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COUNTIES RICH IN RESOURCES LOST BY LACK OF GOOD ROADS.

B. B. Dougherty in Winston-Salem Journal.

Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga—these three; formerly they were one—Ashe.

The taking away of Watauga in 1849, Alleghany in 1859, caused no friction in the mother country as is often the case. The people of Watauga have high regard and great appreciation for the people of Ashe and Alleghany, and they have every reason to believe that their high regard and great appreciation are fully reciprocated. With six hundred and forty-five thousand acres of fine mountain land, forty thousand three hundred and sixty-four cattle, thirteen thousand eight hundred and thirty-four hogs, twenty-six thousand six hundred and forty sheep, eight thousand one hundred and seventy-five horses, a tax book value at $35,000,000 and 41,881 courageous souls, these counties should be a great asset to the Old North State; they desire to be helped by the State. The propriety of putting these counties into Virginia and Tennessee has been discussed. A distinguished North Carolinian a few years ago canvassed Watauga to find the true sentiment, and declared that we were genuine North Carolinians. The great trouble, the tragedy of the whole matter, is that our transportation facilities connecting us with the State are about as they were when Zeb Vance canvassed the country for governor. A railroad, or a hard surfaced road, or both, will solve the question. A traveler in Boone wishing to go to Winston, would be advised to go to Bristol, Roanoake, then Winston. Go into our hotels and see the numerous traveling salesmen—not one from North Carolina; all from Tennessee and Virginia. Recently a big trust company was organized in Bristol. These counties were classified as Virginia counties, and our people were persuaded to buy $100,000 of the stock.

Ashe and Alleghany lead all the counties in the State in live stock, while Watauga leads in mountain produce. Here are the biggest cheese factories, with the biggest output south of Pennsylvania; here is the largest commercial orchard in North Carolina—60,000 newly bearing apple trees, Chickens and turkeys, butter and eggs, apples, cabbage and potatoes, all in abundance, going daily into Johnson City, Tenn., there to be distributed to the Virginia and Tennessee cities. We should love to see it go to Winston and Greensboro, Charlotte, Gastonia, Salisbury and other North Carolina towns. How can the current of trade be changed? Not by wishing, but by providing adequate transportation facilities. In the days gone by we undertook to build a railroad from Raleigh west. The first plan was to come by Winston, up the Yadkin, through Cook's Gap, through Watauga county, down the Watauga river into Tennessee; this is perhaps the best route. At that time our people had no confidence in the project. The road was taken away, and finally built to Asheville; built, if you please, by State bonds. That it has been a wise investment no man doubts. It has put millions of dollars on the tax books, bringing tremendous wealth from out of the State. At that time Jefferson was larger than Asheville, and Ashe county was as influential as Buncombe. The development of this part of the State will add the same glory and wealth to North Carolina, that Asheville and all her fine surroundings has added to the commonwealth. This new enterprise should be financed in the same way as the Western railroad—by State bonds. Aside from all this, there are many other reasons for developing this county. Here is the Cone estate, next to Vanderbilt's, the most beautiful in the country; it was developed in days of yore, with labor at fifty cents per day, at a cost of one half million dollars, now richly worth two millions. This estate will be turned over to the State of North Carolina for a hospital or sanatorium.

Here is the Grandfather National Park, one of the finest the country has. Boone was once the highest court house in the state but Newland, in the new county of Avery, now claims the distinction. Watauga is the highest county in the State and the highest east of the Rockies. The Yadkin river rises in the eastern slope; the Catawba in the south; the Watauga in the west, while New river runs through Ashe and Virginia, north, into the Ohio. Here, then, is the summit of the Appalachian mountains. Blowing Rock is the highest town, 4,000 feet above sea level. Here is the greenest grass, the coldest water, the bluest sky in all of God's creation. The weary-worn and tired come here to seek rest and find it; the broken in health to renew their strength, and the pleasure-seeker to spend the summer months. The college professor comes here to rest and to think, being the land for the botanist, geologist or mine. The lamented Chas. D. McIver once said in Boone that one could do twice as much intellectual work here in summer as in Greensboro. Last year a Tulane professor said that Blowing Rock was the finest place in all the world for a great university—a place where men can think; where the Randalls and Dangerfields, the world's celebrated artists have their homes.

Moses H. Cone, beloved and deceased, said he traveled through Germ any, France, Italy and Switzerland, but had never seen a more beautiful picture than the one he saw while standing upon the Blowing Rock, looking over the bosom of the great State—a scene the like of which is nowhere to be found—one great panorama after another! No pen can describe it; no poet can ryme it; no artist can paint it. It must be seen! There is nothing in all the Southland to compare to it; nothing this side of Switzerland to equal it; nothing, I say it reverently, this side of heaven itself to surpass it.

We would develop this country for the people of North Carolina. It must be a State project. Private capital cannot do it. It should be done now; the delay has already been too long. That there will be bickering we have no doubt. But let the worst pessamist leave the city when the thermometer registers at one hundred degrees and come across the mountains on a railroad speed, and land in the real "Land of the Sky" and sleep that night under a blanket—the sweetest sleep in all his life, awake next morning amid the matchless beauties and glories of the mountain land, his misgivings will fade away like the dew before the morning sun. Let him ride over the well graded road the national government will build around the Grand father mountain, looking down into the deep ravines and cataracts; down into the boiling, foaming river; then look up to the summit of the mountain, covered with balsam trees, and see the lofty peaks rising high into the very sky; let him climb to the crest of the mountain, look down upon the clouds, see the ravens flying beneath him, then with an altruistic heart, he will say to himself, that it would be the blunder of the age to postpone the development of this country. Give the legislators the information; they will do the work. It is not a local proposition; the whole State is interested.

COUNTY EXHIBIT.

(Continued from last paper.)

June 7, 1920.

T L Mast, agent for Nancy Bentley 12 00; N L Mast, agent for Elva Church 4 50; M B Blackburn agent for Elbert Horton 12 00; John Watson agent for Chrome Saunders 4 50; Bob Sluder agent for Thomas child 3 00; Jerry Watson agent for John Greer 3 00; J P Thomas agent for Henry Ward 4 50; R N Green agent for Harry Watson 6 00; Mrs. M A Shelton agent for Betsy Martin 12 00; L M Hodges agent for Charlie Aldridge 7 50; C D Taylor agent for Emaline Farthing 6 00; W J Farthing agent for Lou Ward 9 00, Frank Vines agent for Julia Glenn 9 00; Duke Ward agent for Riley Presnell 6 00; W L Holshouser agent for the Hodges children 12 00; J B Miller agent for Comilla Reese 15 00; Joseph Presnell agent for Rebecca Presnell 15 00; W T Vandyke, agent for Anderson Danner 4 50; W S Carroll agent for Mary Carlton 4 50; Mrs. J A Woodie agent for Sarah Shull 6 00; W L Holshouser, agent for Mrs. N E Hodges 18 00; E A Dyer agent for J W Dyer 3 00; Levy Norman county aid 6 00; Addie Fox county aid 6 00; Katy Yarber county aid 12 00; David Hodges county aid 13 00; Hardy Hix county aid, 3 00; C and M Barnes countg aid 6 00; J E Matherly telephone service 10 50; G H Rowe registration 6 00; A W Smith juvenile court work 29 50; S R Brown keeping county home 185 00; R K Hartley services as tax assessor 11 20; J E Young dog tax for damage 60 00; J L Fox registration 10 36; J C Councill primary election charges 2 00; Walter Winkler primary election charges 2 00; Z T Greene primary election charges 2 00; R L Henson primary election charges 10 00; W R Gragg clerking to Board and etc. 36 40; R A Thomas primary election charges 1 00; J R May primary election charges 2 00; B R South primary election charges 8 00; G A Greene capturing still and bringing Zina Green to jail 26 00; John Ward tax supervisor of Watauga county 192 80; H P Cook conveying lunatic to Morganton 38 00; G L Phillips travis juror fall term 1919, ticket not issued at time, 7 10.

July 5, 1920.

J L Lewis damage to sheep by dogs 50 00; S R Brown keeping county home 168 00; J D Councill holding second primary election 2 00; Z T Green holding second primary election 2 00; J W Winkler holding second primary election 2 00; L E Beach holding second primary election 2 00; W O Bingham examining lunatic 4 00; Edwards & Broughton adding machine paper and etc 19 44; W E and Jason Moretz damage to sheep by dogs 115 00; A W Smith juvenile court and other services 29 50; N N Colvard services as coroner and etc. 27 60; W R Johnson carrying Rev. John Eller to asylum 36 00; John Ward county supervisor of taxes 182 57; R L Henson register of primary election 4 00; W T Bairs register of primary election 4 00; Dr. J W Jones treatment of Mary Carlton, and etc. 206 50; Blanche Luther damage to seeep by dogs 9 00; A L Wilson services as tax appraiser 12 40; N C Green capturing still 20 00; Clay Folk sanitary work 10 00.

July 24, 1920.

T C and G L Hodger labor on closets for county 32 45.

Aug. 2, 1920.

S R Brown keeping county home 173 20; Dr. J W Jones quarantine officer and etc. 17 50; [illegible] Elliott burial expenses for Mrs. N C Wilson 20 00; A W Smith juvenile court work and etc. 29 00; A R Green work on county jail closet 20 40; Gragg & Loizeaux lumber for toilets 80 92; R M Brown services as county superintendent of public welfare 54 00; G W Phillips damage to sheep by dogs 28 00; Edwards & Broughton record ribbon 6 00; W L Trivett vital statistic claim 9 00; A W Smith office supplies 7 19; Watauga Printing Co., envelopes and etc. 2 25; A Harman agent for Fannie Harman 13 50.

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RATHER RANK.

Statesville Landmark.

Another man has been arrested for the Lippard murder and the father of two already convicted was caught transporting liquor. It is hardly safe, in these days, for one community to call attention to the sins of another, for wickedness does so abound in all that "the kettle can't throw up 'black' to the pot." But taking the risk we are moved to remark that the evidence in the Lippard case revealed a state of moral depravity in the section where the murder was committed that was a little more rank than one suspected existed in this part of the country. Evidently a considerable bunch of folks, of both sexes, in that locality, spend about all their time in transporting and dealing in and drinking blockade liquor, and gambling and other forms of law violation, immorality and other forms of indecency, usual accompaniments of the liquor traffic, are flaunted openly. Those who read the testimony in the Lippard case doubtless felt that justice would be done if a number of the witnesses, on their own confession, had been sent to the penitentiary along with the principals.

But those on whom the tower at Siloam fell were not the only sinners. Other communities may not be quite as bad but there are a plenty with records that take from them the right to point fingers. And if the liquor traffic continues with as little check as is now imposed, with public consent through public indifference, these conditions will continue to grow worse. Lawlessness always begets lawlessness and a very few lawless can overrun, dominate, a wide territory if the good people remain quiet. Simply deploring gets us nowhere. It is action and militant action at that, that is necessary. Such an expression of sentiment and such force behind it as will not only secure the conviction of the guilty but compel adequate punishment, will meet the case. Drastic action will be necessary; a desperate situation requires a desperate remedy. That drastic action will appear when the folks really want something done and will stand up against the law breakers, not only but against the aiders and abettors of the law breakers, who are really responsible for present conditions because of their all the time insisting that nobody should be punished. The folks who by assumption claim to be more just than God Almighty, have had their cry-out. Behold the result.

ENTRY NOTICE. No. 2554.

North Carolina, Watauga County. Office of Entry Taker to said county.

[illegible] E. Story locates and enters one hundred (100) acres of land on the waters of Beaver Creek, in Blue Ridge township, beginning on a bunch of chestnut sprouts and a stake near [illegible] Coffey's corner, and running [illegible] west with said line to a chestnut tree on said line; then crossing said creek [illegible] to a cucumber tree at the foot of the Rocky Ridge; then up said ridge and various courses with the Boone Coffey's line to the beginning. Entered Dec. 20, 1920.

H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

Capt. E. F. Lovill, after spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. James Brawley, in Greensboro, returned Friday evening, and thinks, after attending to some business of a pressing nature, of going to Florida for a few weeks.

Commissioners' Attendance, 1920.

L. A. Greene, 20 days at $3.00 per day.	$60.00.
Traveled 144 miles at 5c. per mile.	$7.20.
Total	$67.20.
J. C. Brookshire, served 20 days at $3.00 per day,	$60.00.
Traveled 84 miles at 5c. per mile,	$4.20.
Total	$64.20.
J. C. Miller. Served 19 days at $3.00 per day,	$57.00.
Traveled 192 miles at 5c. per mile,	$9.60.
Total	$66.00.

I, W. R. Gragg, Register of Deeds of Watauga county, N. C., and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, hereby certify the above accounts to be [illegible] copies from the records and [illegible] counts in my office. This November 30, 1920.

W. R. GRAGG,
Register of Deeds.

NOTICE OF ADMIMISTRATION.

Having qualified as administrator of John Eller, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of December, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make settlement. This the 4th day of December, 1920.

W. R. JOHNSON.
Adm. of John Eller, deceased,

MORTGAGE SALE.

Nortd Carolina, Watauga County.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed on the 12th day of December 1918, by Charles Proffit and Thomy Proffit, to Jacob Fletcher, the undersigned mostgagee, will at public sale at the courthouse door in town of Boone, N. C., on the 31st day of January, 1921, to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land lying and being in the county of Watauga, and adjoining the lands of Will Moody, Fletcher and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a [illegible] gap of the ridge at the road a[illegible] south 55 west 40 poles to a [illegible] Charles Proffit's line; then [illegible] east to a stake in Will Moody's [illegible] then west [illegible] east to a stake [illegible] branch; then north 5 east 49 poles to a spotted oak tree in the corner [illegible] No. 5; then 26 poles to a chestnut on top of the ridge in Newton Fletcher's line; then with said line, about east, 11 poles to a locust, an agreed corner to J. C. Henson; then with Henson's line 40 poles to a chestnut (or sugar tree); thence down with the fence 23 poles to a water oak; thence a west course 6 poles to a poplar; then the same course 19 poles to a [illegible] at the road, and then to the beginning, containing 25 acres more or less. The said sale is made to satisfy the balance of the purchase money of the land, being $1,000 with interest thereon form date of the mortgage. Said sale will be at the hour of 2 o'clock, p. m. This December 22, 1920.

JACOB FLETCHER, Mortgagee.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

North Carolina, Watauga County. In the Superior Court.

Zilpha Eller, W. C. Eller, Callie Eller, Maggie Fletcher and husband Newton Fletcher, Ettie Combs and husband John Combs,

Vs.

Alice Helton and husband Charles Helton, James Eller, Neely Eller and [illegible] Eller and husband [illegible] Eller, Cora Ward and husband Selma Ward, Spurgeon Eller, Noah Eller and Conley and Conley Eller, the last, minor heirs of J. F. Eller, deceased.

The defendants in the above entitled action will take notice that on the [illegible] day of December, 1920, a summons in said action was issued against the [illegible] the 8th day of January, 1921, [illegible] the defendants are [illegible] to appear and answer or demur to the petition of the plaintiffs for the partition of real estate in Watauga County, N. C., or the relief demanded will be granted. This the 7th day of December, 1920.

A. W. SMITH,
Clerk Superior Court.

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