

A FINE TURNPIKE ROAD

ASPLENDID ENGINEERING FEAT. New Road From North Wilkesboro to Jefferson. Almost Unfinished. Built Wholly With Convict Labor. Much Talk Now of an Electric Line Along This Turnpike. The Wonderful Resources of Ashe County. A Fine Turnpike Road. A County Which Has Never Heard the Sound of a Railroad Train. Electric Road Costing Approximately a Half-Million Dollars. Probable.

One of the finest roads in the State is the turnpike which is now in course of construction from North Wilkesboro, in Wilkes county, to Jefferson, in Ashe county, a distance of 38 miles. Thirty-three miles have already been built. The road now stretches from North Wilkesboro across the mountain range, which is the dividing line between the two counties to a point on the south fork of the New river, five miles from Jefferson, the county seat of Ashe county. Its completion is but a question of weeks. There have been few difficulties to be encountered after the bridge across the stream has been finished. Passengers may leave North Wilkesboro this fall and drive through to Jefferson on the turnpike in six hours' time without trouble or delay.

The new turnpike has been built entirely by convict labor. Years ago, when there was so much talk of the need of this road, a local stock company was formed for the purpose of building it. The State agreed to furnish convicts and, in return, accept stock in the company for the services rendered. North Carolina now owns the controlling interest in the turnpike.

THE ROUTE OF THE TURNPIKE

Beginning with the corporate limits of the city of North Wilkesboro, the convicts began the construction of the road according to the survey which had been made months previous. For some distance the road followed a tributary of the Yadkin river. Time being of little moment, the convicts graded through hills and bridged mountain torrents without regard to trouble or expense. Ditches were dug on either side of the way so that the mountain rains might have little effect upon the roadbed. Thus the turnpike was built until the foot of the mountain was reached. The real work then commenced. One mountain stream was followed for a few miles and then another. In the heart of the mountains there were no streams to follow, it was necessary for those in charge to blaze a way for themselves, burrowing into the sides of the mountains, and making great chasms until summit after summit was reached. There are places along the way where for miles and miles the best of road is solid rock. On one side the mountain towers hundreds of feet above the other, and the abysses of equal depth. The most difficult work was finished when the top of the range, the dividing line between the two counties, was reached. The descent into Ashe county was not so precipitous. The south fork of the New river is the foot of the range. The convicts are now engaged there in spanning the river with a fine bridge.

The turnpike is a toll road. There are two stations along the road. The stockholders hope to realize enough in tolls to keep the road in good shape. No dividends are expected.

THE SCENERY ALONG THE WAY

The road is one of the best that is to be found in the mountains. The scenery along the way is surpassingly beautiful. There are points where one can glance down and see the road miles off, twisting and turning in and out, until it loses itself from sight in the distance. The mountains, as they tower one above the other, present views which in grandeur and beauty cannot be surpassed in all western North Carolina. The forests, untouched by the lumberman, cap the mountain peaks. When the leaves begin to turn, and the woods take on new and more gaudy colors, the effect must be inspiring. The glimpses through the trees of the mountain streams, tumbling and falling over the rocks in their descent to the more level lands below, reflecting the rays of the sun in all the colors of the rainbow, are in themselves worth the tolls to trip.

North Wilkesboro is a thriving little city, situated on the banks of the Yadkin, a valley of the other terminus of the turnpike, also located in a valley but not on the banks of a river. It is at the foot of Negro mountain, the highest peak in all that section of the State. The view from the top is a lovely one. The mountain, so called for the fact that in the early part of the last century several slaves escaped from their masters and hid themselves in a cave on the mountain side. The view is bright, the lower slopes have been cleared, but the forests cover the summit. Jefferson is a town of one street. Rows of immense sugar maples and cherry trees line this thoroughfare, along which are located the stores of the merchants and the homes of the residents. With one hundred years to its credit, the town is but little more than a village. The fact that the town is new and more active is due to the new turnpike.

THE FIRE INSURANCE MEN

THEIR UNDERWITTEERS MEET HERE. A Most Successful Meeting Held in Charlotte Yesterday. Addressed by Messrs. T. C. Guthrie and J. H. Womack. President Francis Womack, of the Fire Underwriters' Association, which was held in Charlotte yesterday, was the best in its history.

The 30-odd members present declared last evening that the ninth annual meeting of the North Carolina Fire Underwriters' Association, which was held in Charlotte yesterday, was the best in its history. Much enthusiasm was manifested and the liveliest interest taken in the different features of the program. The sessions were held in the auditorium of the Colonial Club. President Francis Womack, of Raleigh, called the morning session to order at 11 o'clock.

The address of welcome was made by Mr. Thomas C. Guthrie, of the local bar. Mr. Guthrie was at his best and held the attention of his hearers without a quiver for an hour. His address was that of Durham, responded in happy vein, expressing the delight of the association in having the opportunity of visiting Charlotte.

ASHE COUNTY'S RESOURCES

For fertility of soil and wealth of natural resources, Ashe county has no superior in the State. It is a county of untold possibilities. Settlers moved to the county in the early years ago. They tilled the forest, cleared the lands and filled the virgin soil. Nothing since has disturbed them. No railroad has ever crossed the county line. There are hundreds of people in the county who have never seen a railroad train. For all the decades they have been living to themselves, unnoticed and undisturbed. It is surprising how much of the land has been cleared. Plantations of cotton and food crops of blooded stock have been raised. In the lowlands may be seen the best of corn. Every farmer owns his own land and many of them till the soil which their grandfathers cleared.

AN ELECTRIC LINE TALKED OF

There is an movement on foot now to construct an electric line from North Wilkesboro to Jefferson along the line of the new turnpike. Governor R. B. Glenn declared in a speech delivered in Jefferson Monday that it was the purpose of his trip there to urge that this be done. He argued that the turnpike as a dirt road would never prove profitable to the owners. He declared that some of the grades were too heavy for a steam motor and that the construction of an electric line would be a boon to the people of Wilkes county in building such an electric line. Ashe county, he said, had made little progress during the last 30 years. He was especially glad to hear of the want of connection with the outside world. Any other county with the resources in minerals, in lumber, in cattle and farm products, such as Ashe county possessed, would be one of the wealthiest in the State.

A BIG DAY AT HUNTERSVILLE

About 2,000 People Attended the Annual Picnic, Tournament and Old Soldiers' Reunion Held Yesterday at Huntersville. The Prizes and Those Winning Honors. The annual picnic, tournament and old soldiers' reunion held yesterday at Huntersville was attended by about 2,000 people from all sections of Mecklenburg and the adjoining counties. Several fine speeches, a big, wholesome dinner, an excellent tournament and other minor amusements made the event a most enjoyable one. The exercises were held in Mr. Richard Alexander's grove, surrounding his residence.

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HOW THINGS CHANGE

Three Dutchmen Have 21 Fine Full-Grown Boys and Six Handsome, Buxom Girls. An attorney has returned from Lincoln county, where he spent several days rambling over the stamping grounds of his boyhood days. In telling a few friends last night of the old church, there was a remark: "Why, I had no idea what change comes about in a short period of time. When I left Lincoln, about 30 years ago, the three sons of old man Lawson stayed as good as Dutchmen as ever lived, were boys. We played together from childhood. But what did I see last Sunday when I attended the old church? There was George Shuford with seven stalwart sons and two buxom daughters; Dan Shuford with seven sons and two daughters, and Jack Shuford with seven sons and two daughters, making a total of 21 boys and six girls, all of whom are full grown. Think of that! That is a Roosevelt family, and a good one at that. I never saw stronger or more healthy looking children. They are healthy, muscular and brawny."

DEATH OF MR. TWELVETREES

He Died at the Home of His Daughter, Miss Anna Twelvetrees, Yesterday Afternoon. He Was an Englishman of the Old School. Who Had Come to America and Become Americanized. He Lived a Long and Useful Life. Mr. William Twelvetrees died at the home of his daughter, Miss Anna Twelvetrees, on North Tryon street, in this city, at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. He lived far beyond the allotted four score years, having been born in Biggleswade, England, on April 13th, 1821. He inherited from his sturdy English ancestry a strong physical constitution, and his mental faculties were developed by his surroundings and by his own thirst for knowledge until he became one of the best informed men that would be met with anywhere.

He came to the United States about 1851 and soon became so much enamored of the new country that he took out naturalization papers and became a genuine and whole-blooded American citizen. The country, however, did not take more interest than he did in the affairs of the government and particularly in the exercise of the election franchise. It was one of his marked characteristics that whenever an election was approaching he set to work to understand thoroughly the men and measures that were to be in issue at the polls and he always cast a conscientious and intelligent vote, not hampered by any party affiliations.

Over a quarter of a century, Mr. Twelvetrees resided at Cahoon, N. Y. About 1892 he came to Charlotte and made his home with his daughter, Miss Anna Twelvetrees and his grandson, Mr. Wm. Smead, and he continued his residence in this city up to the day of his death. The thoughtfulness and devotion of this surviving daughter, particularly during his last years, were marked by all who knew them.

Mr. Twelvetrees was converted in his early young manhood and became a member of the famous Westminster Chapel in London, then under the pastorate of Rev. Samuel Martineau. He has always kept up the keenest interest in the affairs of that church, getting his information by reading English papers and by correspondence, and his interest in the church was increased when the well-known preacher, Rev. Campbell Morgan, became its pastor. After he came to Charlotte he joined the Westminster church and he was a loyal member until death. In looking at his life and observing its calm and serene ending, one could not fail to think of the words of the Good Book, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace."

Mr. Twelvetrees is survived by two brothers, Mr. Edward Twelvetrees, of England, and Mr. Frederick Twelvetrees, of Virginia, and by two children, Mrs. Henry Twelvetrees, of New York, and Miss Anna Twelvetrees, of this city, the latter being among the most successful as well as widely known young business women of the South. He is also survived by five grandchildren, one of whom is Mr. William Twelvetrees, of this city, who holds most important and responsible position with the General Fire Extinguisher Company.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. Geo. Atkinson, of Monroe, assisted by Rev. Mr. Bothwick, of Virginia, were held in the Westminster church, 803 North Tryon street, this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The remains will then be taken to his old home at Cahoon, N. Y., where further services will be held at the home of a relative and the remains will be interred in the family plot in Oakwood cemetery, Troy, N. Y.

The sympathies of an unusually large circle of friends will follow the relatives as they go on their long journey to lay the body of their parent to rest by the side of his beloved wife. The following gentlemen will act as pall-bearers in conducting the remains from the residence to the Southern depot in this city: John R. Pharr, J. J. Adams, Col. W. B. Rodman, Geo. L. Kruger, T. M. Constable and C. W. Tillett.

BRIEFS

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City. Mr. Kenneth Ward has accepted a position with the Consolidated Clear Stores. He will be at 26 West Third street.

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NEWBERN ELKS TEMPLE

Contract Let to Charlottesville, Va., For \$55,900. Completed January 1, 1908. Will be One of Handsomest in State. Special to The Observer. Newbern, Aug. 22.—The new Elks temple which is to be erected in this city will be the finest edifice of its kind in the State. It will rank among the first in the South. The contract for its construction was let Tuesday night to the King Lumber Company, of Charlottesville, Va., their bid being \$55,900. It is to be a five-story brick building, the first two stories being of red brick and the balance of white with terra cotta trimmings.

In addition to the lodge and club rooms which will occupy the ground floor and fifth floors, there will be 40 offices and two stores, the latter on the ground floor. The building will occupy the centre of the business section of the city, being bounded by Middle, The furniture will be kept with the building. An elevator will be placed in the building, electric lights furnished by its own plant and heated by steam, each apartment being finished in the most approved style. Mr. Pope, of Raleigh, is the architect and will have supervision of the construction. Work will commence September 1st and it is expected to be completed by January 1, 1908. The construction was made possible by Mr. James H. Blades, who purchased over \$20,000 worth of stock.

Mr. L. T. Williams, local manager of the Carolina Northern Railway Company, with headquarters in Chester, S. C., spent last night in the city, stopping at the Central.

THE LESSON FOR SUNDAY

JESUS AND THE YOUNG RULER. The Master Enters the Isles and Tilled and Filled With the Knight of Legality on His Own Ground and in the End the Rich Man's Heart is Revealed to Him—Analysis and Key—The Teacher's Lantern.

(Copyright by Davis W. Clark.) Third Quarter, Lesson IX, Luke XVIII, 1-14. One Greek word for sin signifies, literally, "to miss the mark." One is certainly misses it by falling short of it as by going beyond it. Failure in supreme love to God is as certainly sin as actual transgression of the law.

Is it small matter that we fall short in our love for that Being who, above all others, should have the supreme affection of every rational soul? He has created, preserved, redeemed! Such love for Him is the very essence of religion.

One may speak with tongue of men and angels, and have gift of prophecy, and understand mysteries, and knowledge, and have mountain-moving faith. One may literally do what Jesus required of the rich young ruler, and even suffer martyrdom in addition; yet if all this could be conceived of as being done without supreme love to God, it would be profane, and as meaningless as a clanging cymbal.

Think you the Savior's test extreme in its severity? Providence is yet daily applying it. Call to ministry, call to philanthropy, halt in amazing wealth to disperse it as in alms of God—this is Jesus saying yet, "Sell and give!"

Pity the sorry plight of the rich young ruler. Yes! but have a care we are not in the same plight ourselves. The natural man is so ready to exclaim, "Anything but that! Lord!" But assured the Searcher of Hearts will never lay His hand on anything short of the ideal, and nothing but the new birth will enable us to surrender to Him.

Delightful Banquet at Statesville. Statesville, Aug. 23.—A pleasant event of the mid-summer season was a dance Monday night given by the young social set to visiting young ladies. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Statesville String Band and the delightful hours passed yet too rapidly for those who have yet only vacation days for society pleasures.

Among those present were: Miss Louise Johnson, of Charleston, S. C.; Mr. McKendree Long, Miss Vanderford, of Salisbury; Mr. Dougherty, of Virginia; Miss Isabel Mott, Mr. William Tomlin, Miss Beth Evans, Mr. Everett Sherrill, Miss Mattie Lee Nicholson, Mr. Claude Evans; Miss Leah Shiphany, Mr. Herbert Hoffman; Miss Madeline Nicholson, Mrs. Ben Hargy; Miss Lawrenstein, Mr. Ernest Simon; Miss Adrienne Wallace, Mr. Wallace Hoffman; Miss Mary Austin Glover; Mr. Allen Mills; Miss Amelia Hoffman; Mr. Wallace Chaparona; Miss A. J. Evans, Mrs. C. C. Phillips.

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