

is too fast. He knows as well as every other citizen knows, that before we are required to vote we will as a county enter into an agreement with the promoters of the proposed road, as to just where the road shall run and how bonds shall be used, none of which will be used until the road is completed. This is the rule followed in all counties prior to an election and no one knows this better than the propounder of this question. Now as to the second question. Who smuggled this special act through the legislature? I beg to say that this was not a bill for Polk county and Polk county had no right to know anything about the bill. It was a purely local bill, for Henderson county but was so drafted that if the counties adjoining Henderson desired to aid in the construction of the road, they could fall in and show a willing hand. I think we should thank the author of this bill for the interest he felt in the people of Polk county.

q Why the statistical report presented by Judge Ewart at a meeting in Hendersonville, stating through which part of the county the road should run has not been published?

a The report referred to was read in open meeting and the part referring to the proposed route of the road was printed in all the papers of Asheville, Hendersonville, Rutherford, Gaffney, Spartanburg, Charlotte and several times in the POLK COUNTY NEWS. Could it have had more publicity? Surely Rip Van was asleep. The writer goes on in his wild dream and says that the voter is requested to act in ignorance and go it blind, and surely before an election is ordered the county commissioners will call a meeting at Columbus to discuss the electric road. Everyone knows enough about these elections to know that the county commissioners are bound to order said election when petitioned to do so by a fourth of the qualified voters of the county. This writer must think that the board of commissioners are ignorant men whom he can fool or entice to do something that is not lawful. Had you thought how pessimistic the Tryon writer is, as he proceeds further with his wild scare, he says, "that it has been stated that the freight collected for the transportation of the lumber that would be cut, would make the road a paying one." This he says "is a misleading statement for the timber referred to is very poor and unworthy the notice of mill men." The citizens of Polk county know better than this. People are making good money in Cooper Gap by hauling their timber 18 and 20 miles to a railroad. Mills have been in most every section of the county cutting timber, the lumber of which is so fine that it pays the mill man to haul it for many miles to get it on the market. Polk county is said to have the finest hardwood in Western N. C. The reason the timber does not pay the owner is because he can not get it to market. Give him a railroad through the county and his timber will be a young fortune to him. Mill men will come to Polk from all parts of N. C. and other states as well. Put a railroad through the county and the farmers will more than double their profits.

q In a further question the writer asks if a certain company did not buy about 1,200 acres of this speculation land for its timber and when the same was inspected they recinded the contract.

a Yes, but why did this company buy this timber? It was during the time they believed Polk would get a railroad in a few months. Just as soon as they found out that the road then talked of had no certainty about it, or that there was no chance for Polk county to get the road, they did not want the timber. They could not get it to market

fast enough to pay a company of the enormity of this one in question. And the only reason the contract was recinded was because the timber was too far from a railroad.

Now the Tryon writer has come to the scary place and his sleep has been disturbed with a hideous nightmare. He arouses up and asks the question "who will patronize this road? Will the passenger traffic pay for the oil that it will take to grease the machinery?"

I want to ask the writer of these questions, why should the voters bother about this? We notice when wealthy people go to Tryon, many of whom are standing on the brink of the grave, they are induced to expend large sums of money in erecting residences and business structures and are not warned that such ventures may prove unprofitable and fail to pay for the paint that covers them. I will make the assertion that the road will pay. It will open up a fine section of the county and be of course, a competitor of the Southern, and all people desiring to go west will go by way of the electric line to Asheville, from all points below, rather than go over that Saluda mountain, called "the death pit." Consequently I think the road would pay from the start.

The writer further asks the question "would not the road benefit the business men of Henderson and injure the business men of Polk?" I want to ask the writer if he ever in all his life heard of a railroad hurting a business man?

The Tryon scribe wants to know why the question of voting bonds should not be left to townships. We think it is just that all the people help to improve and develop the county if they desire to live in it. While it is impossible for the road to pass by each citizen's door, yet if a man is a true citizen and has the interest of the county at heart, he will gladly work for the improvement of the county at large, regardless of his own selfish motives and interests.

q What authority did a few citizens of Polk county and one Ohio man have to represent and express the views of the citizens of Polk county at a meeting held in the county of Henderson?

a I want to inform the propounder of this question, that the meeting in question was an open and public one and that all the people of Polk county, were cordially invited to attend. The meeting was published in several papers, publicly proclaimed to more than 300 people in the court house at Columbus, besides circulars and special invitations by letter were sent out all over the county and if you were not present at the meeting in question you have no one to blame but yourself. As to the Ohio man, I can say that he is one of the largest property owners in Polk county and doubtless pays more tax than any other one citizen in the county, and has taken more interest in the development of Polk county than any other one man I know. He is the founder of some of her best institutions, and if he takes an interest in the proposed road who ought to kick? Should it be a man who yet has the soil of a northern state sticking to his sandals and whose heart and interests are back from whence the soil came? We say no, no.

The citizens of Tryon, through their mouth-piece, clamor for light, figures and fair play. They say let us have a meeting in the Columbus court house, give us fair play. We say to them that is just what we want, and after the election has been called, there will be meetings all over Polk county for the purpose of giving the voter intelligence concerning the proposed road before he votes. When this has been done he can cast his vote for or against. What is this but fair play. Why are the citizens of

Tryon so anxious at this hour for an opportunity to meet and discuss railroad when we have from time to time called meetings for this purpose and Tryon was seldom represented at said meetings?

q If the townships think it necessary to go in debt and issue bonds, in order to be up to date and progressive, we will ask, would it not be much better for the people to issue \$25,000 of bonds for the purpose of building a well graded macadamed road from Mill Spring to Tryon via Columbus?

a Now that would be all nice, but who would be benefited by this? Can you see? I can. This would draw all the trade from these sections of the county to Tryon at the expense of Mill Spring and Columbus. In other words the Tryon writer and poor man's friend, is asking you to vote a tax upon yourselves for the purpose of getting to a railroad in his town, when by adding just a little more tax you will bring the road to your own door. Is not this selfishness personified?

q The Tryon citizens ask "is this scheme a huge joke?"

a If you think it a joke, why so much concerned about a joke? Can't you take a joke? If it takes as long for the Tryon correspondent to go over the county and get up his data for his next article as it has this one and during that time the road is built, wouldn't that be a huge joke?

Now in conclusion I want to say to the voters of Polk county, that the only way Polk county can ever get a road is, for the people to go to work, vote the bonds as has been done in all other progressive counties. You too well remember the howl that was set up here by one or two old fogies, when the Southern proposed building a road direct through the county. These parties went all over the county declaring that if the bonds were voted it would bankrupt the county and besides that if the road was to be a paying road they would build it without the bond issue. Consequently the bond issue was defeated and the road lost. These same people have long since repented of their folly and are now doing all they can to have the bonds voted, and to get the road.

Voter, why are the people of Tryon opposing this road and setting up such a yell, over a small pittance of tax? I can tell you, 1st. It is because they have the only road in the county, and they are not in need of another. 2nd. Because the majority of the people of Tryon are from northern states and have only come to Tryon temporarily and they want to force the people from the other sections of the county to trade with them in order to fill their coffers that they may return to their native lands to enjoy their earnings obtained from the south. Just think of those people dictating to the natives of Polk county. To them Polk is but a stranger. To you, voter, it is your mother; upon her soil you stand and defend her. Here you left your wives, mothers and perhaps some left sweethearts, to fight for what you thought to be a right cause. Those of you who returned scar worn and in poverty are again on your feet and ready to fight for the best interest of your mother county. May you fight on and may success crown your efforts. J. P. MORRIS.

EXECUTION SALE.

North Carolina } In Superior Court.
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J. P. Morris,
vs.
W. F. T. Brown,
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior court of Polk county in the above entitled action. I will
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Beginning on a post oak, thence north 22 west 20 poles to a S. O. thence north 8 west 62 poles to a pine, thence north 20 west 55 poles to a poplar, thence north 20 east 38 poles to a hickory, thence with dividing line between Brown and McGuinn, thence south 77 east 8 poles to a white oak, thence north 81 east 24 poles to a white oak, thence south 77 east 63 poles to a pine, thence south 2 west 96 poles to a pine, at the beginning. Both tracts making 154 acres. The terms of said sale is cash. W. C. ROBERTSON, Sheriff.
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On Monday August 7th, 1906,

within the legal hours of sale, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said notes with interest, cost and expenses added, the property conveyed by said mortgage and described as follows:

First tract, known as part of the Julia Keller lands and bounded as follows:
Beginning on a rock near the old Paolcet church place on F. A. Thompson's line, thence N 78 yds. to a rock, thence E to M. H. Weaver's line, thence S with said line to the corner of Thompson and Weaver's line, thence North with Thompson's line to the beginning, containing 4 acres more or less.

Second tract, being a part of the Julia Keller lands beginning on a rock, the beginning corner of the first tract, and running N. 140 yds. to a rock, thence W to Thompson's line, thence with said line S to the corner near the old Paolcet church place on the West side of the road, thence South with Thompson's line to the beginning, containing 3 acres more or less.

H. E. GRAY,
Mortgagee.

J. E. Shipman, Att'y.
This July 7th, 1906.