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THE RIGHT OF WAY

For New Railroad Has Been Condemned.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS SOON

The Town Has Condemned Necessary Right of Way For the New Road and It Will Build.

There has been little talk of the new railroad of late but thought there has been a lack of talk there has been no lack of action on the part of those immediately concerned. A few preliminary papers are to be properly signed and work of construction will begin.

The stock holders of the Elizabeth City and Western R. R. met in the office of Hon. P. H. Williams, Monday afternoon and passed resolutions directing the company to consolidate with the Suffolk and Carolina R. R. for the purpose of building and maintaining a standard gauge road from this city to Suffolk.

Hon. A. H. Taylor was present and said that orders for the necessary ties, rails etc. had been placed and that work of construction would begin as soon as preliminary papers could be signed.

Right of way condemned. The jury appointed, by the Board of Aldermen, to condemn a right of way through the city to the terminus of the proposed road submitted their report to a called meeting of the Aldermen Saturday afternoon. The jury had voted to condemn a fifty foot strip of land from the Baxter property, along the Canal bank, to the water. The board confirmed the action of the jury and proceedings have been instituted towards allowing the different property holders the amount of damages assessed them by the jury.

An Aphoristic African.

From The Atlantic Constitution. A Negro Mark Twain, or Sam Jones, or Mister Dooley, or whatever other personage will suggest a combination of wit and wisdom, has come upon the Southern stage.

His name is W. W. Lucas, and he is the field secretary of the Negro Young People's Christian and Educational Congress that is to assemble in Atlanta in August. A few evenings ago he made an address to one of the negro congregations in Mobile, and some of the things he said, and which his audience greatly applauded, are worthy of reproduction and preservation.

Speaking of the kind of Christian training needed by the colored race, he said:

The great hinderance to the progress of the race is the two, by far, bigoted, selfish, ignorant Baptist or Methodist preacher. He is in every community, opposing every measure of progress.

Right here he struck one of the most general of the negro population. A recent occurrence at a large Bethel Church in this city puts apt emphasis to his diagnosis. The negro preacher who is forever likening his race to the Hebrew children living in the brickyards of the Southern white Egyptians, and predicting bloody plagues to

come for their deliverance, is the greatest obstructor of negro progress to right thinking and honest living.

One of the subjects of negro slovenliness and the repugnance to the race that had personal habits create he spoke thus:

I have decided that the only way to get rid of the "Jim Crow" car is to get rid of the "Jim Crow" negro.

If I could use 200,000 bars of soap on the unwashed negroes that travel on trains and hang around depots I would solve the negro problem about 20 per cent.

Lazy, ragged, barefoot fellows, longing for silver slippers and a long white robe and counting themselves worthy; neglecting to provide a home for their families on earth and yet claiming a house not made with their hands in God's heaven!

And then he got right down to the marrow of one of the most prevalent follies of the negro of the South when he denounced their proneness to adjourn all their ambitions to the happy day when the negro will be admitted in masses to "hog heaven" and their white enemies be shut into the goat-pen and swallowed up in Hades! On that point he wittily said:

The white man is trying to make this earth blossom as a rose and the negro is getting ready to die!

The white man is organizing business enterprises and the negro organizing societies to turn out at their funerals! Now, I object to a hundred dollar funeral for a fifty cent negro.

Surely this man has had a revelation of sound sense and has been endowed with a mission. If he can travel the South over and make converts of his race to such a gospel he will do more to solve the negro problem than all the wise men in Congress and all the preachers and philanthropists New England ever produced. He is a black John the Baptist. Give him the right of way!

BIG SUIT TERMINATED.

The Largest and Most Important Land Suit Fought in North Carolina Courts.

Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Comr. appointed by Judge Purnell, sold on Tuesday, five tracts of timber land, comprising 150,000 acres more or less, situated in Dare county at the court house door in Manteo.

This sale was ordered by Judge Purnell in his decision in the case of the East Coast Cedar Co. vs the People's Bank et als, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Messrs. F. H. Burbee, of Raleigh and E. F. Aydtett, of Elizabeth City represented the East Coast Cedar Co. and Messrs. Norris Morey, of Buffalo, N. Y., J. E. Shephard, of Raleigh and W. D. Pruden, of Edenton, represented the People's Bank, et als.

This suit has been in the N. C. courts for the past ten years and is the largest and most important land suit ever fought in the courts of North Carolina.

The purchaser of the land was Mr. C. T. Williams, of Buffalo, N. Y. for the bank who held the mortgage dept of \$150,000. The land was bid off for \$52,000.

This sale is the end of the defendants' suit.

During the last fiscal year, North Carolina turned into the Federal Treasurer, no less than \$5,618,650 internal revenue taxes.

On Sea Engirdled Roanoke Island.

The Celebration Committee Met and Held its First Meeting—The Exposition Will be Held in 1905 and Will be Open About Four Months—An International Affair.

The Roanoke Island Celebration committee concluded its first meeting at 12:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon July 25, 1902.

Never before in the history of that historic Island had so many great men met and such a mammoth undertaking planned. Men from every part of the state were present and every one with an eye single to the promotion of an exposition that would rescue the history of North Carolina from oblivion and tell to the world the story of the Carolina of yesterday and to-day.

The time and place of holding the exposition was the occasion of much dispute. Finally the committee adopted the resolution of Senator Simmons: That the celebration take place in the summer of 1905, and that this meeting appoint a committee to ask the legislature of 1903 for an appropriation of \$25,000,000.

The plan is to raise as much money by the sale of stock to individuals as possible, to ask the legislature of North Carolina for an appropriation from Congress, and later seeks federal aid.

It is the intention of the committee to make this exposition one that will be a source of pride to state and nation. It was proposed to hold the celebration in 1903 but the scope of the exposition as determined upon will not admit of the completion of even suitable buildings by that date. 1904 was not deemed advisable because of the St. Louis exposition to be held during the summer and autumn of that year.

A large and commodious building, for the displaying of replicas of incidents relative to the early history of the country, will have to be built. A hotel for the accommodation of 600 or more guests will be erected. Various exposition buildings are under consideration and there are even more picturesque features contemplated, such as Indian encampments, showing their manner of living at Sir Walter Raleigh's time. Then at the proper time a committee will visit England to secure its co-operation and aid in securing exhibits and in reproducing a fac-simile of Raleigh's old home, etc. It is not as yet fully determined, however, as to whether any attempt will be made to produce in fac-simile any of the ships sent out at the instance of Sir Walter Raleigh. Other features will be state days of the original colonies military encampments and of course the usual midway, though 'tis said that such will of a high order and will in no way detract from the original purpose of the exposition.

The exposition will be open from June to October of the year named and additional steamers for the accommodation of visitors will be run by the different transportation companies.

On motion of Mr. Warren the committee referred to above was authorized to take in charge the charter, make changes deemed necessary by them, not, however, interfering with the general scope

of same. The following Committee on Publication were named: Mr. W. J. Peele, Prof. E. P. Moses and Dr. Winston.

This committee will look to the distribution of the proceedings of celebration exercises and make contributions to magazines, periodicals and newspapers, having full power conferred upon them by the celebration committee.

The secretary was requested to supply a correct report of the proceedings of this meeting to the Historical Society.

A motion prevailed to the effect that the charter should be appropriately ornamented.

A motion also prevailed that no one should become enrolled as a charter member who did not own twenty shares of the capital stock.

Mr. W. J. Peele presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That this committee highly appreciates the contribution of the distinguished speakers, of the ladies, of the people of Roanoke Island, of the Colonial Dames and of the Daughters of the Revolution, to make the occasion of the 24th of July a memorable one in the history of the island and the committee unanimously vote Roanoke Island the most interesting part of the American coast."

This practically concluded the business of the Roanoke Island Celebration Committee. The session was harmonious at all times and there has been inaugurated a movement that calls for the co-operation of the state and nation.

North Carolina history is to be rescued from oblivion and as Gen. Carr said in the opening of his speech: "We are upon upon the threshold of the great undertaking that shall bring home to the American people a knowledge of the birth place of their country's glory."

The committee next meets in Raleigh on Tuesday of the State Fair. The various committees have returned to their homes but in their hearts lingers the highest respect and admiration of the hospitable people of Manteo. With the same friendly and noble spirit that prompted Manteo's welcome to the first colonists, the residents of the new Roanoke welcomed the visiting brethren upon the occasion of this meeting. There are no more hospitable people on earth than the people of Roanoke Island. They demonstrated this upon the occasion named above.

If in any community, the latch strings of the populace hang upon the outside 'tis on those fertile shores where the seeds of civilization first were sown.

Baptist Sunday School Excursion.

On Wednesday, Aug. 20th, the First Baptist Sunday school of this city will run an excursion to Virginia Beach. They have chartered coaches sufficient to accommodate as many who wish to go and a glorious time is anticipated. Tickets are already on sale. \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. See their ad in another column.

A Beautiful Marriage.

Winfall, N. C., July 28, 1902.—One of the prettiest marriages of years was celebrated here last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents. The contracting parties were Mr. Jos. H. Towe a prominent farmer of this county and Miss Mary Davis, a prominent young lady of this town. The parlor was tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers. Rev. H. M. Jackson officiated. Mr. E. D. Winslow of this place acted as best man and Miss Gussie Kramer, of Elizabeth City, maid of honor. Lohengrens wedding march was excellent rendered by the brides sister, Miss Eugenia Davis.

After the ceremony the happy couple and the few invited friends repaired to the groom's home, where a delicious collation was served.

They were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents.

A New Railroad.

The North Carolina Central Railroad Company was incorporated yesterday in the Secretary of State's office.

This road is to run from Fayetteville to Concord, a distance of about 150 miles, and will go through the counties of Cumberland, Robeson, Moore, Montgomery, Randolph, Stanly and Cabarrus.

The amount of the capital stock is \$2,000,000, which may be increased or decreased by vote of the stockholders. The capital is divided into twenty thousand shares, of the par value of \$100.

Die Cursing Everybody.

Ashley Coke and Tom Lauderdale were hanged at Greenville, S. C., on the 22nd for the murder of G. M. Wray on a train the 30th of December, 1901. It is the worst record we have ever seen in print of men dying on the gallows, especially that of Coke. Both cursed as the death warrants were read to them but Coke boasted that he would be in hell within a few minutes and cursed all Greenville, wishing everybody there in hell.

Methodist Sunday School Excursion.

The Methodist Sunday school will give its annual picnic on Friday, Aug. 8. The school will not go to Nags Head as was expected but has chartered a train from the Norfolk and Southern to visit Va. Beach. The reason for the school not patronizing Nags Head is because of the open saloon at that place and the running of Sunday excursions between there and this city by the N. and S. R. R.

Jule Carr For Senator.

In an interview given out in Washington, General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, who was defeated for the democratic Senatorial nomination in the last primary by Senator E. M. Simmons announced that he will be a candidate to succeed Senator Pritchard, whose term expires next March. General Carr's friends will make a determined effort to carry him to victory.

Lost somewhere on 1st St., Broad St., Lee Ave. Poindexter St., or Main St. east of Baptist church, Friday evening July 25th a gold medal with the word "Art" and initials E. G. T. on face and pin on back. Finder please return to FOWLER & Co's store.

SMALL AND WARD.

Conventions Declare Them the Nominees.

THE PEOPLE ARE A UNIT.

At the Congressional and Judicial Conventions in Plymouth, Small and Ward Were Nominated.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic conventions in the first congressional district was held in Plymouth Wednesday afternoon. Every county in the district was represented excepting the counties of Camden and Currituck. The meeting was called to order by Col. W. B. Rodman, of Washington and Hon. T. W. Bond elected permanent chairman.

In a brief but ornate speech Hon. T. W. Bond, of Edenton, presented the name of Hon. John H. Small, the present able and efficient representative to Congress, for re-nomination. When the roll was called it showed that Mr. Small had been instructed for by every county in the district. Mr. Small was renominated for the third time by acclamation. Mr. Small thanked the convention for the great honor and promised that in the future, as in the past he would labor unselfishly in the performance of his duty towards his constituents. Mr. Small's speech of acceptance consumed about fifteen minutes. It was highly complimented and heartily cheered.

The Judicial convention also met and our own Geo. W. Ward was renominated for solicitor by acclamation. Mr. Ward was brief but sincere in his speech of acceptance. He thanked the convention for the honors bestowed upon him and promised to faithfully serve his constituents so far as lay within his power.

The convention was one of the most harmonious ever held. Although one and all agreed that Plymouth had been unsparring in its efforts to entertain, it was the sentiment of all present that that this side of the sound would be the meeting place in the future.

For Better Roads.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association recently formed at Raleigh, has undertaken with earnestness a campaign of education for better public roads in the State and has for its object the spread of intelligent information regarding every feature of road improvement, especially the methods to be employed in different localities which will yield the most satisfactory result. It hopes to create sentiment in favor of improved highways which will result in the demand for good roads everywhere. It has determined to enlighten the people of the State so far as possible upon the subject and promote an intelligent understanding of this important industrial and economic problem.

For the furtherance of this project, they are issuing a weekly letter or bulletin containing information and comment relative to the question. Extracts from these bulletins will be published in the Tar Heel from time to time.