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THE ELECTRIC RAILROAD

PROSPECTS OF IT COMING GOOD—BANK MEBANE, THE RICH COTTON MILL OWNER, OF SPRAY, LEAVES FOR NEW YORK TO ENLIST CAPITAL FOR THE ENTERPRISE.

Prospects for the coming of an electric railroad from Rockingham through Stokes, may be said to be good. The people of Stone Mountain business, and B. Frank Mebane, the wealthy cotton mill owner of Spray, has gone to New York and other northern cities to enlist wealthy capitalists in the project. Mr. Mebane has been very successful in matters of this kind and rarely if ever fails in his plans. Capitalists place great faith in his practical business judgment.

It is reasonably certain that Stokes county will vote \$50,000 bonds to induce the electric road to come. The Reporter has interviewed a large number of citizens regarding the matter and has not found a single man not willing to vote the tax. The people have never before been so earnest about the future of the county and the great need of our people for better methods of communication with the outside world. They all agree that the time has come for us to take up and secure rapid transportation for our products. Notwithstanding the common talk that we are poor, statistics show that Stokes is one of the biggest agricultural counties in the State, and as a population and wealth much larger than many of her sisters who are far ahead of us in other respects.

Good Prices For Tobacco—Mr. Will Brown's Big Barn-Raising.

Walnut Cove, April 7.—Farmers are progressing nicely in preparing land for another crop. Some are marketing their last tobacco of 1905 and are realizing good money. Mr. C. V. Tuttle carried out a load last week and brought back one hundred and thirty-five dollars. Several barns are going up around here.

Mr. Will Brown had a big barn raising last week, and a big social that night. Guess they had a gay time. There were three girls present and plenty of nice music. Misses Ada Flinn, Agnes and Alice Bowles. Mr. Gabe Tuttle performed on a three string banjo, while Mr. George Napier beat the tin bucket. Well, I guess that breaks up the sociables around here for a while.

Mr. Bud Young, of High Point, visited his sister, Mrs. C. V. Tuttle, last week. He reports a union lookout at that place.

Mr. Sterling James and Miss Lula Young visited Misses Agnes and Winnie Tuttle last Sunday. They report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Tuttle visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Napier, of Old Town, last Sunday.

It is the general opinion that Jack frost will get the peach crop this year.

LOVER.

GERMANTON ROUTE ONE.

Germanton Route 1, April 9.—I guess Mr. Sales Ferguson is all smiles, as he has bought him a nice wagon to haul his babies around. Hope he will have success.

Mr. Luther Kiser called on Miss Ola Allen last Sunday, and he says if she was to kick him he would go crazy sure.

We have the best prospects for wheat this year that we have had for several years. Hope it will continue so.

E. S.

GRAND RALLY.

Prominent Speakers to Address the People of Stokes County.

The following speakers will be present and address the people: Col. John S. Cunningham, the South's largest tobacco planter and President of the North Carolina Tobacco Farmers Protective Association; J. O. W. Gravely, State Organizer and Lecturer of said Association; Hon. Josephus Daniels, Editor of the News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C.; Col. W. A. Blair, Vice-President People National Bank, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Hon. Richard N. Hackett, Wilkesboro, N. C., and also other noted speakers.

Pending problems and the industrial conditions of our State and the present needs of the farmers and business men of Stokes and Surry counties will be the subjects discussed.

The main object of the meeting is to arouse the people of all this section of the State, to a greater endeavor along industrial lines, to thoroughly advertise the advantages of Stokes and Surry counties to the world at large and thereby invite capital and stimulate new industries throughout this section.

The largest crowd of people ever gotten together within the two counties, will assemble at Pilot Mountain, N. C., April 21st, next to hear these orators and disseminators of public thought who have done so much for our beloved State.

We propose to put the advantages of Stokes and Surry counties before the home seekers and investors throughout the world.

Speaking will begin at 1 o'clock P. M. Come one. Come all, and enjoy yourselves at this Great Rally and Jubilee.

J. O. W. Gravely, State Lecturer and Organizer of the Association, will continue the work of organizing the farmers of North Carolina and will address the people at the following times and places:

Dobson, Surry county, Monday, April 23rd, 1906, Mt. Airy, Surry county, Tuesday, April 24th, 1906, Westfield, Surry county, Wednesday, April 25th, 1906.

Francisco, Stokes county, Thursday, April 26, 1906, Danbury, Stokes county, Friday, April 27th, 1906, Capella, Stokes county, Saturday, April 28th, 1906.

O. E. SNOW,
Chm'r. Ex. Com.

FRIENDSHIP.

Friendship, April 5.—Wheat is looking very well.

Mr. Bill Rutledge, who has been ill for some time, is better, we are glad to note.

Miss Jennie Rutledge is on the sick list this week. Hope she will soon be out again.

Mr. S. C. Montgomery called on Miss Blen Briggs last Sunday. How about it, Charlie?

Miss Clemmie Pulliam, of Walnut Cove, visited relatives of this place last week, returned home last Sunday, accompanied by Mr. S. C. Montgomery.

We like "Dog-Killer's" letters, but think all ought to have a little space as there are so many readers.

O. C.

Mr. F. G. Southern passed through Danbury Friday on his way to Rockingham county.

A LIVELY TUSSELE

with that old enemy of the race, Constipation, often ends in Appendicitis. To avoid all serious trouble with Stomach, Liver and Bowels, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They perfectly regulate these organs, without pain or discomfort. 25c at all drug stores.

REGARDING THE COUNTY FAIR.

"Mc." Endorses Rev. P. Oliver's Views—Baseball An Institution Of the Devil.

Editor Reporter:

I want to heartily second the motion of Rev. P. Oliver in regard to our proposed County Fair. I have hesitated to subscribe to the capital stock not because of indifference to our agricultural interest, but because I know the ordinary fair is to the true agriculturist a disgusting show, full of all manner of corrupting influences, as well as swindles and inhuman sports. Horse-racing, a relic of the dark ages, is given first rank as an amusement, when in truth no good man can look upon it as anything of an amusement, but rather a holding on to barbarism and ought to have long ago been forbidden by law, and as for base ball, I look upon it as one of the foolish things the devil has found "for idle hands to do." Surely old Satan laughs in his sleeve to see our institutions of learning devoting so much valuable time to this idle sport. Is not the twentieth century being disgraced with the idea that we can imagine no better way of utilizing the energy of its school boys than in playing base ball, a foolishness that adds nothing of value in after life. Why not discard it, for lessons of practical landscape gardening. Surely impressions could be made along this line that would in the near future make our country homes as beautiful as those of the city. Is it not reasonable to hope for an awakening in this respect?

I know every thoughtful and earnest man and woman is hoping and working for the change that will put base ball, with its twin-brother foot ball, where it will only be heard of in the wilds of Africa. Can imagination picture the effect upon country life had the energy that has been wasted in horse racing, base ball and their like been expended in beautifying country homes. I can conceive of the cities being almost depopulated and the country filled with a comfortable and happy people. No sir, no stock for me in a fair that will even contain such things as horse racing, base ball or goo-goo eyed women. I wouldn't buy stock in such were the ten dollar shares offered at two for a nickel.

Perhaps it is hoping for the millennium before its time to say I would be glad to take stock and help in any way I can to have a real agricultural fair, one that will put Stokes county where our beloved Governor says she belongs, in the front ranks, and if you can by any means guarantee us such a fair you may put me down as a hearty co-worker and share holder.

Mc.

An Idea For the County Commissioners Regarding Working the Roads by Taxation.

Peter's Creek, Va., Route 1, March 24,

Editor Reporter:
I notice the commissioners are going to order an election on working the roads in Stokes county by taxation. I think it would be a good thing if they would tax the people enough to work the public roads of the county, but the roads will be worked six or eight miles from little towns, then one-third the people will be compelled to do as much work as they did by the "free labor" plan to get into those roads. Do you call that equality? At least that is the consequence in Patrick, and they have the road law. I don't think it fair for some to pay tax to keep up roads ten or twelve miles from home and then when he gets ready to take off a load of tobacco, he has got to work the road till he gets to where the county money gave out.

FARMER.

ANSWER TO T. J. GANN

TEACHER REPLIES TO CERTAIN CHARGES IN REGARD TO HER CONDUCT OF THE GANN SCHOOL--SOME FIGURES ON ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE--QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Pilot Mountain, April 10.

Mr. Editor:

Seeing a piece in your paper some weeks ago from Mr. T. J. Gann making inquiries concerning the Gann or Mt. Hermon school, I beg you to allow me to give him the desired information believing that it will be of lasting benefit to him. But in giving my enrollment and daily average attendance for year, I shall go back two years in order to see whether there has been any progress made or not:

Enrollment for year 1903-4 65.
Average attendance for year 1903-4, 35.

Enrollment for year 1904-5, 60.
Average attendance for year 1904-5, 31.

Enrollment for year 1905-6, 73.
Average attendance for year 1905-6, 45 17-351.

Now I wish to state the number of absences for each of Mr. Gann's seven children which are of school age:

Number of absences for year:
Miller Gann, 9 days
Russell Gann, 5 "

Carr Gann, indisposed with fever, 24 days.

Mabel Gann, indisposed with fever, 0

Bryan Gann, indisposed with fever, 2 days.

Clement Gann, indisposed with fever, 2 days.

Maud Gann, indisposed with fever, 3 days.

This shows the real appreciation I believe Mr. Gann had for the teacher's work and when there really is enough opposition to the teacher to wrangle over, we believe a man of ordinary sense would be less strenuous in sending the children to the teacher.

As to the number in first reader there were about twenty-three, but I am pleased to say that quite a number advanced so rapidly as to do good second grade work before the term expired.

I beg to say that it is entirely false as to the teacher teaching that the Panama Canal had been completed or accept from any one of her pupils that Danbury is a city.

I am pleased to accept of this opportunity to express my thanks to the patrons of Mt. Hermon school for their earnest and honest support in correcting the errors of "Citizen" and especially so since they did it without any insinuation from their teacher, and also for their fully expressed appreciation for my services as teacher.

I fully realize the responsibility of the public school teacher and oftentimes I feel my inability to properly fill this honored position, but my love for the work, leads me on, and when I find myself in the school room surrounded by the pupils and the little ones gather around with upturned faces, trustful eyes lighted with innocence, then my heart grows warmer and I love to supplicate for them, burying the little missteps they may have taken against their tutor, then it is joy to teach.

After a term of hard toil, working, hoping and entreating with the children many of them being under our control but two or three months in the year, some ungrateful patron will occasionally rise up who thinks the child should have accomplished wonders in that time and if you know nothing of teaching, he may succeed in making you think the child has had no teacher and if you will go to his home it is my opinion that

you will easily detect that he has no teacher there, but what have you learned your children at home during the eight or nine months from school? I earnestly entreat you to consider the responsibility of the home teaching. Since home is the dearest spot on earth it is also the best place to make morality impressive and if you will implant these noble principles in the minds and hearts of your children as your sacred duty demands, when they go out from home to spend a few months in school, the evil influences which "Jonny" may cast, cannot lead him astray thereby causing your annual eight months teaching to be null and void.

I trust Mr. T. J. Gann will note carefully the answers to his inquiries and be as much pleased as I, to learn of the progress of his school; and instead of wrangling over things which he does not know, see the error of his fabrications and turn before it is entirely too late. I send this in by way of correcting the false statements and there may be other false statements to appear in connection with this, but it is not at all likely that any provocation shall appeal to me so strongly as to get a reply.

Extending my very best wishes to patrons and pupils of Mount Hermon school to whom these hurried remarks may fall, I am,
Very truly,
TEACHER.

PINNACLE.

Pinnacle, April 10.—The people are very busy preparing for another year's crop.

Mrs. Mollie Jones and daughter, of Mt. Airy, are spending a few

spent Monday with Miss Hattie Davis.

Mr. McCall filled his regular appointment at Mrs. Crouse's Sunday.

BASHFUL GIRL.

PINNACLE ROUTE TWO.

Pinnacle Route 2 April 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vaden and Misses Rosa and Trudie Simmons visited Mr. John Lawson last Saturday and Sunday.

There was preaching at Rock House church last Sunday.

There was Sunday School at Simmons School House last Sunday and was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Elstereel East is rightsick. Hope she will soon be out again.

I guess there will be a wedding at Press Palmer's before long.

What about that, Ogburn?

CATERPILLAR.

HUMAN BLOOD MARKS.

A tale of horror was told by marks of human blood in the home of J. W. Williams, a well known merchant of Bac, Ky. He writes: "Twenty years ago I had severe hemorrhages of the lungs, and was near death when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It completely cured me and I have remained well ever since." It cures Hemorrhages, Chronic Coughs, Settle Colds and Bronchitis, and is the only known cure for Weak Lungs. Every bottle guaranteed by all Druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.