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TENNESSEE WILL INVEST IN EIGHT MILES OF BOONE TRAIL

(Wilkes Patriot)
According to latest advices from Tennessee legislative body, the nine mile gap of bad road in the Boone Trail Highway, lying between Trade Tenn., and Mountain City, is soon to be completed.

This piece of rock and mud which has been in terrible condition for a number of years has formed a barrier to interstate travel and while cutting the good people of Tennessee off from North Carolina, has made it impossible for the tourist trade, which should use this road, to enjoy the trip through the most scenic and prosperous section of the state.

But Senator E. E. Butler, representing the extreme eastern counties of Tennessee in the State Senate, has been on the job and with his progressive influence has waged a battle for better highways which will ultimately result in the grading and surfacing of this connecting link of road.

Legislation has been enacted by the "Volunteer State" authorizing the highway department to spend around four thousand dollars per mile on roadways, and this Boone Trail, as we understand it, is to be the first to receive attention.

Towns in western North Carolina through their civic organizations, have made various appeals to Tennessee authorities for this road work to be finished, but up to this time had received no reply. In Senator Butler, however, these messages found a champion, and with unceasing energy, he brought about the things we have so long desired.

The following clipping from the Bristol (Tenn.) Herald-Courier gives in brief, a survey of the highway legislation passed by the General Assembly of the state at this session:

Senator E. E. Butler of Mountain City, Tenn. who arrived in Bristol yesterday from Nashville, Tenn., stated that he has been working to get the roads of this section of the country in better shape and also to complete the road across Holston Mountain to Trade, Tenn. This road was started last year, but was only graded as far as Mountain City. Mr. Butler stated that as soon as the road can be completed and hard surfaced people in this section of the country will have a good road leading into the state of North Carolina and also to other southern points.

Mr. Butler also stated that the Highway Department of Tennessee has promised to spend about four thousand dollars per mile in building highways in this part of the state. He said that the recess committee will meet within the next two weeks to formulate plans for quick, though permanent construction of highways. He stated that after the roads are completed, a large amount of money will be spent each year in maintaining them.

Mr. Butler represents Johnson, Carter, Washington, Unicoi and Greene counties in the Senate.

A PLEA FOR DOMESTIC SWISS CHEESE

New York, February 16.—Editors New York Produce Review and American Creamery.—From my observations since I have been in New York the past ten days I find it is to the advantage of every New York dealer to handle Domestic Swiss Cheese for the following reasons:

1. Our New York state and Wisconsin Swiss is running far superior in quality to that ever shown before.
2. The merchandising profit on Domestic Swiss is always better than on imported Swiss, which any of the New York dealers can verify.
3. The quality of the imported Swiss we have been receiving in this market during the past six months has been detrimental to the Swiss cheese business, and there is no question in the minds of the Swiss dealers that it has curtailed the consumption of Swiss cheese.

Now the Swiss Union have issued new instructions telling the U. S. dealers that hereafter they will have to pay cash in advance before they can receive any imported Swiss. If ever an opportunity presented itself to put our own American round Swiss cheese where it belongs, now is the time. The quality is better, the profit is greater and an opportunity of increasing the production on our own domestic made Swiss cheese, which will help all of us concerned in this good country.

J. S. HOFFMAN CO., Inc.

New Secretary Of Agriculture



William M. Jarline, President of Kansas Agricultural College, will become a member of President Coolidge's cabinet March 4 as Secretary of Agriculture, to succeed H. M. Gore who then takes office as Governor of West Virginia.

WATAUGA SWISS CHEESE SATISFYING THE PUBLIC

About January 1, two wheels of Watauga Swiss cheese were shipped to Kingan & Company, Packers, at Richmond, Virginia. I wrote to the Manager, Mr. Baum to examine the cheese carefully and to compare with the cheese he had in stock, then, to write me frankly his opinion of the Watauga Swiss. A letter was received last week as follows:

Richmond, Va. Feb. 19.
Mr. H. L. Wilson,
Boone, N. C.
Dear sir:

Answering your letter of February 17th with reference to shipment of Domestic Swiss Cheese, we received the shipment and are glad to report that we found it satisfactory, as the cheese has all been shipped out and we have had no complaints, we would presume that it must have given our customers satisfaction.

We are quoted domestic Cheese from New York which is satisfactory on a lower price than the price you quoted for your cheese.

Yours very truly,
KINGAN & CO.

These cheese were billed at 50 cts per pound, f. o. b. Wilkesboro, N. C. It is a great satisfaction to know that the quality of Watauga Swiss will compare favorably in other sections where it has been made for years.

H. L. WILSON

Near East Time Extended So all May Have a Chance

Some are contributing liberally to save from death these most needy orphans, but it may be that you have not contributed your share for those who have neither father nor mother to care for them. We are extending the period that all may have time to make their offering for the cause. We have not yet reached our part of amount we are asked to contribute. Let us not fail, when a little from each one will bring it out. Send your offering to Mr. C. P. Hagaman, the Treasurer, Boone, N. C. We are depending on you and these needy little ones are looking to you.

A survey of nearly four thousand farms in four states shows that three fourths of the farmers have adopted improved agricultural practices as a result of agricultural extension work according to figures made public by the United States department of Agriculture.

NEW TITLE FOR JERRY

Seth—"Good old Jerry Simpkins. He's certainly a man of parts."
Duke—"What do you mean?"
Seth—"Didn't you hear. He tried to bea the express to the crossing in his Silly Six."

OUR WEEKLY RESUME OF LEGISLATIVE EVENTS

(By M. L. Shipman.)

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—"Monkey business" has had the center of the stage in the general assembly the past week and no great progress has been made in the enactment of general legislation. The revenue bill has been whipped into shape and is now under consideration by the committee of the Whole in the House. The bill providing appropriations to the state educational charitable and penal institutions, pensions for confederate soldiers and widows; for the payment of the interest on the state debt, equalizing fund for the public school etc. is to follow in due course. The Finance Committee have raked every available source of revenue with a fine tooth comb in an effort to comply with the demands of the appropriation committee. But "the call is not sustained." There is an appreciable difference between the two which is not likely to be reconciled at this session.

Two days were given to the consideration of the Poole resolution regarding the teaching of evolution in State institutions, which has been made a special order for Tuesday night. The bill was displaced however on account of the crowded condition of the hall and galleries of the house which were jammed with people eager to hear the discussion. The question for debate was: "Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that it is the sense of the General Assembly of North Carolina that it is injurious to the welfare of the people of the commonwealth for any officer or teacher in the state, paid wholly or in part by taxation, to teach or permit to be taught, as a fact, either Darwinism or other evolutionary hypothesis that links man in blood relationship with any other lower form of life."

The resolution came up on the House calendar Thursday morning as unfinished business and the fireworks started without difficulty. The forces in favor of the resolution were directed by Representative Turlington of Iredell; the opposition by Representative Murphy of Rowan. Mr. Turlington could see no harm in prohibiting the teaching of theories as facts and paid his respects to the heads of state institutions who had appeared before the committee in opposition to the resolution. He was sustained in his contentions by the Messrs. Madison of Jackson, Hunter of Polk, Braswell of Nash, Neal of Caswell, Miss Alexander of Mecklenburg, and Poole of Hoke, author of the resolution, who pointed out the dangers to young minds of theories that are now being promulgated thru the camouflage of science in the high schools and colleges of the state. Mr. Turlington declared he had parted company with Doctor Chase and the University, under his management, after hearing the doctor's speech before the committee on Education in opposition to the resolution. Representative Madison sought to refute the suggestion of the abridgement of freedom of thought, freedom of the press and freedom of speech. Other proponents of the measure took the same view.

Representatives Ervin of Burke, Connor of Wilson, Everett of Durham, and Yelverton of Wayne, concurred in the opinion of Mr. Murphy in his appeal for religious freedom and kindred influences. Freedom for everything was the slogan of the opposition. Besides they contended that the legislature is not the proper forum before which to bring the issue and the house finally concurred in this view by voting to table the resolution.

Defeated but undaunted is the position in which the author of the resolution finds himself. But he declares that the fight has just started. The Humphrey resolution, introduced in the upper branch by Senator Humphrey of Wayne, encountered no difficulty in running the gauntlet of the two houses of the legislature and the assembly will soon be in possession of a list of the employees of each state department and institution and the amount of compensation doled out to them on the first of each month. The statement is to be filed with the chairman of the Senate and House Finance and appropriation committees and with

OF LOCAL INTEREST

By Senator Brown—An act to permit Blowing Rock township in Watauga county to vote bonds to aid in the construction of the Linville River Railway from Winkler Siding to Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

By Senator Brown—An act to authorize the Board of Commissioners of Watauga county to reassess the lands of said county for the purposes of taxation.

the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The number of automobiles purchased by the departments and institutions for state purposes, with cost of upkeep, is to be included in the statement which the State Auditor is to prepare for the information of the General Assembly.

The Senate declined to compel "John Smith" to exhibit a light on any of his horse drawn vehicles when driving at night or at any other time, by less than is required to regulate the story the House bill by Neal of McDowell, requiring wagons moving along the state highways at night to carry lights, found itself on the table after consideration of the measure began in the senate. The House passed it by a good majority and proponents of the bill expected the Senate to concur in its provisions. It was intended as a protection to those employing ancient modes of travel, but "John's" friends in the Senate balked.

History is repeating itself as it has during ever re-occurring session of the General Assembly since the Democrat party resumed control of the legislative branch of the State government in 1899. Representative Klutz of Catawba, was the first member of the minority to feel the heavy hand of the majority at this session. The fight started when two local bills introduced by Senator Shuford, reached the House calendar, one to increase the salaries of county officers and the other to provide a special election law for Catawba county. Senator Shuford hails from Catawba county, is a Democrat, and the House passed the bills over the strongest kind of protest from the member from Catawba who had pledged himself in the campaign to permit no salary increase by the legislature if in his power to prevent.

But "politics is politics" in the estimation of Tam Bovitt, and Representative Klutz probably feels the same way about it now.

Representative Moore of Martin recently introduced a bill in the House entitled "an act to create an advisory commission to investigate and report upon the question of the freight rate discrimination and the question of the development of waterways." The bill, sponsored by Governor McLean, would create a special commission composed of twelve business men and shippers, authorized and directed to work in cooperation with the corporation commission towards the adjustment of exorbitant freight rates. The members of the commission would receive the same per diem paid members of the General Assembly and have the right to expend the sum of \$25,000 for purposes of investigation. This General Assembly does not appear to think well of legislative commissions, but the Governor's prestige may pull the Moore bill through. Mr. McLean promised to aid in the development of the state's waterways during the primary campaign last summer and he wants to make good that pledge.

The State wide game bill is having rough sledding. It has been kicked around from the moment Representative Wade of New Hanover and Senator Blue of Scotland, dropped it into the legislative hopper. The proponents and opponents of the "poor thing" do not appear to be any nearer in agreement than they were three weeks ago and the proposed measure has been placed in the custody of a special committee with a view to ironing out the differences. It is expected to bob up again when the average layman in the Assembly least expects it.

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Legislative Committee Pays Visit to A. T. S.

Unusually Interesting Period at Local Institution. Solons Deliver Addresses to Students—The Sunday School Canvass.

The past few days have been unusually interesting at the Appalachian Training School. One special feature of this interest was the visit of the committee from the Legislature. This committee consisted of Representative T. C. Whitaker of Jones County, Senator J. S. Hargett of the same county, Representative W. W. Rogers of Hartford county, Senator Spencer of Hyde county, and accompanying these were Senator John E. Brown and Representative L. G. Greer both of Boone. These distinguished men were shown over the school plant in all of its features and expressed themselves as both surprised and pleased with the work that has been accomplished. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the student body, together with those from the model school were assembled in the chapel to have messages from these representative men, each one of whom spoke. Representative Whitaker expressed himself as well pleased with the school in general and gave some timely words of exhortation. Senator Hargett much surprised at the school and among other good things said that if he had known before what he now knows about the school he would never have turned a deaf ear on an appeal of the school. Senator Brown was well pleased with being here again and related a number of good things he had heard about the school. Senator Spencer was more forcibly impressed with this school than with any other institution in the state. Representative Rogers said he did not have a just appreciation until coming here of the system used, and was enthused over the school. Representative Greer expressed himself as well pleased to be at the school again and hoped to be back soon. The members of the committee from the eastern part of the state were especially invited to be present at the reception given by the Juniors to the Senators in the gymnasium on Saturday night. The program for this reception was one of the most unique of the kind that has ever been given consisting of a play in the form of wedding which was carried out in a most pleasing manner. The State Legislature men were especially honored being presented with school annuals, refreshments were served, and several members of the faculty spoke. All were well pleased with the affair. The Training School was indeed well pleased to have these distinguished men from the Legislature to visit as and truly hope that they may come again, even if not in official capacity.

The churches of Boone have taken up a most worthy and somewhat unusual feature of religious work. It has been their purpose to get every person in the town and community in the Sunday Schools and all the churches of the town are now working in beautiful harmony to that end. On Sunday afternoon a large number of representatives from all the churches met at 1:45 to make the canvass and take church census of the town and community. Plans had been laid before and everything was in readiness for the work. These canvassers went two and two, representing different denominations in each group. This canvass was made in the afternoon and the cards were handed in at a Union service at the Baptist church which was a most enthusiastic and helpful meeting. The spirit of full co-operation that prevailed was indeed pleasing and helpful to all present and without doubt will mean much more for all the churches and people than possibly could have been accomplished by each church working separately. Quite a number of splendid speeches were made including those by the pastor, Sunday School Superintendents and others. It is the purpose of the churches to go forward with this good work till as sincerely as possible every one is in Sunday School.

WINNERS OF PREMIUMS IN WATAUGA FROM STATE FAIR

According to information received from the offices of the State Fair \$18 in prizes came to Watauga from the last event; \$8 to the Cove Creek Cheese Co., Sugar Grove, and \$10 to the Brushy Fork Cheese Co., at Vilas.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS INCREASE PRODUCTION IN HEN HOUSE

(Lenoir News Topic.)

Granite Falls, Feb. 18.—G. H. Yount, who lives about three miles northeast of Granite Falls, has tested out the effects of electric lights in the hen house on egg production during the winter months and has found that one of his flocks of 70 White Leghorns on which electric lights were turned each morning at five o'clock has produced twice the number of eggs during the month of January as his other flock of the same number and breed and from the same hatch but which was kept in an unlighted house. Both flocks received the same ration and care except the flock in the unlighted house had a better range.

The seventy which were given artificial light early in the morning produced 1,133 eggs during last month which sold for \$47.31, while the seventy which were kept in the unlighted house produced 526 eggs during the same period for which \$21.92 was received. These figures show a difference of 607 eggs and a difference of \$25.39 in value in favor of the flock kept in the house equipped with electric lights.

Electric light in the hen house gives the hen a longer day during the winter months, thereby making it possible for her to eat more feed and consequently lay more eggs.

For the sake of convenience in turning on his lights, Mr. Yount has connected the switch which turns on the lights to the alarm stem of an alarm clock. When the clock alarms at 5 a. m. the lights are automatically turned on and the birds get off the roosts and eat the feed which he scatters in deep litter on the floor the evening before. At 6 a. m. his hens are busy laying eggs.

Altho Mr. Yount began turning on the lights early in November very little increase was observed until about the middle of December. The prolonged results can be attributed to the fact that they were using most of the excess feed that they were getting to grow back the feathers which were lost during the fall molt. This test should convince farmers that lights in the henhouse during the short winter days help to get more eggs when eggs are high in price.

Office of Co. Treasurer Has Been Re-Established

The bill providing for the re-establishment of the office of Treasurer in Watauga county has passed the legislature and Emory Greer of Zionville has been appointed at a salary of \$1,000 per year.

Mr. and Mrs. "Champ"



Champion Jack Dempsey and his bride, Estelle Taylor, snapped an hour after they had promised "to love, honor and—Gosh, we're happy," say they.

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