Watauga Democrat.

B. C. Rivers, Editor and Proprietor

THURSDAY Jan. 31, 1907.

The Road System Discussed Again.

Mr: EDITOR: I am glad to see a number of the best citizens of our county expressing themselves as favoring a better road system for constructing and keeping up our public roads.

I note that all your correspondents, and many whom I have heard express their sentiments, privately, favor a road law that will enable us to make improvements on the roads that will ultimately give us a system of good, permanent highways.

Mr. Hagaman is right in speaking of the importanc of surveying and locating new roads on the very best lines possible to obtain, and I have always opposed the expenditure of labor or money on any road until it is carefully surveyed by a competent road engineer, and located on the best grade for a permanent improvement.

As Mr. H. H. Farthing puts it, I too think the Mecklenburg road law, as we had it a few years ago, was a good system, with some amendments to adapt it to our county.

In my humble judgement the Mecklenburg road law as applied to Watauga county was defective because it failed to provide for properly locating the new roads, and then expending the available means in making permanent improvement of the most important roads. Any system is a failure that compels the expenditure of the people's money and labor to fill the ruts and gullies in the roads with dirt, to be washed out by the next shower that comes, then fill it up again with same result, and so on indefinitely.

Now let me say that the almost unanimous sentiment seems to be in favor of a road tax, and permit me to endorse Mr. Thos. L. Critcher's plan of assessing a tax on property for road purposes, and also require each year 4 or 6 days labor by all persons liable to road duty to be applied in connection with the road fund, in making substantial, permanent, improvements on important main roads, leading to the county site from all sections of the county, and to the railroad points in neighboring counties, where our people have their produce to market and buy their necessaries. I do not think it wise to expend the tax money or labor on road repairing, only so far as needed to keep the old roads in passable conditions, as is now being done, until they are all properly located and graded.

In order to accomplish this object it would be necessary to have enacted a road law providing for this scheme of gradual improvement of our highways by applying all available means to permanent improvement as far as possible. I would favor a law creating a road commission to be charged with the general control and supervision of all road improvement, with power to cause surveys to be made to locate all new roads, and amendments, acquire the right of way, appoint overseers, appoint places for bridges, and appropriate the means necessary for the work, also inspect and supervise and approve all work on their hands.

I note that our representives in the legislature, requests that our people meet on the first Monday in Feb. to discuss plans for road improvement, and I trust that many citizens will attend and express their sentiments on the subject, and agree on the best possible law, that we may petition for enactment by the legislature this winter.

Respectfuly,

J. C. HORTON.

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Better Roads the Slogan.

MR. EDITOR: I noticed an article in the Democrat written by Mr. T. L. Critcher, and I think he knows something about the condition of the public roads of the county, as he has traveled over the most of them in his surveying tours. I, for one, am in favor of a better road law then we now have but I do not quite agree with him on all he says. He is in favor of in the first place a tax of 3½ cents on the $100 valuation ond 10 cents on the poll to be applied on the road; after the hands subject to road duty have worked four days on the roads each year. I think the most of this fine article pretty good, but then he comes out and favors a general tax of 8½ cents on the $100 valuation and 25 cents on the poll and to be under the supervision of two commissioners and a civil engineer and to commence at the county site and build each way from town as far as the money will go each year until the main leading roads are completed through the county. This plan I do not favor, as it will take too much money and too long a time to get the work done, and further perhaps the road commissioners would condemn some roads that a lot of people need.

Now I don't know whether we can have a better road law than the one we had a few years ago known as the Mecklenburg road law. The law was a good law if it had been carried out right. In the township where I then lived we had better roads then we ever had before or since and with a small expense to the county. The last one or two years there were no claims of any note came against the county. Now I wish to say that I am required thro' your paper to ask all citizens of the county, tax payers and road hands too to meet in the court house on the 4th of Feb. 1907, it being the first Monday, and shape up some kind of a road law that would be satisfactory to the people and write to the representatives while they are in Raleigh and let it become a law; also discuss a fish law while together. So I think I have said enough and perhaps too much, and I will stop. Hoping to see many citizens on the day specified and hear them discuss these two very important questions. I am very truly.

C. J. COTTRELL.

We take it for granted that as the Jamestown Exposition has received consideration to the tune of $20,000 at the hands of the legislature, and the pension of $100 per month granted by the same body to Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, has been refused by that noble lady, that the reformatory and other State institutions, as well as the free schools of North Carolina, will fare well before that body adjourns. It does seem to us that the Jamestown appropriation should have been held up until the reformatory question and and the public institutions of the State had been bountifully provided for. These are crying needs, absolute necessities, while the other is only a scheme to advertise to the world the products of our state, while the great masses of the people of North Carolina will not be able to see the building erected with their money, which is doomed to fall into the hands of some wrecking concern after the big show is over at a small percent of the original cost. The North Carolina exhibits at the Louesiana Purchase Exposition we know were nicely cared for without a "State building," and we are constrained to believe that they would have fared just as well at Jamestown without this appropriation. But of course the other needs will be provided for.

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It Is Up To The Legislature.

Within the last few days the Gastonia Gazette, High Point Enterprise and a number of state papers have contained lengthly articles favoring the establishment of a state reformatory, as proposed in a bill now before the lgislature.

The Press of the state has labored faithfully, with a few exceptions, for the institution. It is now in the power of the legislature to give the people their demands, or listen to the lobbyists who would sidetrack the issue and act contrary to the will of of the majority of the people

What would be the outcome? There remains yet a few days for labor, and then the issue must be decided one way or the other.

As the matter stands now, it is left with the members of the General Assembly to say what they will do in this matter, in whose settlement rests the fate of thousands of boys and girls of North Carolina.

The News believes there is not sufficient reason for defeating the bill. There is no plausible excuse for handing the question over to some legislature of the future to pass upon. There is not a man in the legislature, in our opinion who can advance an argument of sufficient significance to justify the defeat or delayed consideration of the bill.

North Carolina needs this institution now, and her citizens look to the present legislature to supply this need. Will they do their duty?—Charlotte News.

Charles Collins, a negro who owned six acres of land on which was his home, a log cabin, very near the home of Vanderbilt, has at last sold it to Mr. Vanderbilt for $2,000. It is not known why he sold it for that amount when a few years ago, he refused to take $8,500 for it. For fifteen years the owner of the Biltmore House has wanted to get possessessions of this plot. Thousands of souvier postal cards have been sold, which had thereon a picture of the cabin and the wording, "The cabin that Vanderbilt can't buy.

W. P. Fife, well remembered in North Carolina as the Drummer Evangelist, died suddenly in St. Louis Mo., on the 21st. He leaves a daughter and son. On account of a serious throat trouble Mr. Fife gave up preaching some years ago, and invested in oil wells, mining ventures, etc., often saying that what he made out of it he intended to give to mission on the dark continent.

A wreck occured on the Seaboard Air Line railroad at Boykins, Va., on the 25th inst. when a fast freight from Portsmouth Va. to Hamlet, N. C., went thro' an open switch and collided with freight cars standing on the switch. The fireman was killed and the engineeer and breakman seriously hurt.

W. E. Justice, of Henderson county and W. E. Ball of Asheville were selling Bibles in Jamacia when the earth quake struck that island. They have returned to N. C., and say that they were the only ones who escaped from the house they were in, 20 other persons being killed under the same roof.

On the 25th inst. Jepardy Hale, aged 50 years, was found frozen to death at the mill of G. H. Wither near Haynesville, Va. On the body of the dead man $450 in cash were found, but he was scantily clothed and could not stand the severe cold.

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Jas. H. Caine, editor of the Ashhville Citizen was married to Miss Nora Conway of Terre Haut Ind., on the 22nd.

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The Treasurer of Orenge county, Mr. C. R. Parish died last week of typhoin fever.

George D. Mattox, the operator held responsible for the wreck in which President Spencer lost his life, eloped with and married a daughter of Mr John Taylor, a farmer of Bedford county, Va.

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North Carolina, Watauga County. To G. H. Church you will take notice that on the 7th day of May 1906 at the court house door of Watauga county North Carolina, W. B. Baird, Ex-Sheriff of Watauga county, sold to the highest bidder your entire interest in the following described lands adjoining the lands of T. W. Adams, George Blackburn and J. I. Willson and others, containing 93 acres. Said lands were sold for taxes due for the year 1904, titled in the name of G. H. Church. The amount of taxes due and paid by the undersigned being $3.50. The time for the redemption of said lands being May 7th 1907. Said lands lying in Bald Mountain township, in said county and State. This Jan. 23, 1907.

J. T. RAY, Purchaser

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga county, To the heirs of James Jackson deceased: You will take notice that on the 7th day of May 1906 at the court house door of Watauga county, N. C. W. B. Baird, ex Sheriff of Watauga county, sold to the highest bidder your entire interest in the following described lands situated in North Fork township, Watauga county, containig 24 acres, and said lands were sold for the taxes for the years 1902 3 and 4 listed in the name of James Jackson's heirs aforesaid. The amount of taxes due and paid by the undersigned being $4.70. The time for the redemption of said lands being May 7, 1907. This Jan. 23, 1907.

J. T. RAY, Purchaser.

NOTICE.

North Carolina Watauga County, To Will Gentry, you will take notice that on the 7th day of May 1906 at the court house door of Watauga county, N. C. W. B. Baird, Ex Sheriff of Watauga county sold to the highest bidder your entire interest in the following described lands situated in Laurell Creek township Watauga county N. C. near John Ward's store containing 14 acres more or less. Said lands were sold for taxes for the year 1904, listed in the name of Wiley Gentry. The amount of taxes being $1.70 The time for the redemption of said land being May 7th 1907. This Jan. 23, 1907.

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