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VOTE AGAINST BONDS; VOTE FOR BONDS

That may sound like contradictory and crazy advice, but it is not. What we mean is, vote against the bond issue of \$500,000 provided for in the special act passed for Robeson by the recent Legislature, election to be held on the first Monday in May; and just a week from that time, on the second Tuesday in May, vote for bonds to be issued under the plan of the Clark bill, whereby a county may borrow for road purposes and discharge all its obligations so incurred by paying interest at the rate of 5 per cent for 41 years.

Not that we love the bond issue at first proposed less, but that we love the Clark bill plan more. It is unquestionably the way for a county to get money to build roads. It is one of the best pieces of legislation ever passed. The State borrows money at 3 1-2 or 4 per cent and lends it to the county at 5 per cent. The difference between what the State pays and what the county pays will retire the bonds in 41 years, if the State borrows at 4 per cent, or in 32 years, it is said, if the State borrow at 3 1-2 per cent.

Only \$80,000 can be obtained by one county in one year. When he was in Raleigh Monday Senator Gough made application for Robeson for \$80,000 a year for six years. This puts Robeson the second county to make application for this money, Johnston county being the first. This is a better plan than voting the \$500,000 bond issue under the special act for Robeson, and those who are in favor of a bond issue will no doubt to a man rally to the support of the issue under the Clark bill.

GOOD ROAD WORK

Unpaved streets in Lumberton are being put in good condition at a cost of \$66.60 the mile. That is according to figures made the other day by Civil Engineer Mullis after a stretch of road had been measured off on Elm street by Dr. T. C. Johnson. The work is being done under the direction of Mr. F. A. Wishart, street foreman. He is using two road plows, a disc plow, a road plane, a split-log drag, and he has four men at work under him. The cost is more, he says, when he has to haul dirt. He is doing good work and at very small cost.

Consider what would be the result if the money raised by taxation for road work in Robeson during the past few years—during just one year, if you please—had been actually put on the roads in well-directed work. In round figures, the amount raised for road purposes is \$38,000. Even at \$500 a mile it does look like Robeson ought to have a few miles of good roads out of that money. Where are those miles of good roads?

Take Lumberton township, if you please. What has been done with the money this township has paid in for road work during the past year? What is there to show for the money?

Seeing that good roads actually can be built in this section for less than \$100 the mile, it looks like Robeson county ought to have a few miles of good roads.

It will be an easy matter to get good roads all over the county if bonds are issued and the money is spent honestly on the roads. Otherwise, we shall continue to travel in the mud and pay the killing mud tax.

It is a cinch that the honorable Southern Bell company is not going to give Lumberton the sort of phone system the town ought to have until it is made to do it. The sooner the people of Lumberton realize that and get busy, the sooner they will get the sort of system the Southern Bell company is under obligations to the town to furnish. So long as Lumberton allows itself to be treated any old way by the Southern Bell, just so long will its managers give other and smaller towns the up-to-date system and wink the other eye when Lumberton is mentioned.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts through the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

GARDENS AND CHICKENS

Gov. Bickett has issued a proclamation calling upon all the people to use every vacant inch of ground to plant gardens and so prepare to help feed a world that has gone mad and shows signs of going madder before it gets sane. Now is the time to make every garden, from the size of a piano stool up, do its duty. And now is the time, friends and countrymen, to keep the festive chicken penned up so tight that he cannot destroy your neighbor's garden sass. Why it is we cannot tell, but a chicken will in spite of all—well, with ne'er a "by your leave" or "beg your pardon" he'll scratch up all his neighbors' gardens. And when your neighbor says he just can't make those chickens behave, knowing, as you sorrowfully do, that his chickens don't bother his own garden, and that if your neighbor can't keep his chickens up he ought to kill the last one of them and invite you to kill them, too, why of course you feel like sitting right down and having a song and a prayer with that chicken-keeping neighbor. But you don't. You go and sit down on the back step and indulge in pleasant dreams about what a grand Christmas present you are going to give that same neighbor. For such is human nature.

But you would have had a grand garden if it had not been for your neighbor's chickens.

By way of the Greensboro Daily News it is learned that in a court room at Hickory the other day an attorney, one Whitener, called a Dr. Price, who happened to be a defendant, a "low-down dog," or "an infamous dog," maybe both; and in the ensuing melee the doctor got the worst of it every way; he was worsted in the fight with Whitener and the court up and socked a good fine to him for contempt and so far as the records show the court did not even frown at the attorney. So, of course in this instance the attorney should have been licked and licked good and proper, and should have been fined besides. But since things do not always happen like they should happen it would be best for defendants and witnesses to adopt the policy of a certain man who went to hear Sam Jones preach. He said he admitted right at the start that he was a flopped-eared hound, and there was no argument about it and everybody felt good. You can save lots of trouble in the court room by admitting first off that you are anything the lawyer on the other side is a-mind to call you.

It was stated in press dispatches the other day that Grand Duke Michael, brother of the Czar, abdicated immediately after he was appointed Regent. The truth of the matter seems to be that he announced that he would accept only by a vote of the people. Which simple announcement carries volumes of comment on the completeness of the victory of the people. Fancy a member of the ruling house of Russia being willing and anxious to bow to the sovereign will of the people, who a time ago were but as the dust under the feet of his Czar brother. These be times of change, indeed. Now if the people of Germany will clean up the house of Hohenzollern there may be some chance for peace and order in the world for the next hundred years.

Bladen county not only has waked to the advantages of good roads, issuing bonds right and left to build them, but has waked up all over and The Journal says the county is going to have a board of trade. With good roads all over the county—and that seems to be what is going to happen soon—Bladen will have plenty of inducements to offer the outside world; and she seems determined to let the outside world know. Robeson county will have to get up and dust if she keeps up with the old mother county, now that Bladen has shaken off her aforetime apparent indifference to the outside world. N. B. This is intended as a compliment to Bladen. Don't throw any rocks.

The call of the chiefs of the brotherhoods for a strike of trainmen last week leaves a most unpleasant impression. It is impossible to reconcile such a call at a time like this with any degree of patriotism. We prefer to believe that the real men who have membership in the brotherhood organizations would have refused to quit and would thus have repudiated a leadership that would threaten to paralyze the industries of the country and thus accomplish more for the enemies of the country than could be accomplished in the same length of time by an invading army of Germans.

We gather that Gib Patterson, J. Plummer Wiggins, J. P. Stansel, J. E. Carpenter and maybe a few others up Maxton way, are opposed to a bond issue for roads. They can't stand the idea of a bond issue. They say Gib hates the idea of a bond issue worse'n the devil hates holy water. He and those of his way of thinking up Maxton way have organized a club and vowed a vow to defeat the proposed bond issue in Robeson.

Forward looking men of Maxton have organized a chamber of commerce and have decided to start something for the good of the town. Lumberton's chamber of commerce needs a new baptism of fire. It needs a new secretary, one that can give time to the work. Lumberton's organization certainly should give evidence of a more lively hope than it has given for a spell now.

An Honest Letter From an Honest Man

Enos Halbert, Paoli, Ind., writes: "I contracted a severe cold this fall and coughed continually. Could hardly sleep at nights. I tried several remedies without relief. Got Feley's Honey and Tar and the first bottle relieved me, curing my cough entirely. I can recommend it for all coughs." Get the genuine. Sold everywhere.

LONG BRANCH ISSUES CHALLENGE TO TEN MILE

Statement That Ten Mile Won Series of Debates Denied—Each Side Has Won One, Debate and Third of Series Has Not Been Held

To the Editor of The Robesonian: I note with great surprise in a recent issue of The Robesonian where it is stated that in a series of debates between Ten Mile and Long Branch schools that Ten Mile won. Now Prof. Davis or some of the good folks at Ten Mile must have dreamed that for only two of the series has been held yet. The first was at Ten Mile on January 12. With three intelligent judges, each of them said that the Long Branch boys won. The second of the series was held at Long Branch on Feb. 23, and with three intelligent judges they split on the decision and decided 2 to 1 in favor of Ten Mile. Since that time our boys have waited patiently for a challenge for the third of the series but all they have heard from them is the statement in the paper that the Ten Mile boys have won the series. To have done so they would necessarily have had one more debate. We wonder where it was held? And why we were not invited to be present? Surely there must be some mistake somewhere, for I feel sure that Prof. Davis and his boys can not be responsible for such misleading statements.

Some time ago the girls of Ten Mile challenged the Victoria society of girls at Long Branch to start a series of debates between the girls of the two schools. But it was expressly stated by Prof. Davis and the girls that the series between the girls would not in any way affect the series being held between Ten Mile boys and Long Branch boys. So surely that could not in any way have caused the statement that the Long Branch boys had refused to meet them again. Our boys have all the time been anxious to finish out the series and as we have not heard from Ten Mile we are today mailing them the following challenge.

Long Branch School, Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4, March 21, 1917. Ten Mile Literary Society, Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D. Gentlemen:

We have been expecting for some time to receive your challenge for the third and final series of debates, but as we have now given you adequate time and have not received your challenge, we hereby challenge you to meet us for the final debate at Long Branch Saturday, May 26, 1917, 8:00 p. m. Query, "Resolved, That women should be allowed the ballot in the U. S. Time limit, 12 and 4 minutes. Failure to answer this challenge within ten days will be considered as admitting your defeat and will forfeit the final debate to Long Branch. Very truly yours, DOTSON LITERARY SOCIETY, By Jos. C. Johnson, Pres. Lumberton, R. F. D. 4. March 21, 1917.

Saturday Will be the Opening Day of R. D. Caldwell & Son's spring business sale. Many new and novel features are offered. In their big ad of Monday \$1 premium offered for the largest dozen eggs. This offer should bring hundreds of farmer friends to Lumberton Saturday. They also offer to give souveains to the farmers wives and will serve free coffee. Mr. J. W. Dameron will demonstrate the Fry patented subsoil and turning plow. Every progressive farmer should be interested in the new things for improving and increasing production.

At a mass meeting held Sunday at the colored Y. M. C. A. of Asheville, funds sufficient to "adopt" fifty Belgian babies for 3 months were subscribed. The subscription was on the basis of \$1 a month to feed one of the starving tots.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Floyd and son Mr. Furman, of Fairmont are among the shoppers in town today.

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Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine you can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance.

Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine.

Several Americans Among Those Drowned—Relief Commission Officers Not Spared

A dispatch of the 19th from Plymouth, Eng., says: Fifteen members of the crew of the American steamer Vigilantia lost their lives when the steamer was torpedoed by a German submarine. The survivors were in life boats from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon.

Among those drowned were several American citizens, including Third Officer Neils P. North and Third Engineer Carl Adeholde. This information was given out by Capt. Frank A. Middleton, of New York, who with the survivors of the Vigilantia has reached the mainland and probably will make affidavits tomorrow before the American consul.

London, March 19—A boat containing the first, second and third mates and five seamen of the Dutch steamer Selien (Selene) chartered by the Belgian Relief commission, has been shelled by a submarine and all the occupants killed, according to a Reuter dispatch from Stavanger.

Club Organized to Oppose Bond Issue for Roads

Maxton Scottish Chief. There was held in the opera house last night a mass meeting and a club was organized to take steps to oppose the good roads bond issue to be voted on in Robeson county in May. G. B. Patterson was chosen president; J. P. Wiggins, vice-president; J. E. Carpenter, secretary and J. P. Stansel, treasurer.

The chair was authorized to appoint a membership committee. There was enthusiastic discussion and strong opposition expressed to the act to be voted upon.

DO YOU NEED A SPRING TONIC

Do you tire easily? Do you feel exhausted in the morning when you wake up? Have you reached the point where you have no strength left to overcome fatigue?

Then you certainly need a tonic, one that will act quickly and surely. You don't want any guess work about it, either. Do not take stimulants or nauseating oily mixtures, but just take a concentrated tonic—our 5-grain tonoline tablet before each meal and at bedtime will produce wonderful results in a few days; just try it.

Grantham Bros. reports having a wonderful sale on tonoline tablets.

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