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GOOD ROAD TALK.

Mr. Editor: I know of no public interests which now need attention more than does the public roads of this county. It seems that there is an apparent indifference on the part of those in power to an extent—not intentional, I take it, but nevertheless it exists. It seems that there is a spirit on the part of our people to the effect that the condition of the roads has sufficed for those of the past, and it is good enough for us and our posterity. Our county, one of the very best in North Carolina, has been established nearly seventy years, and thousands of our forefathers have passed away after having put in their allotted time on the public roads of Watauga county, just as we are doing, yet without regard to the very best grades possible, and the permanency of the work done, when done, by widening, macadamizing, draining, culverting and bridging, hence nothing but a repetition of the same sort of work goes on and at the same rate will be for time indefinite.

The country on all sides of us is awake. Why not we? By reference to Chap. 122, public laws of 1913, Sec. 1; also the Acts of 1815, Chap. 237, and Gregory's Biennial Revisal, 1015, Sec. 2, 691, we can see at a glance that the legislature has prepared a way by which we can, if we only will, have not only a temporary but a permanent good condition of our public roads throughout our entire county. Boone being the center of the county, and presumed to take the lead and place an example before us for the betterment of our public condition, why not, under these provisions. Boone take the first steps, and if it will do so and start out the work from that point for the perfecting of road conditions, then I have no doubt that other townships will follow and within a very few years have our public roads in such condition that after having traveled double the distance one would not be so worried as under present conditions after having traveled half the distance. [Good suggestion this, but the writer will take notice that Boone has, since the heavy rains taken over \$2,500 in stock in the B. & B. R. Turnpike, for the sole purpose of giving an outlet for our people, not wholly as an investment. We consider the pattern laid for the remainder of the county.—Democrat.] Take the public road leading from Cove Creek to Boone, a distance of only eight or ten miles, and one can ordinarily travel a distance of 20 to 30 miles on the roads of Avery county with much more ease and in a very much shorter time, and with double the weight, all because of the difference in the condition of the two roads, notwithstanding Avery being an infant and Watauga being of full age and asserting her real manhood, although I shall not assert that we should attempt to take on too much burden, and particularly if we were so young as our splendid neighbor—Avery.

I have no other object in view than that we may go to thinking for our very best public interest with regard to our roads, as these are the most used for all purposes for the whole people than almost any other one improvement in a country and further that we may go forward to the doing of things rather than all talk and nothing done. Let's think and then proceed to do the best improvement—yes, the very best permanent improvement of our roads and that by having thought for the very best means of so improving and then

PROPHECIES.

Prof. Bert Reese of New York, said to be a noted oracle "the genuineness of whose clairvoyant powers and cosmic insight is vouched for by hard-headed men in the various professions and in the fields of science, philosophy, psychology, education and business," according to report, has delivered himself of the following prediction:

That the present world-war will come to an end September 7th, 1916;

That the United States will have war with Japan three years from now;

That Wilson will be elected for a second term;

That Henry Ford will follow Wilson in the presidential chair and will serve longer than any previous President.

The prediction that the war will end a month hence is comforting to the public generally; the prediction that Woodrow Wilson will be re-elected is comforting to Democrats and simply confirms their belief. In fact most of them will say that it requires no peculiar insight into future events to make that prediction. The prophecy of a war with Japan three years hence is very disconcerting, but it will be water on the wheels of the preparedness folks. The prediction that Henry Ford will follow Wilson as President and will serve longer than any other President, which means that he will be re-elected for more than one term, is calculated to cast doubt on all the prophecies of Seer Reese, for no matter how high an opinion one has of Mr. Ford, he has so far failed to disclose qualities that make him presidential size or would keep him in office indefinitely as if by a freak of fortune he should be chosen. It is possible, however, that Prof. Reese figures that a year of war with Japan—and we would be at war with Japan the last year of the second Wilson administration, according to his prediction—would so disgust the American people with war that they would not only elect a peace advocate, such as Mr. Ford is, President but would keep him in office indefinitely.

We will soon be in position to test the accuracy of Prof. Reese's first prediction. If that is verified we can then make up our minds as to what will believe as to the other. However, it would be just as well for everybody who wants Mr. Wilson re-elected to do a little campaign work and chip in a little cash for the campaign fund. It is well enough to hope that prophecy will be fulfilled but it is better to do our best to help it come true.—Statesville Landmark.

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performed our full duty in the in the actual doing of work, we will have left a blessing to our offspring which will so inspire them as that they will as a natural result of efforts, take on the progressive rather than that of a retrogressive spirit. What are we going to do?

JOHN H. BINGHAM,
Sugar Grove, N. C.

THEY ASK FEDERAL AID.

Congressman Doughton, who returned to Washington last week, after a few days at his home, introduced a resolution appropriating \$300,000 for the flood sufferers in western North Carolina, the money to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War. The Washington correspondent of the Greensboro News says:

Mr. Doughton decided to introduce the resolution after a conference between himself and Representatives Page and Webb. All three are of the opinion that something must be done to aid the people of the western part of the State and decided they would have the resolution introduced and use their influence to have it passed. They realize, however, that it is going to be a hard job to get such a measure through Congress, as Minority Leader Mann of Illinois is almost sure to make an objection, which would result in its defeat.

Mr. Doughton says it is impossible for anyone to estimate the damage done by the floods in his section of the State. He said it was so great and so far beyond the human imagination that the people have not yet been able to realize just what has happened. "I am not a drinking man" said Mr. Doughton, "and therefore do not know how a man feels when afflicted with delirium tremens, but what I saw in North Carolina is so appalling that I can easily believe that a man afflicted with this form of alcoholism might imagine anything. Whole farms have been wiped off the map with a single landslide. Hundreds of men who have been prosperous and happy citizens are now roaming about the country with no place to go and many of them declare they will not again return to their former homes. Hundreds and hundreds of acres of fertile land along the railroad that usually produced the finest crops in the land, are today nothing more than worthless sandheaps. A few acres may be used for cultivation but the larger part of the lowlands will not be worth cultivation for many years if ever."

Mr. Doughton himself lost heavily but he is a well-to-do man as values go in that section of the country. He is chiefly concerned for the poor fellows—those who rent land—who have nothing to do nor a place to lay their heads. Much of the rich lowlands of Mr. Doughton's farm at Laurel Springs is totally ruined. Barns and outbuildings have been swept away roads completely destroyed; not a bridge in the county and his 300-acre timothy hay crop covered in sand from three to four feet in depth. His handsome home, located at the foot of the mountain and within a hundred yards of the stream which flows through his farm, was flooded with water and much of the furniture completely ruined.—Statesville Landmark.

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Lenoir Topic.

In response to a call of the county commissioners, a large number of representative citizens from different parts of Caldwell met in mass meeting in the courthouse Monday at 1 o'clock to consider methods and plans for building and repairing the county bridges and roads which were destroyed by the recent floods. Mr. J. L. Nelson was made chairman of the meeting.

Reports of committees appointed at former meeting to investigate matter of ferry across Catawba and bridges across the different streams, were made and adopted. The ferry across the Catawba is now in operation, but the service is inadequate. The approximate cost of the bridges which have been washed away was estimated at about \$19,000.00, but it is believed that the high price of material will make the cost of rebuilding twice as much as original cost.

The motion of Mr. F. H. Coffey, slightly amended, that the commissioners of Caldwell county be requested to borrow \$50,000.00, and later issue bonds to pay off same, the sum to be used in the discretion of the commissioners, in building and repairing the bridges and highways of the county, was adopted by an almost unanimous vote. There was urgent demand for immediate relief to the people on John's river from Collettsville to Globe, and work to open an outlet in that locality was authorized to begin at once.

The First National Bank, of Richmond, Va. through their local connection here, the Bank of Lenoir, made the county the generous offer of the loan of \$50,000 for six months at the very low rate of four per cent per annum. In the offer as submitted it was explained that it was not made with a view to profit but with an earnest desire to be of service to a section of the State from which it derives valued patronage.

The matter of giving immediate relief to the flood sufferers on Johns River, Wilson's Creek and Buffalo received special attention. The stricken people on these water courses are in great distress, and urgent, earnest and pathetic appeals were made for help to build passable roads, giving an outlet so that the people can become self supporting. Every citizen in the county, who is able to do so, is invited to contribute something for the relief of our distressed neighbors and contributions from any outside source will be gratefully received. Messrs. W. C. Newland and W. N. Harshaw were appointed to see how much aid can be secured from our state relief fund and what amount, if any, can be gotten from the federal apportionment made recently for immediate relief in the flooded district.

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Getting Close to Them.

Washington Dispatch.

A corrupt practice bill introduced by Senator Owen of Oklahoma placing rigid restrictions on money spending by candidates for office has run the gauntlet successfully, and with the administrations solid support is waiting to be pushed in the Senate so as to be effective for this year's presidential and congressional election.

"You can't buy a cigar for an old-time constituent under that bill," asserted an indignant House member, as the measure was about to pass there. Its friends declare it makes slush-fund, jack-pots and expenditures out of the reach of the ordinary man, impossible.

Under penalty of a fine of \$1,000, imprisonment of not less than a year, and—in the case of a candidate for office illegally elected under its provisions—disqualification for his office, the bill:

Forbids candidates to promise offices in return for support; expenditures other than costs of meetings, literature and other specified items; corporations or their officers to contribute to a campaign fund; importing money into a congressional district to affect the congressional election; newspapers to run "puffs" without labelling them "paid ads."; withdrawal of ads. or patronage from a newspaper because of a political stand.

A President may not have more than \$50,000 spent to obtain his nomination; a Vice President is limited to \$25,000. A Senator may spend \$5,000 for nomination or election; a Congressman, \$2,500.

In addition, the national committees may spend \$400,000 for their presidential tickets; and the national congressional committees the same amount. National officers are criminally liable if more is spent. No money over \$50 may be spent by any individual for a candidate, acting for himself alone.

When individuals organize into clubs, they must register with the clerk of the House of Representatives, keep a public account of all funds received and paid out and twice before and once after election file these expense account at Washington.

The total any man may spend, whether as an individual or as a club member, or both, is \$5,000.

The fine and imprisonment clauses are not discretionary with the court. Any one found guilty must be imprisoned one year. Convicted candidates, too, must lose the places to which they were illegally elected.

Witnesses who testify for the State are granted full immunity, except for perjury committed on the stand. Each and every person who handles, receives, or pays out money illegally under this act, is individually criminally responsible.

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