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MR. SANDERS WRITES ON ROAD QUESTION

REPLIES TO ARTICLE OF MR. ALLRED LAST WEEK.

Tells of the Large and Enthusiastic Crowd Here on February Sixth That Asked for Legislation Permitting a Vote for Bonds for Roads. Mr. Sanders Says It is a Matter of Regret That the Wheels of Progress in Road Building Should be Stopped by Our Representatives.

To The Herald:

I read the letter of the Hon. L. H. Allred in your last issue with a great deal of interest. I do not think that our people will be satisfied with Mr. Allred's explanation as to why our members in the recent General Assembly declined to pass the County Road bill. Those of us who were present at the mass meeting on Monday, February 6th, have not forgotten the large and enthusiastic attendance. The weather that day was very cool and inclement, and yet the Court House was filled with people from every section of the County. I am satisfied that not less than 500 of the very best citizens that we have in the County were present. So large an attendance indicates the great importance attached by our people to the Good Roads proposition. And I am sure that many of those who were present feel grieved at the action of our Representatives. Our citizens throughout the County now are blessed with fairly good churches and school houses, and we have quite a number of good towns in the County. It is also true that our roads are very, very bad.

The writer remembers the splendid delegations from Selma and Clayton townships. Mr. Allred states in his communication that our members of the Legislature were in part influenced by the wishes of Selma and Clayton townships, they being opposed to the County-wide proposition. We would be greatly surprised to know that the delegations from Clayton and Selma were acting in bad faith with the other citizens of the mass meeting, and in that he must be mistaken. The bill passed in lieu of the bill authorized by the mass meeting amounts to nothing. I fear that the smaller and poorer townships will have no election for direct taxation whatever, nor could they hardly hope to sell bonds independently of the larger and wealthier townships.

I am glad to say that no such sentiment as he ascribed to Selma and Clayton exists in Smithfield township. Smithfield township is the largest and wealthiest township in the County. The property listed in Selma township, in round numbers, is \$875,000.00; in Clayton, \$1,300,000.00; in Smithfield, \$1,400,000.00. And our citizens of Smithfield township stand ready and are willing to join hands with the less fortunate townships until the Road system of the entire County becomes a pride to all the citizens of the County. I despise the sentiment of the old, narrow and contracted man, who prayed: "Bless me and my wife, my son John, and his wife, us four and no more."

When a small boy, the first money that the writer remembers to have made was hauling rosita a distance of twelve miles on an ox cart. And I still have a vivid recollection of wading through the sand in summer, and through the mud in winter, and I now hear the ringing of the tires of that old ox cart as it rolled through the sand; and I see the small boy in his attempt to hurry forward the old white ox. And I remember that he wondered then if in his day some Bonaparte would not rise among us and give us a road system for the County like that of France. And I submit that we did not have him in our delegation in the recent General Assembly.

Mr. Allred further states that they were afraid of the results that might arise from heavy taxation incidental to the proposed bond issue, etc. Now, our mass meeting asked that their bill should be passed; to wit: Allowing us to vote, bonds or no bonds. And if the people of the County had the opportunity and voted for the bond issue, that would

be their business. No reasonable man could criticize our Representatives.

After having made a partial canvass of the County, I am sure that three-fourths of our citizens would vote for the bond issue for the County-wide proposition, provided all of the larger and wealthier townships would participate. Under the bond issue plan, the taxes would be less than that paid now by Smithfield, Selma and Clayton. It is a matter of regret that our Representatives, good men as they are, should have stopped the wheels of progress in the building of good roads in the County for some years to come. But, we should not be discouraged, but look to the future with faith, believing that the time is not far distant when all our citizens will enjoy the advantages of good roads.

W. M. SANDERS, Pres.,
Johnston Co. Good Road Association.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

The Death of Mr. King Parker—Mrs. Charlie Benson Dies Almost Suddenly. Local Matters of Interest.

Benson, March 30.—Mrs. Willie Royal, of Hampton, Va., came yesterday to spend several days with relatives here.

Miss Edna Weeks left yesterday for Raleigh, where she has accepted a position.

Miss Mattie Draughn, of Rowland, is here this week, the guest of Miss Meta Harper.

Mrs. E. L. Hall and daughter, Miss Jewel, of Fayetteville, have been in town several days visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Langdon returned to-day from a visit to Mrs. Langdon's parents who live near Newton Grove.

Mr. W. D. Boon has purchased the lot on Main Street West of the store building of J. H. Boon & Son and will erect a nice brick store building in the near future.

Miss Anna McLeod, who has been teaching for several months in Harrell County, was here to-day and left for her home in Rowland, N. C.

Mr. C. T. Johnson moved this week to his residence just remodeled on Wall Street, near the Baptist church. Mr. T. M. Johnson has moved to the old C. T. Johnson residence, while Mr. Sam Stone, who recently bought the J. W. Benson lot and residence, has moved there.

The Adams Company Shows seem to be the attraction here this week. So far they have given good, clean shows each evening and they were apparently enjoyed by the large crowds present judging from the amount of laughter. The company will go to Smithfield next week with its shows.

The openings of each of the four millinery stores here takes place to-day and tomorrow. The stores are all attractive and present an artistic appearance. Miss Olive Gould, of Maryland, has charge of the C. T. Johnson millinery store. Mrs. George Holland is trimming for the Preston Woodall store. Mrs. Anna Creech has charge of the Alice Woodall millinery, while the R. F. Smith millinery department is in charge of Miss Elsie McNabb, of Baltimore. In each of these stores may be seen the latest attractions in top-piece creations from the cheap hat to the most costly designs.

News reached here yesterday of the death at her home in Elevation township of Mrs. Charlie Benson after only a few hours illness. Her remains were buried this afternoon at the cemetery at Rehoboth. Her sons, Messrs. Harvey and Duffie Benson, of Danville, Va., came home this morning to attend the funeral.

Mr. King Parker died at his home here Monday morning after being sick for about ten days with pneumonia. His body was embalmed and will be laid to rest in the family grave yard at his old home, five miles east of here this afternoon. Mr. Parker was sixty-three years old, and was one of the best men of our community, having reared and educated a large family of boys and girls. He was liked by every one who knew him and will be greatly missed by the people of our town. His son, Preston Parker, who is solicitor in the district in which he lives in Oklahoma, reached here last night to attend the burial.

Mr. Sam T. Honeycutt, Register of Deeds for Johnston County, spent Monday in Raleigh on business.

GIRLS JUMP FROM NINTH STORY

FEARFUL DEATH TOLL IN BIG
FACTORY FIRE.

Over One Hundred and Fifty, Nearly all Girls, Perish in Great Conflagration in New York—Shirtwaist Workers Cooped in Loft of Skyscraper.

New York, March 25.—One hundred and fifty souls—nine-tenths of them girls from the East Side—were crushed to death on the pavements, smothered by smoke, or shriveled crisp this afternoon in the worst fire New York has known since the steamship General Slocum was burned to the water's edge off North Brother's Island in 1904.

Nearly all, if not all, of the victims were employed by the Triangle Shirtwaist Company, on the eighth, ninth and tenth floors of a ten-story loft building at 23 Washington place, on the western fringe of the downtown wholesale clothing, fur and millinery district. The partners of the firm, Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, escaped unscathed from the office on the tenth floor, carrying with them over an adjoining roof Blanck's two young daughters and governess. There was not an outside fire escape on the building.

How the fire started will perhaps never be known. A corner on the eighth floor was its point of origin and the three upper floors only were swept. On the ninth floor 50 bodies were found; 63 or more persons were crushed to death by jumping and more than 30 clogged the elevator shafts. The loss to property will not exceed \$1,000,000.

Pedestrians going home through Washington place to Washington Square at 10 minutes to 5, were scattered by the whiz of something rushing through the air before them; there was a horrible plot on the pavement and a body flattened on the flagstones. Wayfarers on the opposite side of the street shaded their eyes against the setting sun and saw the windows of the three upper floors of the building black with girls crowding to the sills. There were no fire escapes.

Mrs. Chester Lassiter Dead.

On Saturday night, March 25th, Mrs. Chester Lassiter died. Her death came as a surprise to all except her near kinspeople, as she had been sick only a few days when the final summons came. Although sick so short a time, she realized in her last hours that death was near, expressed her readiness to meet it, and requested that she be buried in the family burying ground at her old home.

Mrs. Lassiter was thirty years of age and was the youngest daughter of Mr. Robert C. Barbour, of Elevation township. In February, 1908, she was married to Mr. Chester Lassiter with whom she lived happily till called to her everlasting home. She never united with any church, but her every day life was full of that sympathy for mankind and rich in that faith in Christ, which, after all, is the very best thing when we are called to give an account of our stewardship. Possessing those womanly traits of character so essential to peace and happiness in the home, she ministered to those about her as best she could. Realizing that it is the little things that count, she was ever faithful and loving to her husband and did what she could to make him happy.

Mrs. Lassiter leaves surviving her a husband, a father, two sisters, three brothers and a host of friends to mourn her death. Her body was buried late Sunday afternoon in the family burying ground at her father's, in Elevation township.

Let those who were nearest and dearest to her ever remember that to take was but the will of God who gave.

Thou art gone 'o the grave, but t'were wrong to deplore thee, When God was thy ransom, thy guardian, thy guide; He gave thee, and took thee, and soon will restore thee, Where death hath no sting, since the Savior hath died.

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POETRY AND THE UNSEEN WORLD

DR. VAN DYKE AT THE STATE
UNIVERSITY.

Concluded His Lectures Sunday Night On Poetry and Life.—Poetry Brings the Most Important Facts Of Life Vividly Before Us and Interprets Their Meaning.

Chapel Hill, Mar. 27.—Last night Dr. Van Dyke delivered the third lecture, speaking on "Poetry and the Unseen World." This served as a fitting climax to the series of powerful lectures, and was, without a doubt, the most interesting of them all.

In his introduction he made a brief summary of the two preceding lectures and the principal facts brought out in each of them. He also spoke of the pleasure that he had derived from his visit to the university, and expressed his appreciation for the kindness that had been done for him during his stay.

In his lecture he said in part: "The most important facts of human life—duty and love and death—lie in a region which is invisible to sense. Poetry brings them vividly before the mind's eye and interprets their meaning nobly and beautifully."

"But this interpretation must be poetical, not dogmatic nor didactic. You can not set the catechism to music. The reason why there are so many poor hymns is because they are sermons in disguise. They are dull and dry. They depress the spirit and afflict the ear. But hymns like 'Abide With Me' and 'How Firm a Foundation' quicken the imagination and move the heart. In them we hear faith singing, not preaching."

"Duty is translated in such poems as Milton's 'Sonnet on His Blindness,' or Wordsworth's 'The Happy Warrior,' or Tennyson's 'Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington,' in words which fill the soul with great pictures and fine music.

"Love in such poems as 'Romeo and Juliet,' or 'Maud,' or 'Evangeline' shines with a pure light far above the cloudy regions of sensual passion.

"Death, in such poems as 'In Memoriam,' and Browning's 'Epilogue' and Emerson's 'Threnody' is revealed as the doorway of an endless life. As William Blake wrote: 'The grave is heaven's golden gate, And rich and poor around it wait.' "Can we afford to lose from our modern world the ideals and visions which the poets have given to us? The man who says that he does not care for poetry is poorer than he knows. He simply confesses that he is indifferent to the finest things in life expressed in the noblest music."—Greensboro News.

TRAINING YOUNG FARMERS.

England to Have a National School To Educate Girls and Boys.

London, March 25.—A national school of agriculture is shortly to be founded here, where boys will be trained to take positions in this country or the oversea dominions as farmers, farm managers and stewards and gardeners. Girls will be taught dairy work, plain cooking and laundry work.

FREED AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

After Serving Twenty Long Years For a Crime He Was Innocent of Andrew Toth Is Released From The Penitentiary at Pittsburg to Begin Life Anew.

Last Saturday a week ago, Andrew Toth walked out of the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburg, Penn., after serving twenty years for a crime he never committed. He was pointed out as the murderer of a mill hand by a man at the coroner's trial, convicted and sent up for life. A few weeks ago Stephen Toth confessed at his home in Hungary that he was the man who did the killing and as soon as the facts were brought to the knowledge of the Governor he pardoned the man at once. Toth is 52 years old, but looks to be seventy. His release was brought about by some of his old comrades in the mill raising the

money to make the investigation that secured his freedom. In the party present at his release were four of Toth's sons who were children when their father was sent to prison twenty years ago. They are now workers in the steel mill where their father was employed. When asked if he felt angry toward the man who pointed him out at the coroner's trial as the murderer, he replied: "No, I do not. There is One above us who sees that justice is done."

Toth's wife returned to her home in Hungary years ago, broken hearted. The sons wanted to send for her, but the old man said no; he would go back to the fatherland, too. "First I must go back to see my eight grandchildren that I have never seen, and then I must see the children of Quinn and tell them I didn't kill their father. Then I'll go back to the old country," said Toth.

FOR OAKS NOTES.

The "twin attorneys," J. R. and O. A. Barbour, of Benson, passed through Monday afternoon en-route for their home, after having attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Chester Lassiter, who died Saturday night.

Mr. J. B. Adams, of Smithfield, spent Sunday here, the guest of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Barefoot went to Benson Saturday to see Mr. Barefoot's brother who is ill with fever. They returned Monday.

Mr. Paul Johnson, of Spilona section, spent Saturday night and Sunday here with his brother, Mr. D. H. Sanders.

Mr. Jno. S. Stroup left Sunday for his former home near Shelby, N. C., where he will spend a few days with his parents.

Misses Maggie and Inez Jacobs visited in Benson recently.

Mr. C. I. Pierce spent Sunday in Smithfield.

Mr. Nathan H. Keene made a business trip to Goldsboro last week.

Mr. W. E. Barbour visited friends in Kenly recently.

Mr. Pate returned to his work on Mr. B. B. Adams' residence Monday after spending Sunday with his family in Durham.

Miss Nell Richardson has returned from her home in Kenly and opened a private school in the graded school building, with a large number of students for the opening. Miss Richardson is well and favorably known here having taught throughout the regular school. We are glad to see the patrons taking renewed interest in the education of their children, and feel sure that the election to be held in May, for special tax to prolong the regular school hereafter, will have different results from the last one held.

The Florence Comedy Co. gave a series of entertainments here last week that were largely attended and highly appreciated. Our little town has taken on new life sure enough. Since Mr. D. H. Sanders so nicely arranged a town hall, we have had several good shows.

Mr. Albert Moore is having his residence on Railroad Street newly painted which adds greatly to its appearance.

There will be services at the Primitive Baptist church next Saturday and Sunday by the regular pastor, Elder James Johnson.

HELLO BILL.
Four Oaks, Mar. 29.

Chamber of Commerce to Meet.

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Smithfield will be held in the Court House Friday night, April 7th, 1911, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers for this year, and for such other business as may come before the Chamber. Every member of the Chamber of Commerce is hereby earnestly requested to attend this meeting. A very cordial invitation is extended to those who have not yet joined the Chamber of Commerce to attend this meeting and give us their names as members. We earnestly request every citizen to attend this meeting and hear the report of the workings of the Chamber of Commerce which is just one year old.

JAMES A. WELLS,
Pres. C. of C.
F. K. BROADHURST,
Sec. C. of C.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS A DAY

PHYSICIAN CHARGED THAT FOR
ATTENDING WALSH.

Dr. Barker Says Family Makes No Objection. Multi-Millionaire Mining King of the West Was the Patient and His Executors Will Settle.

Baltimore, March 28.—Dr. Lewellys F. Barker of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, has explained the claim of \$11,500 for medical services rendered the late Thomas F. Walsh, the multi-millionaire mining king of Washington and Colorado. The claim, with others, was filed against Mr. Walsh's estate in the probate court of Washington and attracted attention in the newspapers. There was no contention, however, over its payment.

"This is," said Dr. Barker, "as a matter of fact, the biggest bill I ever rendered any one for any service, and it was perfectly satisfactory to the members of Mr. Walsh's family."

"At the time I was called to see Mr. Walsh he was in Texas, and I went to San Antonio. The agreement was made in advance that I was to receive \$1,000 a day for my services, and I was some 10 days. That made \$10,000."

"I also went to Washington a number of times to see Mr. Walsh and spent two nights there. For the visits and attention to him in Washington I charged \$1,500. This bill was entirely agreeable to the family, and there has been no dispute whatever over it. It was merely filed as claims are always filed when the estate of some one is being settled up. I am sorry that anything misleading should have been printed in the newspapers, but I am glad to make this explanation of the circumstances."

CLAYTON NEWS.

Mr. C. W. Horne went to Raleigh Friday evening.

Mr. Everitt Kenedy, of Raleigh, was in town Friday night.

Messrs. W. L. Stancil and Luther Hinton went to Smithfield Friday. The Clayton base ball team added another scalp to their number Saturday. They defeated Cary 7 to 3.

Mrs. Nova Wilson, of Hartwell, Ga., is visiting her mother, Mrs. D. L. Barnes.

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Clayton was very unlucky and also very lucky last week—two fires and very little damage done. The colored school building caught on fire, but was saved with very little damage. Also the waste house at the Liberty Cotton Mill caught fire but was saved with very little damage done.

Quite a good crowd went to Raleigh Monday night to see the show.

Messrs. W. L. Stancil and R. R. Gulley went to Smithfield Monday.

The play here last night, given by the Smithfield Dramatic Club, was grand and all of Shakespeare's friends enjoyed it. There was quite a crowd out to see it and all speak well of it.

Mr. Alonzo Parrish, of Benson, was in town yesterday.

H. R. B.

Clayton, Mar. 29.

Meeting of Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce is doing some important things for Smithfield. A meeting will be held in the Court House, Friday night, April 7th, at 7:30 o'clock, to elect officers for the ensuing year. A large attendance is desired. Several others should join the Chamber of Commerce and help to make its work more effectual.

If you have trouble in getting rid of your cold you may know that you are not treating it properly. There is no reason why a cold should hang on for weeks and it will not if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by All Dealers.