

Since the statement was sent out by the Good Roads Commission last week, there has been quite a change in favor of the bonds. We heard two prominent citizens and big tax-payers, who had been strongly anti in their views, discussing the statement, and they both expressed themselves as being now strongly in favor of the bond issue, the change being attributable to the information they received from the clear-cut statement of the Commission published last week both in these columns and in the form of "dodgers" which were scattered broadcast throughout the county. It covers practically the whole ground, and we hope that it will be thoroughly studied by every voter in the county, and when this is done it will be no trouble to carry the bonds on election day. Think men, think.

Letter From Attorney L. D. Lowe.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: I have just read the statement made by the board of road commissioners of Watauga county, and will say that the gentlemen are right when they express their purpose to expend the amount of the bond issue in the various townships in proportion to the amount of tax levy that each bears bears to the whole, and in such manner that each township may be connected with the general road system of the county.

Two hundred thousand dollars cannot be expended in other manner that will be as beneficial to the country at large as that of constructing good highways.

While at court I heard a number say that now is not the proper time to issue bonds for building roads, but wait until the result of the war is determined and everything is settled. It should be born in mind that if this large sum of money is to be expended in Watauga within the next two years, a considerable portion of it will be left in the county; and if the laborers of the county should be employed in the construction of the roads, perhaps more than one half of it will be paid to citizens of the county; so such an excuse as this must fail.

How much money is being wanted in Watauga county each year by working on the roads of bad grade and trying to keep them in passable condition? I cannot give you the amount in dollars and cents, but it is nothing short of the truth to say that the labor lost, the money wasted and the loss sustained by having steep grades and mud to haul over will more than pay the interest on the \$200,000 bond issue three times each year, saying nothing of the pleasure and convenience of traveling over good roads.

I heard an Avery county citizen state publicly on the first Monday of court in Boone that we have not a good road in Avery county. I will give you one instance and let your readers say whether or not this is a good road. The distance from Banner Elk to Linville by way of Newland, is fourteen miles, and this road passes through the gap between Bald Mountain and Blood Camp Mountain, at an altitude of approximately 4,500 feet, and the round trip, a distance of 28 miles, can easily be made with a Ford car in less than ninety minutes; and this road has been good both summer and winter, ever since it has been made, with the exception of two places composed of a stiff red clay and these can be made firm by an expenditure of \$200.00, and I will say that seven miles of this line did not cost very much more than \$1,000 a mile.

L. D. LOWE.
Banner Elk, N. C., April 16.

Rev. L. W. Farthing.

Rev. L. Whitfield Farthing was born April 18, 1838: He died late in the evening of Feb. 11, 1917. He was near seventy-nine years old.

Brother Farthing was a son of Rev. R. P. Farthing and grandson of William W. Farthing, who was sent out by the State Board about ninety years ago from Wake county into the western part of Ashe county, now at Watauga county. Brother Whitfield professed religion in early life and I think was baptized by his uncle, J. A. Farthing, into the membership of Bethel church.

Brother Farthing entered the ministry about twenty-five years ago. He was a very faithful, devoted brother, ever doing what he could for Christ's Kingdom. Brother Farthing had been a leader in Antioch Church for many years, making a great sacrifice for the church. He had been in bad health for some years and believed his time on earth was coming to a close.

The last school I ever attended, Brother Farthing was the teacher; that was in 1860.

In departing from church and friends he left a record of peace and good will towards all men.

If I must die, let me die
In peace with all mankind.
And change these fleeting joys
For pleasures most refined.

As Paul said, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." So his life closed on Sunday evening as the sun was going down. He leaves a wife and children and friends to mourn their loss.—J. L. Younce, in Biblical Recorder.

A FEW HOPES.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: Will you give a former Watauga boy space for a line or two, so that he may say that he earnestly hopes that the proposed bond issue for good roads in his native county will pass by a good, wholesome majority?

For that is my earnest hope. Not that I doubt that the people will do what they are asked to do, nor that I think it is necessary for me to elaborate on the reasons why it ought to be done. I hope that the bonds will carry, and simply wish to say so. And I wish them to carry because the old county is still dear, and because I want her to have the best. And by a bond issue seems to be the only practical way to get good roads.

And once they are built, Watauga will take the place that has long been hers; but from which she has been kept back. There is a better day before her. Just one thing will then remain to do, which the people can do for themselves, so far as roads are concerned, and that is to keep in repair the roads that will have been constructed.

Yes, I hope the bonds will carry, and I hope that the old county will take long steps forward along many lines. And I hope that some time it will be possible for me and the rest of the boys who are away from the old home to go back by rail. And I hope that time is not as far in the future as it sometimes seems.

With good wishes to you and all your readers, particularly those who live in Watauga, I am
Yours sincerely,

W. A. STANBURY,
Wilson, N. C., April 14.

Not Bothered Any More.

So-called rheumatic pains, grip, aches, lame back, sore muscles or stiff joints are the result of overworked weak or disordered kidneys. E. L. Turner, Homer, Ky., writes: "Since taking Foley Kidney Pills I have not been bothered any more. Strengthen weak kidneys and help rid the blood of acids and poisons. Sold everywhere."

The war appropriation bill for the enormous amount of seven billion dollars passed Congress without a dissenting vote.

To err is human, but the results may be inhuman.

Training School Items.

Miss Mattie Wollard of Beaufort, has sent Prof. D. D. Dougherty a small "long leaf" pine, a pitcher plant, a holly, and collards. These will look peculiar growing in the mountains. We thank her for her thoughtfulness.

Rev. D. P. Waters is delivering a series of short talks at Chapel service this week. Rev. M. A. Adams has been invited to do the same during next week. These will be helpful to the students.

Miss Bridge attended the meeting of the Domestic Science at Greensboro during the latter part of last week.

Flower and vegetable gardening seems to be the order of the day about the school.

The music students of the Appalachian Training School gave their Spring Piano Recital on Monday evening the 16th. The programme consisted of about a dozen well selected numbers which revealed the training and the skill of the students. The large audience was well pleased and all spoke in high terms of the students, as well as their teacher, Miss Stanbury.

Bad Colds From Sudden Change.

Spring brings all kinds of Weather and with it comes colds and the revival of winter coughs and hoarseness. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey will head off a new cold or stop the old one, the soothing balsams relieve the sore throat and heal the irritated tissues. Get a bottle to-day and start treatment at once. At your drug list 25c. Formula on bottle.

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H. J. HARDIN, E. T.



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Linville River Railway Company

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EASTWARD		STATIONS	WESTWARD	
No. 2	No. 4		No. 1	No. 3
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
1.00	5.30	Lve. Cranberry	Arr. 7.55	
1.25	5.45	Minneapolis Jct.	7.40	
1.35	5.55	Vale	7.30	
1.55	6.05	Newland	7.22	
2.10	6.15	Montezuma	7.15	7.15
2.35	6.30	Pineola	7.00
3.00		Linville	7.00	
3.30		The Gap	6.45	
3.40		Newmans	6.40	
4.00		Townsend	6.25	
4.20		Foscoe	6.10	
4.30		Shulls Mills	6.00	
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Nos. 1 and 4 are daily passenger trains.
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