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SHALL THEY BE ISSUED AS VOTED?

An Account of a Public Meeting in Rutherford to Consider the Question—An Unanimous Affirmative Reply, but Finally a Question for the Courts to Solve.

The citizens of Rutherford county met together on Saturday, May 15th, to express their sentiments concerning the suit recently brought in their name to restrain the issue of the bonds voted to the Rutherford Railway Construction Company.

The merchants, the business men and the farmers were there, and all agreed to meet at the same place for a meeting held in the county. Never were the same union of feeling and the same determination exhibited.

When the time came, by the adoption of the resolutions, to set the seal of condemnation upon these acts there was one loud and prolonged cry sent up for registry.

Dr. J. W. Harris called the meeting to order, and introduced Mr. C. B. Justice to explain its objects. Mr. Justice said that the plaintiff in the action had the right to set the valid issue of the bonds and so he presented the right to express their sentiments and this privilege they had come to exercise.

Mr. Nathan Scoggins was elected permanent chairman of the meeting, and Major L. P. Erwin, Mr. John Wood and the representatives of the press who were present were appointed secretaries.

The committee on resolutions appointed at the meeting of the citizens of Rutherford, held May 7, reported the following: Whereas, The Rutherford Railway Construction Company was incorporated and chartered by the State of North Carolina, and has been duly organized under the laws of the same for the purpose of affording the people of Rutherford county railroad facilities that have for years been needed and begged of other corporations, and

Whereas, The agents appointed by law to manage Rutherford county's interest in the Rutherford Railway Construction Company and the directors of the said Rutherford Railway Construction Company have entered into a contract with the Massachusetts and Southern Construction Company which, in consideration of the bonds voted as above, secures the location of a great trunk line, the Cincinnati and Chicago Railroad, through Rutherford county, and have appointed a trustee to hold the said bonds under the very equitable provisions of said contract, and this trustee has fully protected the interest of the county by a large indemnity bond;

Whereas, By the acceptance of the said trustee and the delivery of the said bonds to him, the commissioners of Rutherford county, representing the people of the county, have finally and absolutely approved of the acts of the railroad agents of the county, and this approval has received the almost unanimous endorsement of the people, and

Whereas, The Rutherford Railway Construction Company and the Massachusetts and Southern Construction Company have gone to work in good faith and in observance of the contract between them and it is now evident that within a few months the railroad will be run through Rutherford county over the first section of the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago Railroad, destined to become one of the greatest trunk lines of the South and West, and

Whereas, In spite of the immense benefits certain to be received by Rutherford county in the building up of her waste places by this great enterprise and of the enhancement of her property and the betterment of her condition already received, there has been, from the first, on the part of the few malignant and selfish opposition and obstruction of this great work and this spirit has finally culminated in a vexatious suit at law aimed to injure the Massachusetts and Southern Construction Company by the mass meeting assembled in order to secure only of destroying the public credit of Rutherford county, and the financial honor of her citizens and;

citizens thereof and that any attempt to evade the obligations of the same is an effort at repudiation equally disastrous to our honor, and to our material interests.

Resolved, That an approval of all the acts of the railroad agents of Rutherford county; of the directors of the Rutherford Railway Construction Company and of the Commissioners of Rutherford county in making any contract in pursuance of the contract with the Massachusetts and Southern Construction Company and that we believe that all has been for the progress of the county, while her rights have been fully guarded.

Resolved, That we have absolute confidence in the ability, integrity and good faith of the Massachusetts and Southern Construction Company and hereby express our sense that it has exceeded its promises set forth in the above named contracts.

Resolved, That we condemn and repudiate all of the obstructions with which the Massachusetts and Southern Construction Company has been met.

Resolved, That we denounce and condemn the suit brought to annul the issue of the county as a blot upon her fair name and not representing the sentiment of her people, and as a work of malice which, without releasing the county from any of her obligations, may, unless its spirit be fully understood, destroy her credit beyond recall by lowering the value of her bonds in every market affecting every man in the county.

Resolved, That we regard it the duty of each citizen of the county to do in his power to further the great object in which we are so deeply and peculiarly interested and that he who obstructs shall be branded as a traitor to her interests.

Resolved, That the appropriate committee of Rutherford county, in its report, and that the development and prosperity of the county, one of the noblest of the State, depend upon her record abroad. As one of her citizens, proud of her honor and interested in her progress, he was unwilling that the report should go out that Rutherford county would not meet the obligations she had voted upon herself.

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he believed that both Rutherford and Cleveland counties would pay their debts; for both were honest. Mr. Dixon's remarks were at times humorous and secured for him much applause. All of the speakers were frequently interrupted with enthusiastic demonstrations.

After a few remarks by Mr. Geo. A. Frick, the resolutions were adopted unanimously and the announcement of the result received with loud cheers.

Upon motion of Mr. McMahon, the following committee was appointed to present the resolutions to the press for publication: Dr. E. B. Harris, Rutherford; Superintendent of Schools A. L. Rucker, Green Hill; J. A. Justice, F. Union; C. P. Tanner, J. P. Sulphur Spring; County School Commissioner J. P. Burgess, High Shoals; Mr. T. M. Walker, Colfax; Postmaster H. S. Taylor, Cool Springs; Mr. W. Withrow, Duncan's Creek; J. M. Mott, J. P. Gold on Valley; Mr. Jos. Scoggins, Logan's Store; Mr. A. W. Gilkey, Camp Creek; A. W. Haynes, Morgan, and Rev. W. H. Logan, Chatham Rock.

Having thus unequivocally exhibited its sentiments, the meeting adjourned sine die.

Its Annual Meeting at Newbern. Wednesday morning at ten o'clock a large number of the medical fraternity of North Carolina, from all parts of the State, assembled at the residence of the president, Dr. Joseph Graham, of Charlotte, Hon. C. C. Clark and Rev. L. W. Crawford were invited to assist on the stand by the local committee of arrangements.

Dr. J. B. Hughes announced the following program for the society: Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock, at the Clarendon Club; Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, at the Clarendon Club; Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, at the Clarendon Club; Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, at the Clarendon Club.

Resolved, That a tax of one dollar per capita be levied upon the members of this society, which shall be collected each year in addition to the regular dues, and the amount so raised shall be set apart as a sinking fund.

Resolved, That the said fund shall be put into the hands of a committee which shall be selected for the purpose, and this committee shall invest or lend the money so raised and it will continually draw a good interest.

Resolved, That when a sufficient amount shall have been raised, that this association direct such a building to be erected in the city of Raleigh.

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