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Discord is a sign of life; it is only the dead who have no differences.

The splendid educational facilities offered by Asheboro are attracting attention to this progressive town.

Ignorance and superstition mean suffering and disease, but intelligent action leads to health and happiness. Investment in education is more valuable than gold.

The time is here now when Randolph must build better highways if we expect our county to move forward as other progressive communities are doing.

Why are the people moving to the cities? Cannot the answer be found in part at least because the schools are not giving the proper agricultural training.

Again for the hundredth and more time, we ask for the views of the people on public questions. We want opinions about public matters. Write us today. We want what you have to say for publication.

Provision should be made for the inauguration of a system of good and lasting roads in every county in the State. Farmers waste thousands of dollars every year for extra teams, vehicles and harness traveling over mud roads, and the same amount saved for a few years would macadamize every foot of road in this county.

Superintendent Joyner is correct in advising provisions for county farm life, high schools and rural high schools. It is also entirely proper that teachers should be trained in summer schools at the University, the State Normal College, and at the A. & M. College.

If the general assembly now in session does not provide liberal state aid to good roads in our humble opinion there will be a lack of duty on the part of the members.

The one thing most needful is to arouse a favorable sentiment for good roads among the masses. Let every good roads advocate do missionary work. From every part of the county comes the good news that the people favor the good roads movement.

Some one has said the best visible form of progress of a county is its public roads. Education has been the all important question, but that matter has been given the best attention for many years, until we have in the State, a fairly good system of public schools. We must keep up our licks until there is an average of six months in all the country districts. The one most important now agitating the public mind, is road improvement. It is being talked, issued, discussed and agitated everywhere, world without end. and it is a good sign.

## GOOD ROADS PRIMARIES.

On Saturday, February 4th, at 2 o'clock the people are requested to meet at the various voting precincts in the county to discuss the question of how best to get good roads in Randolph, and to send two delegates to the County Good Roads Convention at Asheboro.

This is a most important matter and every citizen should go out and help arrive at some plan to get better roads.

## GOOD ROADS BOND ISSUE.

There is an effort to be made to get a Good Roads bond issue for Randolph this spring by submitting the question to a vote of the people. It is proposed to submit the question for an issue of \$300,000 and to make a provision in the bill to use the funds derived from the sale of the bonds in the various townships in the proportion of the assessed valuation of property.

This proposition strikes a popular chord. It is a question to discuss at the primaries to be held at the various voting precincts in the county on Saturday Feb. 4th at 2 o'clock. Do not forget to attend the primaries and send at least two delegates to the County Good Roads Convention at Asheboro on Monday, Feb 6th.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Courier may be found a statement of the assessed valuation of property in Randolph. This information was published once before, but we publish it again by request of a voter from Trinity, who says that some advocate of the new county claimed that Trinity paid more taxes than any other township in the county. While the people of Trinity are a fine people, and there are fine farms there and many valuable interests are found among the progressive people of that section, yet there are several townships that are ahead of Trinity in the assessed valuation of property. Asheboro is ahead, then comes Randleman, Franklinville and Columbia, etc.

Representative Turlington, of Iredell county, has introduced a bill in the General Assembly making it a felony for any member of Congress or State officer to accept a fee or agree so to do against the State. This is a proper measure and such a law on the statute books fifteen years ago would have put Marion Butler in the penitentiary for his violation in the South Dakota bond case. The Statesville Landmark commends the bill, but wants it to go further, and we agree with the Landmark when it says:

The offense of which Butler was guilty may not be repeated once in a generation, but it is no uncommon thing for lawyers who are the retained attorneys of public service corporations whose interest may be affected by legislation, to appear in Raleigh as the representatives of the people. They may think they serve the people by serving the corporations that employ them, but we know it is not natural for them to vote against the interest of their clients, the corporations, and that it is rare for such representatives to oppose what the corporations ask for. Mr. Turlington's bill should make such attorneys ineligible to public office. A proper sense of the proprieties would suggest to them to resign their attorneyships when they accept public office, but as many of them do not have this sense of propriety they should be made to have it.

## PLUM CULTURE.

No fruit is more saleable than plums. Who is it that does not remember the damson plums of thirty and more years ago and the delicious preserves made by our mothers. And there were the blue gages and the little red and yellow plums. The advance through selection and crossing the fruit is nothing short of wonderful.

The largest and best varieties are known as Japanese, the Abundance being one of the best known varieties. The plum can be grown almost anywhere. It grows to perfection in this section of North Carolina. It is one of our richest fruits in variety and quality.

There are numerous kinds of plums and some of the finest are of comparatively recent development.

Those who are growing fruit for the market would do well to plant many plum trees. Farmers should plant plum trees along the fence rows and those who live in town should plant them in their back yard.

Six one story dwellings were burned at Salem, N. C., last Friday.

## FARRIS IS INTERVIEWED

Mr. J. J. Farris, who has organized a lobby and collected considerable money and is maintaining an expensive headquarters at Raleigh, came home last week and whooped up the boys and arranged to keep as many as four High Point people in Raleigh all the time from now until the expensive fight for a new county is ended.

Mr. Farris has given out an interview in a Raleigh afternoon paper in which he says in reply to the question, from what source do you expect most of your opposition? "From Greensboro and Asheboro, but even in these communities the new county has strong supporters. There is no ground for opposition except of sentiment and that should not count against a proposition which means so much to the State."

It would be interesting to know the names of the strong supporters of the new county, in Asheboro. The Courier has a fair knowledge of the sentiment of the people of Asheboro, and so far as known, no one in Asheboro favors the new county, except one man, who is now and has always been against the best interests of this county and is only happy when he is slandering and throwing dirt and mud at his neighbors. He may have one or two motives to actuate him, the hope that Randolph will be Republican after the slice is taken off or he may want to move his washing to High Point where he can rest assured he will live in a Republican county.

And listen to Mr. Farris further: "It is true that a few organizations including the bar of Greensboro have passed resolutions against the movement, but all of it was done at meetings called for other purposes, and not for the purpose of deciding for or against the new county."

"What do you think of the report circulated that you will be a pauper county, etc?"

"This is the weakest point of the opposition, because we will have unlimited proof before the committee that every claim the advocates of new county have made will be borne out by the facts—namely, self-supporting, democratic, 18,000 population and that it is asked for by over 95 per cent of the voters in the territory. This is one question on which the legislature can act favorably with the assurance that their action will meet with approval by all the people in the State with the exception of a few in Greensboro and Asheboro."

"You can say," added Mr. Farris, "that the committee does not intend to weary the legislature with this proposition by resorting to any long drawn out lobby—we will submit in a business way a business proposition which we are sure will appeal to them."

Did you ever here the like? The Raleigh water evidently is not suiting the Enterprising High Pointer.

## OUR HEAVIEST TAX.

The heaviest tax any community can have is ignorance; the next heaviest is bad roads.

The following from the Sanford Express is a most sensible preaching:

Not one mile of Lee county's roads is improved. They are all shifting sand or mud—deep, narrow streaks of sticky, oozy, slimy mud. The farmer fights with mud when he takes his cotton, his wood or his empty wagon to market. It is said to cost him twenty-five cents a ton to haul his produce, while the thrifty Mecklenburger or Guilford county man on mudless roads does it for half as much. The Lee county farmer profits for his mud in decreased profits, in idle acres, in poorer schools; his wife and daughters pay for it in loneliness and isolation.

Nor is the farmer the only man in our county who pays the mud tax. Mud puts its price on the fuel that townsmen buy from the farmer and other things that he uses during the winter season. We can think of no way in which our people could get less fun for the same money. The indications are that our people are about to make a protest against the bad roads tax.

Every interest in Asheboro should be welded together in the interest of town improvement. Fire and force must be put into efforts for the growth and improvement of this good town. Results should be sought.

On Saturday Feb. 4, afternoon at 2 o'clock, be certain to attend your voting place and send delegates to the County Good Roads meeting in Asheboro on Monday, Feb. 4.

## RECORD OPPOSES NEW COUNTY.

The Greensboro Daily Record in a recent editorial says:

The Asheboro Courier says: "The Greensboro Record is all wrong when it says that the new county would have its county seat on one side, meaning that High Point would be on the southern edge of the proposed county. The facts are that as given out now, it is understood that there will not be more than fifty square miles taken from Guilford's territory, less than any one of the townships in Randolph as originally laid off. But Randolph is expected to give up about ninety square miles of her territory, and Davidson not as much as twenty-five miles, only a part of Rb twenty-five miles. No part of Thomasville being willing to go into the new county, where a heavy tax rate they believe will be levied. If the county goes through, the county seat would be located near Old Trinity if located in the centre of the county as now proposed."

We stand corrected, though we know that Trinity was in the centre of the territory. Speaking of the new county, The Courier says that a big taxpayer of Trinity township, being interviewed, said: "A good many of those who have signed petitions for the new county repent themselves of their hasty action. A majority of the taxpayers of Trinity township would greatly regret being separated from the old county of Randolph."

And it might be added that a great many of the taxpayers embraced in the proposed county will find their sorrow that they have been hit between the eyes and will continue to be hit for many years in the shape of increased taxes if this new county is created. Guilford can stand the loss, but it has a kindly feeling for her neighbors who are going to get hurt and wants to protect them.

Greensboro evidently has a sensible man in charge of the city schools. "Listen here:"

"If the boys and girls of this country are compelled to carry such great piles of books to and from school as they have been doing, we will be a nation of bow-legged people." If the Record should say this we would be pointed to as an old fog, an old fossil. Who do you suppose made this remark? Dr. Mann, superintendent of Greensboro's city schools. Probably he did not expect to be quoted, but it is too good to be passed by, for it shows what manner of man he is. He has been stirring things in the city schools—stirring them on the right lines. When a boy enters school he ascertains if his parents are going to fit him for some profession. If not, that boy never sees a Latin grammar; he teaches him the fundamentals. He reminds us of Dr. Nereus Mendenthal forty years ago. Truly, we are getting back to hard pan.

Thoroughness is the one thing most lacking in modern education, and how can there be thoroughness with so many branches? Let us have fewer branches taught, and let the subjects taught be taught better. The child should thoroughly master each book and each branch of study before passing on.

## TWO BRIGHT YOUNG LAWYERS GO UP HIGHER.

There are not two brighter young men than Mr. Burtons Craige, of Salisbury, and Mr. George B. Nicholson, of Statesville.

Mr. Craige is a grandson of Burton Craige, who was for many years a leading lawyer of Salisbury. Mr. Craige's father was the late Kerr Craige, a most able lawyer and elegant gentleman, who was Third Assistant Postmaster General under President Cleveland.

Mr. Craige has had an excellent practice in his home town of Salisbury since he has been at the bar a dozen or more years. He was in the House eight years ago and made a most useful and popular member. He has taken a lively interest in political matters.

He goes to Winston as special counsel for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

Mr. Geo. B. Nicholson, although married recently to a daughter of Governor Turner, is a younger man than Mr. Craige, but has been practicing law for more than a decade, has recently been elected counsel for the J. I. Case Machine Company and will move to Racine, Wisconsin. His salary is large and understood to be some twenty thousand or more dollars. Mr. Nicholson is an able and painstaking

lawyer. Like Mr. Craige, he is as good as the best. He was born in Davie county. Began the practice with Judge Long. He has been for the last few years a partner of Mr. R. B. McLaughlin. Mr. Nicholson has made a brilliant success, and his ability is recognized by all.

While Mr. Nicholson has never been a candidate for public office, he has for eight years been the secretary of the executive committee of the tenth judicial district, and made an active canvass. His appeal for the election of the Democratic nominee for Solicitor was a strong document circulated throughout the district, and was most effective in appealing to the voters.

The success of these two bright young North Carolina boys should be an inspiration to every energetic young man.

Let it be remembered in passing that both are young men of excellent habits, and have lived clean and honest lives.

Get together in Good Roads primaries Saturday Feb. 4 and talk over the question of good roads. Discuss the best plan for good roads. Feel the pulse of your community and send delegates to Asheboro to the County Good Roads Convention on Monday, February 6th.

Mr. T. L. Chisholm has leased the lower floor of the Smith building formerly occupied by Mr. Joseph Greenbaum and will engage in the mercantile business. He has purchased the bankrupt stock of Mr. Greenbaum.—Sanford Express.

## Special Washington Correspondent Engaged

The Courier has just closed a contract with Clyde H. Tavenner, the well-known writer and traveler, by which he becomes a special Washington correspondent for us during this session of Congress.

Tavenner became known all over the country as "the man who told the truth about the tariff" when the Payne-Aldrich bill was being framed. He first-hand investigation in various countries in Europe, known from his hand in the tariff question what the cost of production abroad really was, and therefore was in a position to show by actual figures that the Republicans were not revising the tariff on the basis of equalization of cost of production at home and abroad, as promised.

During the last three weeks of the recent campaign, Mr. Tavenner not only wrote his articles for the press, but as the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Fourteenth Illinois district he put up the strongest kind of a fight. Although nominated but three weeks prior to election, and despite the fact there is a yet little insurgency in this district, Tavenner reduced his opponent's majority by 3,000. Tavenner was given the nomination as a result of his vigorous espousal of the cause of the people as a newspaper correspondent.

Tavenner enjoys a close personal acquaintance with the leaders of Congress. The following letter from Champ Clark, who will be the Speaker of the next House, shows that the work of our correspondent is appreciated by the Democratic leaders in Washington:

"My Dear Mr. Tavenner: I am always in favor of giving every man his due and I wish to thank you most heartily for the very excellent service that you have rendered Democracy and the country by writing your Washington letters. They were very largely used as ammunition in the recent campaign and had a large influence in changing the complexion of the House of Representatives from Republican to Democratic.

"I think you personally for many kindnesses. We have a golden opportunity, coupled with grave responsibilities. My desire is that the Democrats shall do what is right and then that the people shall be informed of what they do.

Your friend,

CHAMP CLARK.

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