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THE RAIL ROAD BONDS.

And the Act Authorizing Boone Township To Vote Them.

In order that the voters of Boone Township may fully understand the provisions of the act under which the bonds are voted for the Linville River Railway, we print below such portions of the act as are of most interest to the voters of the township.

Section one of the act provides that we may vote bonds bearing 5 per cent interest. Section two provides for the manner in which the election is to be held, and section three provides for the kind of bonds and the time of payment, and the payment of the bonds is to be as follows: \$3,000 on the first day of May, 1937, and three thousand dollars each year thereafter until paid. Section 4 of the act follows in full:

SEC. 4. All the county taxes which shall be levied and collected upon the property and franchise of the Linville River Railway Company in Said county shall be applied to the payment of the interest on the said bonds to the amount of said interest so long as the same shall accrue, and the excess of said taxes, if any, shall be applied to the payment of the principal of the said bonds, and the excess may be used to create a sinking fund for that purpose; when the said bonds are paid the said taxes to be applied to the general county purposes.

This section, as you see, provides that all the county taxes paid by the railroad in the county shall be used for the payment of the interest and principal of the bonds. If the Corporation assesses this railroad at the same rate that it assesses the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina from the State line to Cranberry, the taxes will pay the interest on the bonds and the principal. That road is assessed to pay \$157.00 taxes per mile. At the same rate the 14 miles of road in this county would pay \$2,198.00 in taxes. Take from this the State taxes of 27 1/2 cents and you have \$608.00 State taxes, which would leave to apply on the principal and interest of the bonds, \$1,590.00. The interest on the bonds will be \$1,350, so you see the Railroad Company's taxes will pay the interest and leave a sinking fund to pay on the principal. Mr. Whiting, in order to get the timber from Howards Creek, timber that he has purchased, will have to build 16 miles of tram road and this the county assessors will have a right to assess. This ought to be assessed at not less than \$2,000 per mile. It will be necessary to locate an extract plant here and a veneering plant, and Mr. Whiting is at work on this proposition now.

It is necessary for him to have these two plants here to manufacture his own products. This will not only furnish a market for all the extract wood but will add \$150,000.00 in property on the tax books, and this at \$1.00 on the \$100.00 will mean \$150,000 more taxes for the county of which Boone Township will get its proportional part. The Corporation Commission does not assess a new railroad at its full value for three years after the road is completed, but the new industries in sight will more than make up this deficiency.

The Railroad Company has agreed to take the bonds and the bonds are to be delivered to it when the railroad is completed to Boone.

SEC. 11. When the said bonds are sold the proceeds derived from the sale thereof shall be de-

posited with the Watauga County Bank to be held in trust by the said bank until satisfactory evidence is produced of the completion of the said railroad to Boone, whereupon the said money shall be delivered to the president of the said Linville River Railway Company. If the said company agrees to take the said bonds together with the coupons, shall be so deposited with the said bank and delivered to the said company upon satisfactory proof of the completion of the said railroad to the said town of Boone, N. C. That when the said bonds are issued they, with the said coupons attached, shall be numbered and a record kept by the officers issuing them, showing the numbers, amounts and dates of maturity of the same respectively.

SEC. 14. That the said Linville River Railway Company shall commence the construction of the said railroad from Shull's Mills to Boone within six months after the said bonds herein provided for have been voted by said township and complete the same within twelve months after the said election to entitle it to the said subscription or donation, and its failure to so commence and complete the said road shall forfeit its rights to the said amount voted.

So that the Railroad Company must complete the road to Boone in 12 months from February 12, 1918, and if it fails to complete it within that time, it does not get the bonds. The Railroad Company has also made a deposit of \$5,000 in the Watauga County Bank that is to be forfeited to the township, to be used on the public roads of the township if we vote the bonds and it fails to complete the road to Boone within 15 months from the date of the election. If we vote the bonds and the railroad fails to come to Boone in 12 months, it gets no bonds, and if it fails to get here in 15 months, we get the \$5,000.00. This makes the road absolutely certain. No other railroad company has ever been willing to put up a forfeit to guarantee the road and this is our only chance to get a road until after the war ends. Vote for the bonds.

Rev. W. M. Cannon.

The subject of this little memoir, who was born near Blowing Rock, N. C., died Nov. 27, aged 57 years. In the year 1870 his father, Alfred Cannon, moved to the western part of Watauga county. In 1877 He was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Barzilla McBride. When nineteen years old William saw his lost condition, and committed his soul into his Redeemer's hands and was baptized into the membership of Beech Mountain church by Rev. Leonard Buchanan.

After some years Bro. Cannon had an impression to preach the Gospel. The church gave him the privilege, and he made such a good impression that it called for his ordination about the year 1893. The presbytery was Elders D. C. Harman, A. J. Harmon and J. L. Younce. He contracted pneumonia, and thought from the beginning that he would not recover, telling his wife how to arrange his business. He leaves a wife and eight children, five daughters and three sons and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He and I labored together a great deal before I left Watauga, and, I trust, were instrumental in leading many souls to Christ.

J. L. YOUNCE.
Franklin, N. C.

**Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA**

REV. JAMES I. L. SHERWOOD.

Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood was born in Smith county, Va., Feb. 7, 1843; professed faith in Christ and joined Friendship Baptist church in 1859, and was licensed to preach the Gospel by the same church Feb. 5, 1864, the same being signed by David Kitzmiller as moderator of the church. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry by Young's Chapel Baptist church, Grayson county Va., April 14, 1867, Reys. W. C. Parks, J. S. Forister and T. J. Jones acting as Presbytery.

He became active as a preacher immediately after his ordination, faithfully performing his duties as such in Washington and Grayson counties, Va., from 1867 until 1882, when he moved to Trada, Tenn., where he lived about 18 months, when he moved to Watauga county in 1883 settling near Sherwood, N. C., where he died Oct. 28.

He served many churches from here to Mountain City and Butler, Tenn., and to Globe and other places in Caldwell county, N. C., making the trips across the Blue Ridge on horse back and buggy. He has been heard to say that he had ridden horse back when the stirrups have frozen fast to his feet and had to be knocked loose by some one.

He served his day and generation for more than 50 years as an active pastor. Hundreds, and even thousands have professed faith in Christ under the influence of his preaching and have been baptized by him, having baptized more than 3,500 people.

He was married to Miss Sarah Ann Young, of Grayson county, Va., on May 7, 1867. To this union was born 11 children, eight boys and three girls, nine of whom survive him, two boys having died when small. One son, Rev. A. C. Sherwood, now of Bentonville, S. C., is following in the footsteps of his father, as a minister of the Gospel, and is one of the leading Baptist preachers of the State.

For more than 30 years Bro. Sherwood was deprived of the companionship of his wife, her ill health making it necessary for her to be kept in the State Hospital at Morganton, N. C. where she died Oct. 10, 1917, and was brought home and laid to rest in the family cemetery on Oct. 12, 1917.

During all these years of bereavement and loneliness, Bro. Sherwood was never heard to murmur or complain, firmly believing in the doctrine of Romans 8:28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. He requested at the funeral of his wife that his pastor should preach his funeral from this scripture, which was done by Rev. M. A. Adams Oct. 30, 1917.

Bro. Sherwood was a faithful student all his life. Few men have ever lived in Watauga Co. who were more conversant with profane or sacred history than he. He was a profound student of the Bible, having read it through 85 times besides his topical reading. It was his daily companion wherever he went. He took it as the supreme authority on faith and practice. Three Forks Association has never had any more fearless and able expounder of the doctrines of the Bible than Bro. Sherwood.

He was an orator of unusual ability, always speaking with earnestness and power. Socially he had few superiors ever having ready a great source of information to draw from. He was fond

Letter From Camp Sevier.

Dear Editor: Permit me, in a brief form, to express myself on the prevailing conditions at Camp Sevier. The drilling of the men has been somewhat retarded for the last month on account of the continued inclemency of the weather. However, the men have not suffered or been uncomfortable on account of the weather. The tents are floored and boxed up the sides three feet. Each tent is provided with a stove that burns either wood or coal. With the exception of two or three days coal has been available. Wood plentiful. Every soldier is provided with a pair of heavy shoes, yarn socks, winter underwear, a woolen uniform and a warm overcoat.

Schools are the order of the day at present. The boys are studying the different kinds of guns, the make of them and how they are used; also the bayonet and the use of gas masks is being emphasized. The men who have never learned to read and write, are being taught. It is amazing what a fellow can do when he has to.

As to amusement, there is plenty of it. No soldier needs to be lonely. The little station of Paris, located right in the Camp, furnishes two theatres, movies, and other pastimes. The Y. M. C. A. is a wonder. The city of Greenville welcomes the boys in uniforms. The churches, have thrown open their doors and provided rest rooms where one may go and read and write to his heart's content, material furnished. Nor are the social features neglected.

Necessarily among so many men there will be some sickness, but as a whole there is no more healthy people than the soldiers. Every man has gained from ten to twenty pounds. My weight was one hundred and thirty-four when I came here. It is now one hundred sixty and still climbing.

We are here for a purpose. Until that purpose is attained, we will never lay down our arms or quit our post of duty.

Sincerely,

DEAN SWIFT.
Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Sugar 10 Cents a Pound—Five to Ten Pounds to Customer.

State Food Administrator Henry A. Page, announces the following regulations with regard to the retail price of sugar:

"The maximum retail price allowed on sugar from this date is 10 cents a pound. Retail merchants who have purchased sugar on such a basis that they have not a reasonable profit within this price may appeal to the food administration, stating cost price in detail, but none of those shall sell above ten cents a pound unless they have the specific written permission of the food administration.

"Until further notice sugar must not be sold to city or town consumers in quantities in excess of five pounds nor to consumers in the rural districts in excess of ten pounds."

of fun and was a good story teller.

He lived a life of faith and we believe he is at rest, as Rev. says: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from hence forth. Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Approved by Cove Creek Baptist Church Jan. 19, 1918, of which Bro. Sherwood was a faithful member from 1883 until he died.

W. Y. PERRY.

Important to Sugar Tree Owners.

Mr. Editor: Since we are being scourged by war and its effects, we are beginning to realize more fully than ever before that we have been walking over and around things that we could easily convert to our practical use, if necessity forced us to do it. It has been truthfully said, "Necessity is the mother of invention." It can as easily be said that "necessity is the mother of production."

The scarcity of sugar and syrup of all kinds has been the greatest in the history of our country. Thousands of people are today suffering for the necessary elements the sweets satisfy in their bodies and would, if they had the opportunity we mountain people have in the sugar maple, produce a sufficiency for their own consumption, if not a surplus for others.

Our friend, Mr. J. B. Horton of Elkin, N. C. has been writing personal letters to individuals and open letters of instruction to your paper, without hardly receiving a response. Now this is carelessness on the part of those of us who own the sugar maple trees. If we could only see that the manufacturing of maple sugar and syrup is one of our leading northern industries, we would then awake to the fact that we are the losers.

We are arranging to have a call meeting of all who are interested in this industry, the first Monday in February at Boone, N. C. Let every one who has trees and can muster up a pot or boiler in which to make sugar and syrup, meet with us on the above named date (11 a. m.) at the court house and discuss the matter in full.

W. L. WINKLER.

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"Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are," was once merely a clever phrase invented to prove some one's set theory. Now it is an international war-axiom. If you "eat for victory" then you are practicing the better patriotism. If not, then it does not matter much what colors you wear—your patriotism will only be button deep.

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