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KINDLY ADVICE FROM AN OUTSIDER

July 24, 1912

To the Board of County Commissioners of Stokes County, Danbury, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

I beg leave to call your kind attention to the condition in which the public roads are between Walnut Cove and Danbury, and between Danbury and the Piedmont Springs. I am satisfied that your body of men scarcely would permit such conditions to exist if your attention had been called to them. The facts are that in places several of them are scarcely passable and I noticed in passing by several places could be easily worked with very little cost; and while I am not a citizen of your county, I thought as an American citizen and a citizen of North Carolina I would say something to you about these roads, and would ask you to take it in a fair and square way as I intend the same since I mean it in the welfare for all concerned as well as to prevent the county to be sued for mishaps which may occur at any time, if the roads are not kept in better condition. The facts as I see them are that no one pays any attention to these roads.

Some of my friends made the trip to Piedmont Springs last Saturday night and the hack in which they were conveyed turned over with them at a creek at which point there used to be a bridge, which was taken away and the left in a deplorable condition. Now fortunately, the occupants did not receive any bodily injury except that they were dumped into the creek and their clothing wet from top to bottom. Now, do you, as honorable gentlemen, think that the traveling public will lay low, say nothing, and accept treatment as this, when it can be shown that mishaps are directly chargeable to the officers in charge of the county. It seems to me that it would prove much cheaper to the county to see that the roads are worked than to be sued for certain sums from time to time for damage sustained by their neglect to work the roads. I have had the pleasure to be introduced to your Hon. Clerk of the Court, and he no doubt will remember me, as I met him at Piedmont Springs Hotel Sunday before last. As I said before I am writing this in good spirit and am indeed in harmony with your form of government, being personal and very close friend to Judge James E. Boyd and other

federal officers. I mention this so you must not think that I am kicking on account of different opinions in politics, but trust that you will retain your stand, but show the world that you are willing to do as well as others might do.

I close and beg to remain

Sincerely yours,
J. STERNBERGER

Mr. J. Sternberger, of Greensboro is President and controlling stockholder of the Revolution Cotton Mills. He is a very wealthy man, being rated at something more than a million dollars. He recently spent several weeks with his family at Piedmont, though he was raised in Germany and has visited all the resorts and places of interest in the old country as well as the United States, he was charmed with this region. Mr. Sternberger after returning home, wrote the above letter to the county commissioners of Stokes. He did it entirely of his own accord, and without any advice or hint from any person in this county, to our best knowledge, mailing a copy of the letter to the Reporter, which we take the liberty to reproduce in this paper, as showing the views of outsiders with reference to our internal affairs.

The Reporter feels quite sure that our board of county commissioners will take the letter in the kindly spirit in which Mr. Sternberger meant it, not as the officious intermeddling of an alien, but as kindly advice from a man who has only the best feeling toward our county, and

from one who has made a great success in life from a policy of progressiveness.

Invitation Of Winston-Salem to the Old Soldiers.

The citizens of Winston-Salem, with characteristic civic pride and with unbounded admiration for the men who were the grey, are making extensive and elaborate preparations for the annual meeting of the North Carolina division of the United Confederate Veterans on the 7th and 8th of August. It is a well-known fact that the people of Winston-Salem never do things in a halfway style. Whatever is undertaken is well done or not at all, and in the preparations that are being made to care for and entertain the two thousand and more old soldiers that are expected to attend this reunion, everything possible is being done to make our ever welcome visitors comfortable and happy.

It will be remembered that Winston-Salem entertained the Veterans four years ago, and the boys went home delighted with their reception and entertainment. The invitation to again visit Winston-Salem was extended in that spirit of loyalty to the Veterans which has ever characterized the people, and now that the invitation has been accepted and marching orders have been issued, the boys of '61 will be received with open arms and glad hearts by men, women and children. Committees are at work preparing comfortable sleeping

quarters, as well as places where good things to eat and drink may be found in abundance. There will be something doing all the time. Addresses by distinguished Confederate Veterans will be a feature of the convention. The program will be interesting from start to finish.

Reduced rates on the railroad as usual have been applied for, and the exact fare can be learned from any station by enquiring of the local agent.

This is no formal invitation which Winston-Salem extends to the leaves of a fast thinning line. It is a hearty and sincere expression of the love and admiration that we have for brave men who knew no fear in the days that tried men's souls. We

consider ourselves fortunate and honored in having you among us and I want to know you and shake your hand, and we want our children and our children's children to know what manner of men have made the Southland the grandest place in this glorious country of ours. Don't deprive us of the pleasure of being at your service once more.

NOTICE

Having duly qualified as administrator of the estate of S. T. Kiser, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against his estate to present them to the undersigned for payment, duly authenticated, on or by the 10th day of July 1913, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are respectfully requested to make immediate payment. This the 1st day of July, 1912.

WM. H. SLATE, Admr.
N. O. Petree, Atty. for Admr.

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J. A. Neely
Winston-Salem, N. C.

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