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For more than seven years I have been silent in the press of Alamance. I rarely write for publication, for too often we can clearly see the motive underlying it a selfish one, merely to gain notoriety and not to do a public service for the public good. But the exigencies of the hour make it incumbent upon me in the faithful discharge of the duties I owe to the people among whom I make my home, to set forth the plain facts involved in the location and building of this road. What I shall therefore say shall in no sense be intended as a reflection on the motives of any member of the Commission or Joint Board. To illustrate my position in this matter I wish to state the following incident: Several years ago I had occasion to go to Durham, N. C. As a traveling man and myself went to the window for our tickets a small colored boy standing at the window called for a ticket to Mebane. I heard him plainly, I saw him pay Ernest Sellars the money, thirty cents it was I believe, he received his ticket and boarded the train. It was before the days of the Jim Crow law and the boy sat just behind the traveling man and myself. The conductor (either Fry or Witherspoon, I don't remember which) came through and took up our tickets. At Haw River the conductor called the boy to get off, the boy protested that his ticket was for Mebane but the conductor very roughly disputed him and started him out forcibly, the traveling man spoke up and said: "Cap'n that boy bought a ticket to Mebane." The conductor replied hotly and said: "I know better his ticket is for Haw River and he is trying to beat a ride on me and he sha'n't do it." The boy was forcibly put off and he ran to the rear end and caught on and was again pushed off. I saw it all, sat still and never opened my mouth. Either the conductor was wrong or Mr. Sellars made a mistake in the ticket. I know what he called for and that the price of a ticket to Mebane was paid, right went wronged and I played the part of a moral coward. I don't know the traveling man, I don't know the boy, never saw him before or since, as I know of, and may not ever again. That is of no importance. One thing I do know, that incident made an impression on my mind for eternity, and as the years go by I see more and more the need of moral heroes in the defense of right and justice and against error and injustice, and from that day to this I have never again repeated that cowardly act. The boy perhaps was of no importance and his mission none of urgency but he was wronged. Shall I say the boy? It were better had I said Right was crucified by Error and I stood by and beheld it. So long as I live I will never again be guilty of such cowardice. This was a real incident in my life and I relate it that you may better appreciate the cause of this strenuous appeal to reason and the sober sense of the people and especially of the Road Commission and the Joint Board.

I am not disposed to believe the Commission is intentionally wrong in any respect. I have been impressed with the manifest seriousness with which they considered various subjects arising for discussion and decision and I believe Dave White is as sincere in his statement that the Board is honestly endeavoring to give Alamance the very best they possibly can for the money as I know I am in my endeavor to prevent what I believe with all my heart is the most serious blunder possible for the Alamance Battle Ground, and the people living in that portion of the county. It is especially gratifying to me to see and hear the manly confession of Mr. Williamson that he was wrong, and now sees that he was in error, as to his Burlington-Osage road. I say this by no means because I refused to locate the road down the river, and now his confession vindicates my position then taken, but because I believe that right in that particular case has at last been recognized. It was said of the great Gladstone that when his colleagues taunted him for changing his position on a public question he said: "I now see that I was wrong and I have backbone enough to change, for truth and

right to me is the supreme end of life." We are all liable to error and to mistakes, but the greatest mistake of all is the mistake of not being ready and anxious to free ourselves of error. It takes a great deal of effort and the man that can do so is a hero.

In the matter of the road to Alamance Factory, I want every one to eliminate at once the idea that I am making this for public favor or notoriety. I need neither, and especially do I dislike notoriety. Then in the outset clearly understand that it is not Spoon you are discussing but the truth and right as it pertains to the road and the people who shall use it. I fear few people fully realize the gravity of road location when the road is to be made a permanent structure out of a bond issue. That man who assumes the responsibility puts his hands in Holy Water and woe is he if he follow not in the right way, for men yet unborn will rise up and curse him for the burden they bear. To show how serious it is one has only to think how soon people begin to build homes along the line and like so many nails spike the error down forever. Therefore in order to prevent this serious state of error being the lot of the people south-west from Burlington, I have persistently and repeatedly urged that this great wrong be not done to those people. I may be over zealous and some of my friends may deem me impertinent, but I have not lost faith in the Commission or the Joint Board, although just two days ago they in joint session refused to make the change, to remove the error. As stated above I believe they are sincere and if they are they will perhaps yet see their error and be manly enough to amend. I have been told that the Board would not change for the reason that to change in one respect would open a floodgate hard to close. Such a statement is a charge of moral cowardice and precludes any possibility of a strict compliance with the oath each member of the Commission and joint Board has taken, because it was impossible for them to foresee every contingency and so frame the first orders as to do justice to all parts of the county. This is plainly stated in Sec. 5, of the Bond Act. It reads: "The highways to be opened, graded and macadamized by the Highway Commission under the provision of this act shall from time to time be determined upon by the Highway Commission in joint session. In determining upon such highways said joint board shall take into consideration the needs of the entire county and every part thereof, opening and improving those highways which in their opinion will be of benefit to the greatest possible number of the county, treating every section of the county with equal justice." This section is clearly intended to guard against a hasty decision as to road location because so much is involved. Under the law then I take it there is never a time that joint board is not in session for the purpose of determining the proper location until the work has been completed. Even during construction it would be the duty of the Board to change were a mistake discovered. How could you do otherwise and not violate your oath because for that very reason discretionary power is conferred upon the Commission and Board, and because opinions are made up from evidence believed to be facts, it is very necessary that all the facts be given their proper weight in order that the conclusion may be sound? Because of this difference in the valuation of the facts men with equal honesty honestly disagree and hold different opinions. The trouble generally arises from this observation: facts are like magnets, they have two sides or poles and they either attract or repel us, hence since the fact is absolute we are likely to go in the opposite direction from our equally sincere companions. Upon this idea rests the safety of life and liberty in a republican form of government, one is a check to another and in the multitude of counsellors is safety. So then please to open up a court of inquiry into our own conscious experience and see how often we were sure we were right and afterwards found out that we were dead wrong, and all because we had miscalculated the weight or significance of some fact or had

failed to recognize its relation to some hidden or latent possibility.

Neither do I criticize you for your inflexibility. I like it in you so long as your inflexibility has right and truth for its vertebra. A man with a backbone is worth convincing for when he sees his mistake he turns and stays turned. An honest enemy is more wholesome than a false friend and less to be feared. So then believing as I do in the sincerity of the Commission and Board, although their secret meetings look ugly and do them much harm by creating adverse opinions (even to their friends this looks ill advised for there certainly is no excuse for it, but a certain confession of weakness and inability to stand in the public eye). In the case of a jury secrecy is justified but the verdict must be declared in open court and all agreed. I like the light for in it we have safety. But while this internal evidence is unfavorable to the Commission and Joint Board still it should not in any sense bias our judgment in relation to the work of the Commission on the outside. I have carefully watched Mr. White's surveys and I am pleased to say that I have found his work in the main good. He is at a disadvantage when it comes to working out for the county a combination system, because he does not know the county as a whole as he should to correctly determine every question. It was therefore necessary for the Commission and Board in joint session to select the objective points and leave it to the Engineer to locate between those points the best road possible, taking into consideration the soil, grades and property along the line.

The designating of objective points was done by the Board in a joint session on the 18th day of January, 1909, after hearing petitions and remarks by different citizens. I attended that meeting and presented the idea of a combination road between the Boon Station road and the Alamance road; the combination shown was to be along the line of Main street produced for a mile and three-fourths or seven-eighths from the depot. At this point I advocated that the roads fork, one going directly west to Guilford line and the other straight to Alamance. I had previously made a map and sent it to Col. R. L. Holt showing this combination. The road was granted and by a misconception of the true idea of a combination between the two roads the wording was so made as to make it clearly the duty of Mr. White, the Engineer, to locate his road so as to lead off from the present Boon Station road. Following the order Mr. White very properly located the road out by the grocery, and then lead off to Alamance. My neighbors told me of the survey and probable final location of the road in that place as a combination of the two. It was so preposterous to me to think that such a decision was possible that I at once took the matter up and found the order plainly read that way. At the meeting in Graham first Monday in February I went before the Board and tried to state that I thought it a mistake to have the location that way and to my amazement the entire Commission rose to defend the Engineer. Mr. White was not in fault necessarily and so far as he was concerned he would as soon build by the pump as by the grocery. So it was a confusion of efforts, each hiding behind the other. Mr. White behind the order and the Commission hiding behind the survey of Mr. White. It reminded me of two guineas in a hail storm, each trying to hide under the other's wing. At any rate Mr. White and I went over the ground two days later by appointment and I promised that if after it was surveyed it was found that the road to Alamance could not be built within the law for as little money as around by the grocery I would abandon the pump line and endorse the grocery route. The survey was made with the promise and understanding that I should have the notes in order to file them with the office and check over the work. For the notes I left a copy of the office field book. Some days later I called at Mr. White's office for the notes and of consider the grade, cost and other items relative to the

routes. Mr. White met me very cordially and said he found he could get a dandy good road by the pump. Said he got a four per cent. maximum and under three from the pump to the town. When I called for the notes you can hardly imagine my surprise when first told that the Commission objected to my having the notes. I replied instantly that I did not like such treatment and that if the Commission had ordered any such thing it looked crooked. Then Mr. White took the responsibility on himself, saying that the Commission had not ordered him to do so, but that they said I was fighting them and it was not fair to furnish me with their ammunition, but that he would give me a profile of the two roads which would be practically as good as the notes. Up to this interview I had not discovered that I was fighting them or anyone else. I thought I was doing all in my power to get the best possible location for the Alamance road as I had given it some little thought in the past fifteen years. Later on, I met the Commission at Burlington, at their regular meeting in March. I took about twenty-five minutes trying to convince the Commission that the grocery route was not an equitable combination between the two parties, that the road was entirely unreasonable as an Alamance road and that the grass would grow in the road from Elder's to the grocery and the county would have to build and maintain the road from Elder's, as it now runs into Burlington, thus making it necessary for two roads where it was intended one should answer by the combination, that this would defeat the Commission's object in ordering the road to lead off from the Boon Station road as surveyed. I failed to convince them, or at any rate the letter following this meeting in the Burlington News written by Mr. Dave White indicated for the first time that it was the opinion of the Commission that the road was necessarily located by the grocery under the order of the Joint Board.

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The old fashioned way of dosing a weak stomach, or stimulating the Heart or Kidneys is all wrong. Dr. Shoop first pointed out this error. This is why his prescription—Dr. Shoop's Restorative—is directed entirely to the cause of these ailments the weak inside or controlling nerves. It isn't so difficult, says Dr. Shoop, to strengthen a weak Stomach, Heart or Kidneys, if one goes at it correctly. Each inside organ has its controlling or inside nerve. When these nerves fall then those organs must surely falter. These vital truths are leading druggists everywhere to dispense and recommend Dr. Shoop's Restorative. Test it a few days, and see! Improvement will promptly follow. Sold by Graham Drug Co.

Concluding their annual meeting at San Antonio, Texas, last week, the directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, representing two million club women, adopted resolutions declaring against bill-board advertising and against the Christmas tree, inasmuch as the use of Christmas trees "threatens to annihilate the forests of cedar trees." Legislation providing for the replanting of the cedar forests is proposed.

Swept Over Niagara.

This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warning—growing ripples and faster current—Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the Kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies—Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backache fly and all your best feelings return. After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me." writes J. B. Blankenship, of Belk Tenn. Only 50c at Graham Drug Co.

The railroad running from Sewall's Point (Norfolk) tide-water, Virginia, to deep-water, West Virginia, a distance of 446 miles, built by Henry H. Rogers, one of the Standard Oil magnates, at a cost of \$40,000,000, was formally opened for traffic last week. Mr. Rogers, Mark Twain and other New Yorkers attending a banquet in Norfolk on that occasion. The construction of the road was begun in March, 1903, and finished last February.

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President Taft last week offered the post of ambassador to Great Britain to Dr. Eliot, late president of Harvard College, and Dr. Eliot declined. Dr. Eliot was recently in North Carolina, visiting a number of towns in the State, where he delivered addresses.

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Six hundred insane persons were in danger of death Sunday when flames starting from a prairie fire destroyed several buildings of the State insane asylum at Fort Supply, Okla. The stables, laundry, pharmacy and employees' quarters were destroyed at a loss of \$75,000.

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Sixty-four residences and a private sanitarium at Oak Cliff, a suburb of Dallas, Texas, were destroyed by fire late Saturday, causing a loss estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. The fire swept through 14 residence blocks. In the burned area, which covers more than a quarter of a square of territory, only five buildings remain intact.

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That President John Tyler and George Wythe a signer of the Declaration of Independence, should have suitable markers at their graves is the belief of Representative Lamb, of Virginia. He has introduced in Congress a bill appropriating \$10,000 for the erection of a monument to Tyler in Hollywood cemetery at Richmond, Va., and another appropriating \$1,000 for a marker in St. John's cemetery at the same place where Wythe is buried.

"I'd Rather Die, Doctor," said M. L. Bingham, of Princeton, Ill. "but you'll die from gangrene (which had eaten away eight toes) if you don't," said all doctors. Instead he used Bucklen's Arnica Salve till wholly cured. Its cures of Eczema, Fever Sores, Boils and Burns astound the world. 25c. at Graham Drug Co.

In Davie county Superior Court last week W. F. Kurfees was awarded a verdict of \$1,000 damages against the Coolmece Cotton Mill Company on account of water from the company's dam backing over his land.

Up Before the Bar.

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In Lenoir county a few days ago Ben Herring, a 15 year old boy, became exhausted while fighting a forest fire and died in a short time.

You who have occasional trouble from indigestion, such as sour stomach, belching of gas, sour risings and weak stomach, should not delay a moment to help the stomach digest the food for all these little ailments, annoying both to yourself and others, are caused simply by undigested food in the stomach. Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion taken occasionally will soon relieve you of all the simple stomach ailments that you now have, but which may be more serious later. Try Kodol today and take it on our guarantee. We know it will do what we say it will do. It is sold by Graham Drug Co.

The Winston Sentinel learns that four of the five babies born to a Rockingham county woman a few days ago have since died.

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"Several years since my lungs were so badly affected that I had many hemorrhages," writes A. M. Ake, of Wood, Ind. "I took treatment with several physicians without any benefit. I then started to take Foley's Honey and Tar, and my lungs are now as sound as a bullet. I recommend it in advanced stages of lung trouble." Foley's Honey and Tar stops the cough and heals the lungs, and prevents serious results from a cold. Refuse substitutes. Graham Drug Co.

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