the Baptist Church on Sunday night, to one of the largest audiences ever assembled in that building.

From the start it has been the purpose of the evangelist and those associated with him in making the preliminary arrangements, to conduct a strictly non-denominational revival, and all the ministers of the town and Christian people collectively have joined together to the end that there may be a great spiritual awakening in this section, and that many may be saved, not for the up-building and advancement of any certain denomination but for the forwarding of the Lord's work.

There will be services each day except Saturday at 3:00 and 8:00 o'clock. There is special music by combined churches under the direction of Miss Macaulay and Professor Greer of the Training School. Prayer meetings for the men of the town and vicinity, particularly the business men are held at 9:30 each morning at the Commercial Hotel where Rev. Camp is located. The afternoon services occupy at no time more than one hour.

The services are conducted in a most interesting manner and it is everyone's meeting, a rare chance to hear the gospel dispensed by an unusually able minister, in its broadest and most proper analysis.

SCHOOL OPENING AT COVE CREEK

The Cove Creek High School will open at 8:00 o'clock on Monday morning, August 27. All students are urged to be present for the opening day in order that everyone may be classified and books ordered. Patrons and friends of the school are also invited.

A Domestic Invention.

Mr. W. R. Cloer, who conducts a store on the Yadkin Valley highway, between Patterson and the Patterson School, has found time from his side duties, to invent a glass jar holder, which holds the jar very securely when you wish to unscrew the top, thereby avoiding the results, that might attend the breaking of the neck of the jar, should it fit too tight for ordinary opening by hand. It is a skeleton receptacle, or cup, in which the jar is placed, the top of which comes about half way the jar, on the top of this receptacle are clamps like a pair of scissors, that fit around the jar and squeeze like an ardent young lover the first time he embraces his adored one. It holds the jar tightly, alright. A patent is pending. Mr. Cloer hopes to make a nice sum from his patent, as it is practical and will become popular with housekeepers.

ANNUAL FARMERS' PICNIC TO BE HELD AT BEAVER DAMS AUG. 31

Congressman R. L. Doughton to Speak—A Day of Speeches, Contests, Dinner and General Merry-Making. Large Crowds Expected.

The Watauga County Annual Farmers' Picnic will be held on Beaver Dam, Friday August 31.

Last year a big picnic was held at Silverstone and it was decided to make it an annual affair and to vary the meeting place from year to year. The meeting last year probably had the largest attendance of anything of the kind ever held in the County.



"FARMER BOB"

and this year it is expected that all of those who will be back and that they will bring their neighbors with them. Beaver Dam has a new school house near the Bethel Church and also near a large grove so that they are in a position to look after a large crowd in a comfortable manner.

The day will be full of speeches, contests, games, dinner and merry-making.

The first speech on the program will be made by Congressman R. L. Doughton, of Alleghany County. His subject will be "Progress in Agriculture". He will be introduced by Hon. E. A. Linner. Mr. Doughton is a farmer himself, owning and operating personally a large farm in Alleghany County, and he is also a man of nation-wide reputation and observation, so that he will be able to give us a view of the agricultural situation in its largest aspects. Mr. Doughton is coming to Watauga not as a politician but as a mountain farmer to meet with and speak to mountain farmers on questions of vital interest to mountain farmers.

Last year the speech which was probably enjoyed more than any other was that made by Mr. McClain, of the U. S. Dairy Division. Mr. McClain has the happy faculty of mixing fun with his facts, which give them relish. You are convinced that he knows what he is talking about and that he knows how to tell it in a way that makes you want more. Mr. McClain promised his audience last year that he would come back again in 1923, and he has made his plans to be here August 31st.

There will be other speakers from Raleigh, though we are not able to announce definitely in this issue who they will be. We are expecting Dr. Kilgore who promised to come last year but was prevented on account of other urgent business that arose after he promised to attend. We are also expecting Mr. Oliver, the man who believes that chickens are the most important live stock on the farm, and he carries with him the facts and figures to back up his assertions. Mr. Oliver is also handy with comic verse and always leaves his audience before they want him to. In case Mr. Oliver should not come we shall probably have Mr. Sams who knows more about bees, their organization, habits requirements, and possibilities than most of us have ever dreamed there was to know.

Last year the bare-back horse-race probably attracted more attention and interest than any of the games, so much so that it has been requested that we have it again this year. The horse-shoe pitching contest did not wind up to suit a lot of folks and they have asked that we give them another chance. There will be new partici-

pants this year so that probably the ones who took the lead in last year's contests may not find such easy sailing this time. A number of other contests and games are being worked out and prizes will be offered to the winners.

One part of the program not to be neglected is the dinner. It is the plan of the committee not to have a public spread as it is very hard to feed a crowd, of the size that will probably attend, without a great deal of confusion. It is expected that every family will bring dinner sufficient for themselves and for any of their friends that they care to invite to eat with them.

From the program that is being worked out by the program committee and the good fellowship that always prevails on such occasions it is safe to predict that this is going to be one of the most enjoyable gatherings that has been held in the County. Beaver Dam will be "at home to company" on that day and expects to give the glad hand to farmers, business men and their families from all over the County.

A first and second prize will be offered for the best peck of Irish Potatoes. This prize will not be for the peck of biggest potatoes but the best potatoes, medium size, smooth, uniform potatoes. There is a great deal of interest in growing good potatoes in Watauga at this time. It is expected that some of the best farmers will have some of the best potatoes on exhibition at this time.

TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS

A concert, on the order of a negro minstrel, was given by the students of the Appalachian Training School, in the School auditorium a few nights ago.

A base ball game on the 15th between the team of Boone and that from Mabel on the ground at Boone resulted in a score of 8 to 6 in favor of the Boone team.

Miss Mary V. Edwards, a student in the Training School, gave at chapel exercises a few days since several readings in which she showed rare training and ability in this line of work.

Prof. Wilson, of the Training School Faculty a few days ago made a most interesting speech at chapel exercises on a visit he made to the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, giving much information in a witty and humorous manner making his talk very entertaining.

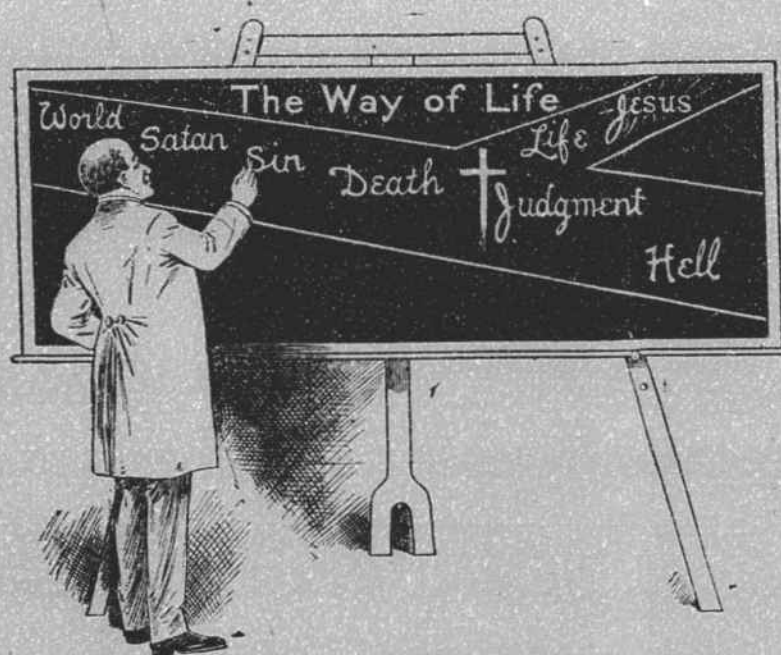
Prof. Z. H. Dixon, Superintendent of the Ekin Graded Schools and Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor of the Methodist Church of Lexington, were at the Training School on the 17th shaking hands with their many friends. The School is glad to welcome these useful men.

Rev. W. A. Stanberry, Pastor of Grace Methodist Church of Wilmington, a mountain boy, and a graduate of the Training School, conducted devotional exercises in the School on the 15th, assisted by Rev. F. M. Huggins, and made a most thoughtful and instructive talk to the students which all present much enjoyed.

The Training School was especially honored this week to have Ex-Governor Edmund Noel, of Mississippi, make an address at the chapel exercise. Every one enjoyed Governor Noel's presence and address and gave him a hearty reception. He is one of the most genial men that the School ever had the pleasure of welcoming. He and Mrs. Noel are spending some time in Boone at the home of Mr. B. J. Council, visiting friends. Boone heartily welcomes him. He relates the fact that his father was from Virginia and his mother from North Carolina, which may account for some of the Governor's good qualities.

J. M. DOWNUM.

Dr. J. W. Miller, Boone's new Dentist, now located in the Jones Block, has received all of his office equipment and is ready to begin the practice of his profession. The doctor comes to us well recommended and his proficiency is unquestioned.



Evangelist Norman H. Camp, of Chicago, now Conducting the Union Meetings at the Baptist Church, has the gift of making his hearers see the great Bible truths by using a big blackboard. He appeals to the "Eye Gate", as well as the "Ear Gate". Don't fail to see and hear these Illustrated Sermons, daily at 3:00 and 8:00 o'clock, except Saturday.