

GOOD ROADS MEETING IN RANDOLPH.

Mr. J. Van Lindley Addresses the Association—Other Speakers and Farmers Are Enthusiastic Over Good Roads.

In spite of the down pour of rain which has continued from Saturday night, many farmers and business men of the county attended the Good Roads Meeting held in the court house Monday Mr. J. Van Lindley, who has dug out of the red hills of Guilford county before they had any roads something like a million dollars, was the speaker of the occasion. Mr. Lindley handled his subject with ease and from a practical, common sense standpoint. He urged the people of Randolph to begin at once the building of good roads.

The speaker first told of how his county had been profited in building permanent roads. He declared that the building of good roads was no burden on a people, but was the very best investment a county could make, showing that the investment was far better than investing along any commercial lines and that every farmer and every person who traveled over the roads reaped the benefits and shared in the dividends.

Some one in the audience asked Mr. Lindley if the taxes in Guilford had been increased by the building of their roads to which he replied by quoting from statistics, that the increase in valuation and the increase in population had made it possible not only to maintain their former road tax basis, but they were actually in addition able to build about ten miles of roads annually. When the speaker declared that farmers in Guilford on this rainy day were hauling to market as heavy loads as they did the driest day in the year, many who had come through the mud and slush succeeded in getting here, became more interested and showed their interest by asking the speaker more questions. Lindley said his observation was that the sand clay road was the best that could be built. Before he encouraged the boys who went in the corn contest but that it was necessary that roads over which to haul to market.

E. Williamson, chairman of the association made a ringing and enthusiastic speech and showed clearly that he had given much study to this important subject of road building.

Mr. D. B. McCrary also spoke and said that the railroads had agreed to haul the sand and distribute along their roads at practically no expense to the county. Solicitor Hammer and others spoke.

The awarding of prizes in the boys corn growing contest was an interesting feature of the program and the prizes were delivered as published in our columns last week.

The auction sale of seed corn was attended in the afternoon by many and the prizes brought were satisfactory, ranging about three dollars per bushel.

From the expression of the prominent men from the different sections of the county it is very evident that the people of the county are alive to their best interests and will in the near future, as soon as one can be provided carry an election, for the assurance of bonds for an amount necessary to build roads all over the county.

Lycium Course.

The next number of the lycium course will be given tonight. Sidney Landon, character artist, will furnish the entertainment. Mr. Landon comes highly recommended as being an apt mimic, and possessed of a keen sense of humor. Not all of our entertainers have had the last, so much pleasure is expected from Mr. Landon's visit.

The lycium management would be glad of the patronage of the people of the town, too. In order to furnish some diversion for the otherwise long and rather colorless winter nights, some of the young men of the town have arranged for the lycium course, guaranteeing payment of the cost of the attractions. They lost last year.

This is not meant as an argument for or against, but is a plain statement of affairs. If these attractions are not better attended in the future they may cease altogether.

DON'T CARE FOR NEW COUNTY

Editor Courier: There seems to be a great hue and cry at this time for a new county, with High Point as the county seat, and at one time the writer thought there was probable cause for such a move. But the more I think over the situation, the less I think there is any reason why any Randolph citizen should want to become a citizen of a new county by the name of Piedmont. Thomasville long since saw there was no probable cause for such a move, and positively refuses to come in. Thomasville is by no means favorable to High Point flourishing at her expense. Jamestown, also, caught the same idea and refuses to join hands in the marriage. The advocates of the new county say they will go away down in Randolph, get a great big slice of the best part of it, fool those fellows and make them pay a higher rate of tax than they now pay. It will be a long time before old Randolph will submit to any such a proposition. I also see the section around Liberty is clamoring for a new county, which I think in reality is much more just than it will be to give a new county to High Point. As it now is the citizens of High Point can go to Greensboro court and return a half dozen times each day if they so choose. There are also two trains each day for the transportation of the citizens of upper Randolph who have to attend court at Asheboro, while the citizens of the Liberty section have to travel from twenty to twenty-five miles, and the part of Alamance and Chatham that wishes to come in have about the same distance to go.

This last would be a strong Democratic county, while Piedmont will without any doubt give anywhere from three to five hundred Republican majority.

I put too much confidence in the coming session of the Legislature to believe they are anxious to create any more counties, and more especially those that have given big Republican majorities, as Piedmont will if created. It is now time to entirely stop this county business unless it is in cases like Liberty, where people live so far from the county seat and have no railroad facilities. Democrats, throughout the State, watch what you are doing!

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Editor Dowd Speaker.

W. C. Dowd, owner and editor of the Charlotte News, has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives. There has been no doubt but that Mr. Dowd would be elected, but in the caucus Tuesday night no other name was presented.

The following are the newly elected officers:

- Speaker—W. C. Dowd, of Mecklenburg.
Principal Clerk—T. G. Cobb, of Burke.
Reading Clerk—D. Scott Pool, of Cumberland.
Engrossing Clerk—M. D. Kinland, of Haywood.
Sergeant-at-Arms—G. L. Kilpatrick, of Lenoir.
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—D. H. Jones, of Halifax.
H. N. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, has been elected President pro tem. of the Senate.

Jail Delivery.

Saturday afternoon about four o'clock two of the prisoners in the county jail sawed their way to freedom.

Arthur Jarrett, who is held on a charge of forgery, and a very foolish fellow named Johnson, who admits that he must have loved the porkine product more than he did the law, cut through their cells with a saw of some sort as cleanly as if the bars were of white pine. The staple at the cell door was cut as one might have done with a knife. No one knows who was a confederate of Jarrett, but it is supposed that he must have had some one on the outside to pass him tools to do the work with.

No blame is attached to anyone for the delivery; no one blaming Jarrett and the hog-lover, nor can they blame Jailer Lowe, who had the prisoners fastened up as well as he could in such a sorry structure. The happening does show what we have long known, and that is what we need a new jail.

And Carnegie establishes a fund for the embellishment of German Heroes. This gets and two letters of gratitude from the Emperor.

Protest Against New County

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PASS RESOLUTIONS OPPOSING NEW COUNTY

Whereas it has come to the notice of the Board that there is a movement on foot to erect a new county, which, it is proposed, shall embrace a part of what is now Randolph County; the Board views the movement with disfavor on the following grounds, among others:

The present geographical arrangement is of long standing. Many sentiments cling around it. Time has given its approval. There will, in the event of the erection of a new county, be many inconveniences and annoyances in making such considerable changes, which should not be entailed without good reasons. Up on careful consideration we do not find any reason or cause except the civic pride of the City of High Point. While civic pride is to be commended, it is not, in our opinion, a sufficient cause or reason.

The expense of erecting a new county and providing proper buildings will be a heavy expense. As the present county court houses, which the territory in question use and in part owns, are sufficient for its needs, this additional outlay will be an unproductive dead expense.

From another point of view the new arrangement will work an injustice to that part of Randolph County embraced within the proposed new county. Guilford has a bonded indebtedness of \$300,000, a considerable part of which represents expenditures in High Point and adjacent Guilford Townships. Guilford will expect a new county to assume its proportionate part of this indebtedness.

This will mean that those who are now Randolph Citizens will be called upon to help pay this bonded indebtedness, which has not been incurred for their benefit. Randolph County is one of the few counties which has no bonded indebtedness. In fact the county has no indebtedness except \$22,575.00 incurred to pay for the new court house which should be ample for fifty or a hundred years to come.

The tax rate in Guilford is now higher than in Randolph. With the heavy initial expenses, the citizens of the proposed new county may confidently expect the rate of taxation in Piedmont County, if it shall ever exist, to be still higher. High Point, which will surely dominate, will follow its Guilford training.

On the score of convenience there is no need for a new county, because all parts of the proposed county have unusually good facilities for going to and from the present county seats.

The industrial developments of the recent past have shown that it is more economical to operate a few large businesses than many smaller ones. County government is certainly a business—a very complicated business. To split up old counties to make a larger number is flying in the face of the teaching of modern business experience.

And again, Randolph knows she will lose many of her best citizens if the new movement goes through; and she will not lose them without protest.

Wherefore it is Resolved, that we place ourselves on record as against the proposed new county.

And it is further Resolved, that the Clerk to the Board be and he is hereby instructed to send copies of these resolutions to our State Senator and Representatives.

H. T. CAVINESS,

This Dec. 6. Chairman Board County Commissioners of Randolph County. By order of Board.

Attempted Suicide.

Judge Spencer B. Adams, of Greensboro, slashed his throat with a razor Sunday night, inflicting painful although not necessarily fatal wounds. He was at the time an inmate of the Keely Sanitarium, and it is thought that his action was the result of a fit of despondency.

The Judge had been drinking rather heavily of late, a fault to which he has not been given before, and was being treated at Keely. For two weeks his actions had been unusual, and his despondency was not in the least understood, as he is customarily of a buoyant disposition.

He was taken to St. Leo's Hospital at once, and no fear regarding his recovery is entertained unless unforeseen complications set in.

A good many surmises have been made as to the cause of Mr. Adams' brooding, but his family and friends maintain a profound secrecy as to the cause of his actions, so any analysis is merely a conjecture. It may be that financial troubles have preyed upon the Judge's mind to such an extent as to produce this hasty action.

The new order or dispensation of federal patronage in North Carolina does not clearly disclose itself. The Butler faction claim that they have eliminated Duncan, but the ordination of Willie Briggs, and J. J. Britt is still unexplained.

J. G. Robin, the indicted New York banker, attempted an exit from court and other troubles Saturday by dosing himself with hyocin, but his life was saved by prompt medical attention.

Aycock has definitely said that he is not in the Senatorial race for 1913. Kitchen refuses to talk.

Another King's Trouble.

Crowned kings are not the only ones whose subjects cause them trouble. King Mitchell, who holds the disputed title of chief of all the gypsy clans of the United States has come a cropper in Anson.

Taxation with and without misrepresentation is the alleged cause of the trouble.

Last Thursday when the clan of John was encamped just out of Wadesboro there came a visitation in the shape of King Mitchell of the Mitchell clan demanding tribute. This tribute is said to have been placed at ten dollars a head.

It is not definitely known whether he succeeded in getting the demanded money, but it does seem that he succeeded in getting a fight. The open outbreak was caused by an assault on a woman of the John clan by Mitchell. Whatever caused it, there was a beautiful fight, and a John or two, and Mitchell were pretty severely mauled.

The matter was carried to court, seemingly more on the account of the levy for taxes than for the assault. The Johns resent payment of taxes, and would dethrone the kindly gent. This they have done for the time as their chieftain under a \$5,000 bond for appearance on the 16th to answer for criminal assault.

Mitchell claims about \$100,000 as his possessions, and part of his followers say that the whole shooting match, women and all, is his'n. Anyway his feet have fallen on troublous paths, and the end of his selfcontemplation is not of the sweetest.

Horsley and Mousant, two of the most daring American aviators, were killed Sunday while attempting to make new records for themselves and country.

RANDOLPH MEDICAL SOCIETY.

A Meeting for the Study of Public Health.

A meeting of the Randolph County Medical Society was held Tuesday January 3rd. Owing to the rough weather a full attendance was not secured, but an interesting and enthusiastic meeting was held notwithstanding.

The meeting opened at 12 m. with a prayer by Rev. W. E. Swain, of Asheboro. The secretary, Dr. W. J. Moore, read the minutes of the previous meeting, and Dr. F. E. Asbury delivered the presidents annual address on the subject of "Hygiene and Public Health in General."

Dr. R. O. Dees, of Greensboro, Councillor for this district, next read a paper on "Pellagra", giving a report of cases. The discussion which followed was led by Dr. D. A. Stanton, of High Point.

Dr. Stanton's paper on the "Relation and attitude of the public to the profession in the spread of communicable diseases" was the nucleus of a spirited discussion of this topic. Talks were made by Drs. Hiatt and Hubbard, and by Mr. Wm. C. Hammer.

A discussion of the hookworm problem, which was stated for this meeting was postponed on account of the absence of Dr. C. E. Wilkerson, who was to have led it. A vote of thanks was given to Drs. Dees and Stanton for their presence under such unfavorable conditions.

The doctors attending were: J. V. Hunter, Asheboro; R. O. Dees, Greensboro; D. A. Stanton, High Point; S. A. Henley, Asheboro; O. H. Phillips, Fullers; C. C. Hubbard, Farmer; R. W. Myres, Fullers; H. B. Hiatt, Asheboro; F. E. Asbury, Asbury; W. J. Moore, Asheboro.

Among the visitors were: Messrs. W. E. Swain, W. C. Hammond, W. A. Underwood, Wm. C. Hammer, C. A. Wood, S. T. Lassiter, A. C. McAlister, R. I. Dickens, F. A. Henley, C. P. Phillips, and Rev. Mr. Johnson.

The next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in March, when a good program is expected.

Fire in Greensboro.

Fire, which broke out in the third story of the Coble building on South Elm St. in the heart of the business section of Greensboro Monday evening, caused a loss of from \$50,000 to \$100,000. From the Coble building the fire spread to the Vernon building, the buildings occupied by West, the confectioner, I. Isaacson, clothier, and Oppleman & Son pawnbrokers.

The damage done the last named men was not by fire, but by water. The second floor was occupied by Stout Bros., printers, whose stock was practically destroyed. The loss of all parties is hard to estimate, but the insurance was nothing like enough to cover it.

Major Morehead Dead

Major Joseph M. Morehead, one Greensboro's oldest and most universally loved citizens passed away Sunday morning. He had been a severe sufferer for some time of a stomach trouble, but in spite of this and two severe sun strokes in the past two years he had fought bravely against his infirmities.

Major Morehead has been the active head of the Guilford Battle Ground Memorial Association for many years, and is probably best known in this connection. He was born in 1840, and had practiced law in Greensboro up until 1871. He was a man of genial and kindly bearing, and his loss is keenly felt in his community.

State Auditor Wood

Col. W. P. Wood, left Monday morning for Raleigh. Mr. Wood goes to enter upon his duties as State Auditor, the position to which the people have seen fit to elect him.

The people of Asheboro, who know something of the value of this gentleman of sterling worth, and integrity of character, to any community regret his leaving town. Yet there is mixed with this regret a civic pride in the fact our fellow townsmen has come into his just deserts. No man has ever carried with him more of the respect and esteem of his own people than the Colonel carries from Randolph to Raleigh.

NEWS BRIEFS.

Juan Estrada, revolutionary leader in Nicaragua, has been elected president of that republic.

The Pennsylvania Railroad cites increase of wages as reason for not lowering freight rates.

Judge Adams is reported as being out of danger, and his recovery is expected to take place rapidly.

A wreck near Paintsville, Ky., January 2nd, killed six persons, four of whom were passengers.

The U. S. Supreme Court holds that the Bank Guaranty laws of the States of Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas are constitutional.

Mrs. Salome Peeler, of Midway Davidson county, died last week at the age of 94 years. She had never had to call in a doctor until her last illness.

Mr. Eliah Raper, a much respected citizen of Salisbury, died last week. His last birthday was Christmas Day, when he was 88 years old.

Two marriages of interest to the Courier's readers occurred during holidays. Miss Patay Rilla Smith, of Liberty, to Mr. Ernest Woodson, of Salisbury, and Mr. Alice Fox, of Siler City, to Mr. Paul Harris.

The Whitney Company has been reorganized, and the new organization will be backed largely by the Franco-American-Banking Co. \$90,000 in fees have come into Salisbury in the settlement of the Whitney Company's affairs.

The U. S. Supreme Court's decision in the libel suit against the New York World, is that the federal court which tried the case, had no jurisdiction when the case could have been tried in the State court.

Lorimer's troubles are not yet over exactly. There is strong opposition, even among the regulars of the Republicans, to exonerating him. Senator Borah, of Idaho, will lead the fight disqualify Lorimer as a member of the Senate.

A brief filed Tuesday with the Interstate Commerce Commission by Louis Brandies, a Boston attorney, states that a higher standard of efficiency and not an increase in rates, will solve the freight problems for the railroads.

A celebration will be held Friday to signalize the opening of the inland waterway at Morehead City. National and State celebrities on speakers for the occasion and tuing possible will be done at this epoch in the history of eastern North Carolina.

Given a back yard of forty square feet and a goat, Dr. Thos. J. Allen, of Chicago, says that he will show any family of five how to support themselves. The lot is for vegetables, the goat for milk, and the children of the family to play with the goat. Economy thou art Q. E. D.

No North Carolinian should rest easy in 1911 till school teachers get good pay for doing more for the State than all other agencies combined. Just remuneration will get good teachers and enable them to make a profession of teaching instead of a makeshift till a better opportunity opens to lure them away from a higher calling.—News Observer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO FRAZIER PARK.

The subscriptions to the Frazier park fund still come in. Full reports have not come in, but the following have been reported at the Courier office. A list will be given each week, and subscribers are asked to make their contribution known to us.

- Courier \$10.00
Mrs. E. E. Moffitt 5.00
J. E. Walker 5.00
Hammer & Co. 5.00
O. R. Cox 5.00
Bank of Randolph 5.00
McCrary-Redding Hwd. Co. 5.00
Mrs. Emma Kearns 3.00

Civic League Gives Prize.

The Civic League of Asheboro, announced the first of last year that they would give a prize of \$5.00 for the best kept yard in town. This prize has been awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hilliard of West Asheboro.