

CORN CRACKER'S COMMENT

CLEVELAND AND BAD ROADS
The Case With Which Petitions and Counter-Petitions Are Successfully Circulated - Political Adherents Pledge to the Correspondent's Standard, and Now Name the Good Men and True - Remarks on the Cause of Education.

Editor of The Observer: If anybody in any part of the world is suspected with civilization let him come to Cleveland county, and sing:

"This is the place I long have sought and mourned because I found it not." In the first place we have no roads, and thank God, don't want any. The only reason to be assigned is, that our fathers before us didn't have any and we are no better than they. If we are any better it is because we are no worse; for nobody can keep from getting either better or worse.

Our roads are a curial proof that we are two hundred years behind the times. We really have no roads, but have a line of mud holes from one place to the next.

A few days ago, the commissioners condemned a mud hole between two towering banks and appointed a jury of five men to lay out a road, so that the mud hole would be a highway to do, placing the proposed highway, of course, on some fallow field.

These fields were not valuable for farming purposes, for several families had deserted them, to make ends meet at a cotton mill.

The jury assessed damages at rates of \$25 per acre. This was met with indignation by land owners, proceeding to remind a person of the annual land survey, when the county assessors revise either while dogs, great, small, short and tall, meet and argue the matter with teeth and paws.

On this occasion every man affected got out a petition. Any man can circulate a petition, and no matter what it calls for, can get signers. Petitions have been circulated here to hang Sam Jones, to hang W. J. Bryan, to hang President Roosevelt, and about every man approached has either signed them or made his mark.

Counties have also been circulated, declaring Sam Jones a consecrated Christian, and W. J. Bryan and President Roosevelt to be devoted patriots of whom the world was not worthy. The petitioners who signed these petitions with the same cheerful alacrity with which they took upon themselves the rule of avengers in first petition.

The first petition in the road matter declared that a petition in the Rutherfordton and Lincolnton road was past navigation, and that ten thousand men in ten thousand years could not make it a decent highway. The counter petition solemnly swore that the condemned road was a highway and that the petitioners were a bunch of scoundrels and joy forever, and that the princely domain where the jury recommended the new road, was worth \$600 per acre. Result, things were placed about in statu quo.

Political adherents are getting more and more numerous. Three months ago we were a spike team, comprising a R. F. D. man, a profession of a saw mill, and your Uncle Corn Cracker. We were a party of adherents have flocked to our standard, and they are of the most pronounced, tallow-faced, woolly-necked and unwashed variety. That makes fire, and who knows what may happen, ere the close of the 20th century.

Possibly I may not live till the dawn of the 21st century. I know I would not if it were left to the rising vote, but the party that builds good roads and raises dogs is coming a bit, coming slowly.

Hon. J. Y. Joyner is now making a series of educational speeches in this county. Supt. R. F. Falls is with him, and good crowds are turning out. The afternoon school is being held and the cooks, while the crolline battalion go at night and let the lords of creation sleep. Farmers are behind by reason of wet weather, and hence, utilize every day bit to plow.

On Friday night Supt. Joyner spoke at Laureate. This place contains Piedmont High School, ably superintended by Prof. W. A. Burns, and his corps of assistants. This has been a very successful term, and hence, are beginning on the educational altar.

Prof. Joyner was happily introduced by Supt. Falls, as the great educator of this State. The speaker referred to the Savior taking a little child in the street to be the subject of his discourse. The old prophet says, "A little child shall lead them." The future destiny of North Carolina hinges on what we do with the little child. Our future progress and prosperity depends on educating and training the child.

In the morning dawn of history Egypt, by her culture, by her prosperity in art and science, useful and ornamental, controlled the destiny of the world. Later, because the home of culture and the altar of science of material greatness, and wielded the scepter of dominion.

At a later date Rome, the imperial city of the Caesars, shed her lustre over the outlying world. Prussia, was the object of the envy of France, the laughing stock of the mighty powers of Europe. But a wise ruler realized that knowledge is power, and decreed that her sons and daughters should be educated.

The mated hand of France was plucked from her throat, the golden lilies went down before the colors of Prussia. This was not so much by the mighty roar of her cannon, and the gleaming bayonet, as by the triumph of mind over matter.

When Secretary of State, Graham, of North Carolina, opened wide the door for Japan, some fifty years ago, Japan was enthralled in darkness and superstition. Later, by the aid of the forefathers of Oriental nations hurling the cohorts of the mighty Russian bear from the domain of Manchu, Japan had educated her citizenship, while Russia kept the masses in ignorance.

Education is mixing brains with work of hands. Massachusetts is one-seventh the area of North Carolina and ten times as great in wealth per capita. In sterile Massachusetts is the highest per cent of education, citizenship, while North Carolina is very low in the scale. We need one out of ten to college or high schools, while Massachusetts sends the nine.

She stands near the top in wealth and literature, while we are near the bottom in both particulars. In heredity we stand second to no people living. The purest strain of Anglo-Saxon blood is found in our borders.

REVIVAL AT NEWTON.

Services Conducted by Rev. D. H. Coman - Town to Have a Bakery Improvement in Green Church - Personal and News Notes.

Newton, April 20 - A meeting, conducted by Rev. D. H. Coman, has been in progress at the Methodist church since Sunday. The services are well attended and much interest is manifested. Mr. Coman uses no graveyard argument nor clap-trap devices, but in his simple, direct, and earnest preaching, neither does he seem to desire extravagant emotional demonstrations, but is preaching the simple gospel with much power and evident effect. Services will continue until Friday, after which Mr. Coman goes to Cincinnati for several weeks of evangelical work.

A first-class bakery will be opened in Newton on August 1st. The building now occupied by Freeze's of Crutchfield, Va., will move here for that purpose and will probably run an up-to-date bakery.

The members of Grace Reform church have had laid a \$325 carpet, which is quite an improvement. Two expensive memorial windows have also been recently placed in front of the church, which, when done, will make this one of the handsomest interiors of any church of its size in Western North Carolina.

The Catawba College baseball team has sent an urgent invitation to Davidson College to play them in Newton. Davidson has not yet accepted the challenge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mebane have returned from a trip to Washington City - Mrs. W. A. White, of Hickory, is visiting her parents in Newton - Mesdames M. W. R. Robinson, of Morriston, are visiting Mrs. J. A. Gilmer - Mr. Joe Abernethy left for Baltimore this week to take a course in pharmacy.

FOR MEMORIAL DAY. It will be fittingly observed at Greensboro - Revival at Baptist Church - Verdict Against Southern for \$1,000.

Greensboro, April 20 - Guilford Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the parlor of Hotel Guilford and discussed plans for the celebration of Memorial Day. Mr. F. G. Robbins, of Lexington, has been chosen as the orator of the occasion and the music will be rendered by some of the musicians who will take part in the May music festival on May 18th. The services will be held at work and Memorial Day will be appropriately observed in Greensboro this year.

At the home of Mrs. G. W. Ward, Spring Garden street, last night there was an enjoyable entertainment and the many young people attending were delighted with the affair. It was an "experience given" and the amusements were novel and interesting. The entertainment was given for the purpose of raising funds for Spring Garden Street M. E. church and a new building department.

Miss Katherine Banks, who is to graduate in May from the Western department of Greensboro Normal College, gave a most creditable and praiseworthy diploma recital last night in the college chapel.

Rev. Dr. Weston Bruner, of Washington, who has been assisting Rev. Dr. H. W. Hattle in the revival at Newton, at the First Baptist church for the past 10 days, will close the meetings to-night and he leaves to-morrow for his home. The services have been largely attended and much interest was shown.

Interesting revival services are in progress at the Christian church, the pastor, Rev. L. F. Johnson, being assisted by Rev. M. L. Hurley, of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

Tony Johnson was given a verdict last evening for \$1,000 as damages on account of personal injuries sustained while serving as fireman on the Southern Railway. The case occupied the time of Guilford Superior Court all day yesterday.

ILLNESS OF JUROR. It causes delay of Guilford Superior Court - Revival at Sevier - End - Colored A. M. College Commencement.

Greensboro, April 21 - The revival services, which have been in progress at the First Baptist church for the past two weeks, came to an end last night and Rev. Dr. Weston Bruner returned to his residence in Washington. The meetings were all well attended and great interest was manifested.

Guilford Superior Court adjourned today until Monday morning on account of the illness of a juror in the case of Charles P. Robinson vs. the Southern Railway, which was held this morning. In the case of Robt. Bain vs. the Southern Railway Company, the jury returned a verdict of \$2,200 in favor of the plaintiff. The civil term will last another week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Brandt have issued invitations for a home in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the celebration, April 20th, from 8 to 12 o'clock. The commencement exercises at A. M. College will begin to-morrow. Dr. James of New Orleans, editor of "The Southern Christian Advocate," will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the college chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

HUNTEVILLE SOCIAL NEWS. The High School to Close This Week - Personal.

Greensboro, April 21 - The Huntsville High School, which has been successfully taught by Prof. Geo. Oldham and assistants, Misses Kate Neid, Shannon Hanson and Eula Jones, closed their close Tuesday with an interesting program for that night.

Dr. and Mrs. Stetson delightfully entertained the young people of the village last night from 8:30 to 11 o'clock. Games of different kinds were played and the evening was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Ann Choot, of Blue West Female college, was visiting Mrs. John, who has been quite sick but is now improving.

SIMPSON-ROBINSON.

Young Spartanburg Man Claims Bride at Washington, N. C. Correspondence of The Observer.

Washington, N. C., April 19 - A very pretty church wedding was solemnized at the Christian church, this city, last evening, when Miss Bertha Robinson became the bride of Mr. D. B. Simpson, of Spartanburg, S. C. The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and other potted plants, the whole making a very pretty and pleasing effect. Promptly at 9 o'clock the bride party arrived and, to the inspiring strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, under the deft touch of Miss Clara Kelly, entered the church. First came the ushers Messrs. N. L. Holton, F. T. Woodard, J. W. Alligood and W. T. Horsch, passing up the aisles and taking their respective places in front of the pulpit. Then came the waiters, Miss Katie Reid and Mr. Clyde Hanson, and Miss Alice Hollowell and Mr. Jas. R. Russ. The dame of honor, Mrs. N. R. Robinson, next moved slowly up the aisle. She was handsomely gowned in white and carried calla lilies. Immediately following her came the maid of honor, Miss Katie Clark, also dressed in a creation of white. The two little flower girls next entered and passed down the aisles, taking their places by the altar.

The bride entered leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. N. R. Robinson, who gave her away. Handsomely gowned in white silk, with wedding veil and bouquet of white carnations, she presented a very pretty picture. She was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. W. B. Singleton. The happy couple were then spoken by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Cunningham.

After the wedding a reception was tendered the bride and groom at the residence of Mrs. N. R. Robinson. A large number of friends called to extend congratulations and best wishes. The happy couple left on the morning train for their future home in Spartanburg.

A LUCKY POSTMISTRESS. Mrs. Alexander, of Cary, Me., who has found Dr. King's New Life Pills to be the best remedy she ever tried for keeping the stomach, liver and bowels in perfect order. You'll agree with her if you try these painless purifiers that infuse new life into the system. R. H. Jordan & Co., druggists. Price 25c.

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SALE OF VALUABLE MILL PROPERTY. In the matter of the Damask Manufacturing Company, bankrupt. By virtue of an order duly made and entered in the above entitled proceeding in bankruptcy, the undersigned Trustee in Bankruptcy of said Damask Manufacturing Company will offer for sale for cash, at public auction at the court house door in Winston, N. C., on Saturday, May 5, 1906, at 10 a. m. the mill site, the water power, factory building and contents lately belonging to the said Damask Manufacturing Company, located at Roaring River, Wilkes county, North Carolina.

The lands hereby offered consist of three tracts, one of four and one-half (4 1/2) acres, one tract of one hundred and forty (140) acres, and one tract of one hundred and nineteen (119) acres, lying adjacent to the dam and factory building of the company.

The buildings on this property consist of a brick factory building, 60x176 feet, standard construction, one story high, a brick store room and an office 32x32 feet, and two completed tenement houses and six in the course of construction; also a forty-horse-power boiler, together with supplies and machine shop tools, and building material. Also the stock of goods in the company storehouse, consisting of shoes, overalls and sundries and a lot of plug tobacco in the original packages, unbroken, and also one separator.

All this property will be offered separately first, and then as a whole. This sale is made subject to confirmation by the Court or Referee, at a meeting of the creditors to be held at Winston, N. C., Saturday, May 12, 1906, at 10 o'clock.

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For any further information desired, address the Trustee at Greensboro, N. C., or his attorney, R. C. Strudwick, Esq., at same place.

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M'CASKILL-M'CALL.

Mr. John Chesley McCaskill, of Maxton, Weds Miss Virginia McCall, of Bennettville. Correspondence of The Observer.

Maxton, April 20 - Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock Miss Virginia McCall, of Bennettville, was married to Mr. John Chesley McCaskill, Jr., of this place, in the Baptist church. Quite a number of Maxton people accompanied the groom from this place. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCaskill, Miss Connie McCaskill, Miss Clara McLean, Mrs. W. A. McLean, Miss Edna Barnes, Mr. J. Dickson McLean, who was best man; Dr. L. R. Kirkpatrick, Dr. J. D. Croon, Jr., and Mr. M. L. McLean, who were attendants at the ceremony. Mr. McCaskill is a most popular young man here and his many friends extend congratulations. The bride couple took the 7:30 o'clock train for Southern points and will return to Maxton, their future home, about the 25th.

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