

TO MACADAMIZE BUNCOMBE ROADS

A Carefully Drafted Bill Sent to Raleigh

It Provides for an Independent Road Commission.

In Touch with County Commissioners

A Permanent Body—Funds to be Obtained by Special Tax.

Below we publish the text of the bill to provide for the improvement of the public roads of Buncombe county, drawn up by Gen. Theodore F. Davidson and Mr. Frank Carter, who were appointed to perform the task at the public meeting on February 11. This bill has been forwarded to Representative Curtis for presentation to the legislature. Accompanying it Messrs. Davidson and Carter sent a letter to Mr. Curtis explaining the provisions of the bill:

Whereas, it is now apparent that the present system of maintaining the public roads in the county of Buncombe is inadequate to the comfort, convenience and prosperity of the citizens thereof, and it is necessary to inaugurate a more efficient system:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That the board of commissioners of the county of Buncombe shall, at its regular meeting in June, 1899, (or at such other meeting as may be provided for by law for the annual assessment and levy of taxes), and at every such annual meeting thereafter, and it is hereby made the duty of the said board to levy a special tax on all property subject to taxation in said county, of not less than twenty cents on each one hundred dollars' worth, or value, of property, and a tax upon each poll, subject to taxation in said county, of not less than sixty cents—the constitutional equalization to property and poll taxes to be reserved.

The taxes so levied shall be entered upon the tax lists and other tax records of the said county in a special column under the title, or designation: Special Road Tax, and the moneys derived therefrom shall be at all times faithfully set apart and kept separate from all other moneys of the county, and used in the construction, repair, improvement and maintenance of the public roads and bridges in said county, in the manner hereinafter provided.

The said taxes shall be collected and enforced and shall have the same liens and priorities; and all persons charged with their levy, collection, custody and control shall be subject to the same penalties and obligations, civil and criminal, which are now, or may hereafter be provided by law, for the faithful performance of their duties in respect to any and all other taxes.

Section 2. That a commission, hereby designated the road commission of Buncombe county, (by which name it may be sued, contracted and be contracted with, acquire, hold and dispose of property, real and personal, in respect to duties imposed by and to enable it to carry out the objects of this act,) is hereby created, to consist of the following named persons: The chairman of the board of commissioners of Buncombe county, J. A. Reeves, Charles W. Beale, J. A. Nichols, T. S. Morrison and J. H. Sargent. All vacancies in the said commission shall be filled by the appointment of the board of commissioners of said county, who shall in making such appointment observe as far as practicable a fair representation in said commission of the respective territorial divisions of the county.

The persons composing the said commission shall assemble in the court house in Asheville, on the first Monday in April, 1899, and organize by the election of one of their number as chairman, and a clerk, who shall also be one of their number; and they shall proceed to the discharge of the duties prescribed by this act. They shall keep a record of their proceedings in a suitable book, to be furnished by the board of commissioners of Buncombe county. They shall receive compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, the payments to be made upon proper vouchers, approved by the board of commissioners of Buncombe county.

Section 3. The said commission shall have power, and it is hereby made its duty, to construct as speedily as possible consistent with durable and permanent results, and the moneys and other means herein placed at its disposal, to lay out, construct and maintain, four or more main trunk or leading roads, to be well macadamized, or otherwise paved with some of other durable materials, from the city of Asheville to the boundaries of the county of Buncombe, the said roads to extend from the said city northwardly, eastwardly, southwardly and westwardly directions, so that each division of the county may be reached and benefited as far as practicable by some of the said roads; and to this end the said commission may adopt and take control of any public road now, or here-

before in existence; may cause new locations to be surveyed and be adopted, and cause roads to be constructed and be maintained thereon; may purchase tools, wagons, horses, mules and all such other things as may be necessary to secure the objects contemplated by this act; may employ engineers, superintendents, agents, servants and laborers; may let all or any portion of the work projected by it to contract, and generally have and exercise all the powers, rights and jurisdiction which the board of commissioners of said county or the supervisors of any township in said county, now have, over and in any road so selected, adopted or constructed as aforesaid.

Section 5, 6, and 7 relates to entering upon lands for road material and payment and settlement of claims therefor; section 8 provides for annual publication of reports of work done. Section 9 is as follows:

All the convict force now employed by the board of commissioners of Buncombe county, and all persons whom may hereafter be sentenced to the chain gang of said county, or to work upon the roads therein, and all property, tools, machines, equipments and appliances now used or on hand, in the construction, repair or maintenance of the public roads of Buncombe county, shall be turned over to the road commission created by this act to be by it employed and used solely for the purposes hereinbefore declared; Provided, however, no part of the special road tax herein provided shall be used for the support or maintenance of the said convicts.

Other sections provide for construction of lateral and connecting roads when main trunk roads are completed; the requirement of bonds from officers or agents; punishment for failure to discharge duties; and treat expenses incurred by commissioners, except for maintenance of convicts, should be paid from the special road tax.

DEMOCRATS UNITED (Continued from first page.)

tal appropriation was now \$2,500 and on motion of Mr. Overman, this was further reduced to \$3,000. Mr. Clarkson offered an amendment that after 1899 the amount of a labor shall be elected by the people.

A bill passed to allow local option elections to be held in any town or county not often than once in two years, at any time, but not in year of general election. The bill establishing a dispensary for Mecklenburg county at Charlotte, was unanimously passed. It was suspended by the opponents, at Charlotte, made no fight against it. The Mecklenburg members: Clerkens, Ransom, and Henderson stood by the bill.

Judge Allen, by leave introduced an important bill to lawyers. It provides that a plaintiff may bring suit 60 days before a term of superior court, and give notice to defendant that he expects to try at such term and the defendant must answer in the first five days of the term. The following bills were introduced in the house:

By Mr. Teak, to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons by soldiers; by Mr. Wilson, to amend the charter of Brevard; by Mr. Roundtree, to amend section 1964 of the code, in reference to refusal of railroads to receive freight; by Mr. Connel, to exempt the beds of non-navigable streams from entry; by Mr. Harrell, to amend the charter of Concord, and the Concord schools, and allow them to issue bonds; by Mr. Overman, to appoint J. J. Stewart a justice of the peace, at Salisbury; by Mr. Roundtree, to create two additional county commissioners in Wake county, and under suspension of rules this passed.

NOTES.

Professor Davies, of Asheville, was today carried to the enrolling office, because of his excellent penmanship. The talk that Senator Glenn gave Captain Bill Day, is set in the talk of the legislature.

It will be extremely difficult for the house to conclude its labors by March 1st, or even the 4th. The legislature is sure to adjourn one day before the 4th so that it can have an extra session, and the house is making desperate efforts to catch up.

CAPTAIN GEO. R. TALCOTT DEAD.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 18.—Captain George R. Talcott, the United States engineer in charge of the James river improvement work here, died suddenly at noon today. Captain Talcott had been engaged all morning in overseeing the work of loosening up the ice gorge near the point where he died. A telegram was sent to Annapolis to his widow, who is visiting there. He was a son of Colonel Andrew Talcott, the engineer who built the Richmond and Danville (now Southern) railway.

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CHANGE IN CIVIL SERVICE

Examination to be Held Annually Instead of Semi-Annually

Notice was received by Secretary H. C. Shook, of the board of examinations of internal revenue service, that the United States civil service commission is considering the advisability of holding the regular scheduled examination for postal, customs and internal revenue service annually instead of semi-annually. Examinations will not be held in this city this spring as scheduled, and all departments will continue to receive applications until further directed.

If it is decided to hold the examinations annually, it is probable that these will be held as follows: Postoffice service—The first Wednesday after November 15 in each year. Customs service—The first Wednesday after June 15 in each year. Internal revenue service—It is proposed to hold the examinations for this service on the same dates as those held for departmental service—between September 15 and October 21 in each year.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS DEBATE.

The High School Literary and Debating society held its usual meeting in Orange street school at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The meeting was opened with singing. This was followed by a recitation by Alice Emanuel. A debate was next, on the subject of "Resolved, That the only safe rule in regard to the intoxicating beverages is 'Total Abstinence.'" Prof. Raysor and Miss Clara Whittington represented the affirmative and Ralph Millard and Susie Johnson the negative. After a lively discussion between the debaters the question was put to a vote and decided in favor of the negative.

The next thing on the program was a recitation by Miss Francis Osborne, but she being absent the vacancy was filled by Miss Gertrude Miller. A large number of matters of importance were considered before the hour of adjournment arrived. The next meeting of the society will be in the Orange street school next Saturday week.

THE ASHEVILLE LODGE

New Lodge Knights of Pythias Complete Organization and Elect Officers.

The work of organizing the new lodge, Knights of Pythias, was completed last night, in the rooms of Pisgah lodge. The last degree was worked on the initiates, and the Asheville lodge was selected as the name for the new organization. It is now in regular working order. A resolution of thanks to the Pisgah lodge for the use of their rooms and paraphernalia, was passed. The following officers were elected: Past chancellors, B. S. Davis, Dr. F. T. Meriwether, J. W. Summers and W. A. James; chancellor, commander, Thomas R. Hersey; vice-chancellor, R. M. Wells; prelate, J. W. Pelham; keeper of records and seal, S. Eugene Carland; M. A. P. B. Bruton; M. E. J. W. C. Deake; M. F. Paul; J. Johnson; M. W. J. B. Calme; I. G. Mark W. Brown; G. G. Johnson Woodcock.

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PERSONALS.

Frank L. DeVane is in the city from Brevard. T. W. Valentine came from Flat Rock last night. Judge Fred Moore leaves today for Henderson. Alderman Kennedy is visiting in Rutherfordton. Haywood Parker left for Fletchers yesterday afternoon. W. T. Morgan left yesterday for his home in Marion. E. S. Randall is in the city from Greenville, S. C. George L. Hackney went to Earnard yesterday afternoon. C. W. Cushing arrived in the city from Fletchers yesterday.

Mrs. G. F. Simmers, of Baker City, Ore., is a visitor in the city. Miss Irma Shemwell has recovered from a severe attack of grip. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meyers, of Lexington Ky., are visiting in the city. William Hume, of Inonda, was visiting relatives in the city yesterday. Baxter Shemwell is expected to return from Lexington, N. C., today. Postoffice Inspector C. E. Dexter returned to his home in Greensboro, yesterday.

Hon. Richmond Pearson, has gone to Washington after spending a day in the city. Mrs. E. L. Fowler and daughter, of Warren, Md., are guests at the Swanman. C. L. Gates field secretary of the Y. M. C. A., went to Charlotte, yesterday, on business. G. F. Goodwin leaves for Richmond tomorrow where he will make a permanent residence.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eason and Mrs. Perry Smith arrived in the city from Zanesville, O., yesterday. Mrs. Baker and her daughter, Miss Harper, of Brooklyn, are expected to arrive at Albemarle manor today. S. H. Keller and W. H. Cole returned to their home in Waynesville, yesterday morning, after a short visit in the city.

Harry M. Roberts, of Fletchers was in town yesterday. Mr. Roberts is a case dealer in wood, furnishing it in car load lots to Asheville. W. M. Lewis, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Charlotte, R. D. L. Y. M. C. A., of Charleston, S. C., left for Charlotte yesterday afternoon. William A. Mabry has resigned his position at the Paragon pharmacy, to accept a situation as druggist in Durham, much to the regret of his many friends here.

Miss Florence Enloe, of Dilleboro, and Misses Mamie and Mira Moore, daughters of Hen. W. E. Moore, of Webster, arrived yesterday afternoon accompanied by Judge Fred Moore and will leave this morning for a two weeks' visit at Raleigh. Hotel Berkeley arrivals: Charles E. Whitely, Brooklyn; H. H. Suttle, Knoxville; George L. Simpson, Baltimore; E. F. McAdams, Atlanta; Byron W. Hill, Cleveland; George H. Wright, Brooklyn; Cecil J. Gates, Atlanta; M. D. Beeler, Knoxville; Charles F. Hoigle, Philadelphia; P. Sauer, Cincinnati; J. T. Pruden, North Carolina; James A. Sanders, Baltimore; E. Poole, Louisville; A. E. Kreighbaum, New York; W. F. McLaughlin, Covington, Ky., and A. C. Johnson, of Richmond.

Those desiring to communicate further with Mr. Bragonier can address him at the Asheville postoffice. NORTH CAROLINA CORUNDUM CHARLES N. JENKS, MINING ENGINEER. (Member American Institute of Mining Engineers.) Specialty—Corundum and Emery. I would call the attention of all parties contemplating investment in corundum properties, or to owners of corundum mines, to the fact that I have had a longer experience as a practical miner in this field, also in the corundum and emery grain and wheel trade, than any living engineer.

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The ladies golf tournament, which was to have occurred at the Swanman links on February 14, and was postponed to the 15th has now been put forward to the 28th. Just in, a fresh lot of Battle Creek goods at Kroger's, next the market. New phone 374. Elastic starch keeps linen from blistering.

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CURES WORKED BY DR. PRESTON

Letters from Asheville People Who Have Received Treatment.

Dr. Preston has cured every one of his patients in the second stage, and wonder fully improved all those in the third stage. They require a longer time for treatment, but they will all get well. Following are statements from two of his patients that have finished treatment: Asheville, N. C. February 14, 1899.

Dr. L. F. Preston, City. Two years ago, I began coughing, which grew steadily worse. I continued my work in the store, but did not know I had consumption. I consulted eight doctors prior to coming to Asheville, but they did not tell me what my disease was until I had to give up work, November 26, last, then they told me I had consumption. One doctor said he knew what my disease was six months before, but did not tell me. I coughed almost all night, and all day. I expectorated large quantities of yellow matter. I had fever and night sweats. I was hardly able to climb the stairs, and I was tired all the time. My appetite was very poor, and the little I did eat, would not stay on my stomach, and I lost in flesh rapidly. I left Danbury, Conn., December 18, for this place. I took treatment but continued to grow worse, until a fortnight before, when I began Dr. Preston's treatment January 21, and about the tenth day, I began to improve. I have very little cough and expectoration, now the fever and night sweats are gone. I have a good appetite and finish my food, which I had not done for months before, and can climb the stairs without much fatigue. I am improving in every way, and in a reasonable short time, I believe I will be entirely well. I will gladly explain my case to anyone that will call at my home, No. 25 Cumberland avenue, Asheville, N. C. Yours very truly, GEORGE T. PHALON.

Asheville, N. C. February 14, 1899. Dear Sir:—It gives me great pleasure to, hereby testify to my greatly improved condition, since taking your treatment. About sixteen months ago, I was taken with a serious case of typhoid pneumonia which left my lungs in a weak condition. For the past year I had been bothered with heavy colds, which invariably settled on my lungs. On one of these occasions, (December last,) I had some of my sputum examined by a bacteriologist, which examination showed the tubercle bacilli germs present.

I had noticed your advertisement in the papers, but I suppose like most people, I accepted your claims in a spirit of scepticism, until a friend of mine told me of a personal friend of his, from Chicago, whom you had treated, and cured some two years ago, of tuberculosis while you were in Colorado. It was this information which caused me to go further in the matter and I found after a pretty thorough investigation, that the above case was not the only one whom you had cured, but numerous others in various states in the union. I have gained three pounds since your treatment—have more energy and ambition than I have experienced in a long while, and now feel sure, that in a few weeks, will be stronger than ever before in my life. Yours very truly, F. F. BRAGONIER.

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