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### Death and Taxes.

There is a saying in vogue among our mountain people that death and taxes are sure to come and both are looked upon as evils which are to be put off and avoided as long as possible. Taxation is looked upon as a relic of those feudal days when tribute was levied on the weak by the strong, and was collected for the personal use of the feudal chief who was physically or numerically more powerful than his neighbor.

At the present day these views are so remote from the truth that it becomes the duty of a newspaper to set the people right. The little amounts collected from property owners over the county form a fund for the betterment of our surroundings. With it we build our courts, schools, houses, our iron bridges, our stock-law fences, other improvements which are to all the people free for the use of all of being in the hands of a speculator who would be compelled to charge toll in order to make his investment pay, we have simply combined our capital, made our own improvements and they are open to public use free of charge.

There are very few advances in civilization that can be made without cost, and that section which pays its taxes most promptly and cheerfully shows many evidences of its advanced civilization. You want good roads, but roads cost money. The only way to secure them (unless you wish to pay toll to some turnpike company) is to combine your capital by a tax and build them. The same holds good in regard to good schools and other public needs of this country.

The tax-dodger and the delinquent tax-payer are never enterprising and progressive citizens. They are a positive "millstone about the neck" of every progressive community. If they are not perfectly satisfied with the conditions which surround them they want somebody else to make and pay for all betterments. This is a "penny wise and pound foolish" policy. It is the duty of every citizen to bear his share in securing the betterments which all may enjoy.

There are some people in every community who have been brought up to look on taxation as a "burden" which they should avoid if possible, and we are sorry to know that they are bringing their families with them.

would be without government, and a state of anarchy and lawlessness inaugurated. They and their families owe the Board of Aldermen and the law abiding element of our citizenship who are assisting them, a debt of gratitude which nothing but a cheerful compliance with the laws and ordinances which govern the town will repay. If they wait for a court to decide their position untenable, they will have, in our humble opinion, not only their taxes, but court costs and lawyers' fees to pay. Instead of the improvements which a cheerful compliance with our laws would have made possible, the amount which the town recovers will be swallowed up in court expenses and nobody will be benefited. It is not the duty of a few, but of all citizens to help in the government of our town.

It is the duty of the present Board of Aldermen to collect the taxes due before the expiration of their term of office in May. They owe to the people who elected them that they perform their whole duty; they owe to those who have paid promptly and thus upheld their hands in governing our town that none escape the duties which devolve upon all. If this paper can in any way assist in this important matter it is at the service of our officials.

### About Our Roads.

As soon as the weather is suitable for road working we hope that our citizens will at once repair the roads and put them in good shape. We must keep our roads in good shape. Our most valuable asset in this section is our climate, and that to make our climate a bread winner for us we must have its necessary adjunct—namely, good roads.

We are dependent upon our visitors for the most of our ready money, and the more visitors the more money, and the more ways we have for those visitors to spend their money that much more money will they leave among us. There is nothing that they enjoy more than driving or riding around and seeing our beautiful views. The more there is for them to do that much the longer will they stay, and each visitor spends several dollars per day.

As we all know Asheville has been built by the money that the visitors within her gates have spent and left there. She is not a manufacturing, a mining or an agricultural town; all her wealth and greatness she owes in a large measure to her guests. Our surrounding country is a much richer and more fertile section than that which surrounds Asheville, and when we can offer to the people who flock to these mountain regions, both for health and pleasure, as much as Asheville does, we will have most of them coming here. They will spend their money here, they will invest their money here and will spend thousands of dollars in improvements.

hope to increase their number and lengthen their stay.

If there were no other sections in the mountains that had good roads we would not be so seriously handicapped by bad roads. But as it is there are other sections that have had the foresight to improve the roads in their communities and as a result they have visitors with them always and they are prospering.

We know of a party that was touring the south in two private cars just about one month ago who wanted to come to this town, but they were advised not to do so from the reason that the roads were in such a condition that they could not have been driven around and shown our sights. This party was composed of men of wealth, and we may have lost many thousands of dollars in the way of investments. As it was they were able to go to Asheville and be driven all around.

Having seen the effect upon our visitors let us see the effect upon ourselves of bad roads.

With the roads in the condition they have been this winter we all know that it has taken a much longer time to come to town than it would have if the roads had been good; therefore every one who has had to travel or do any hauling has lost time, and time is money to an industrious man. You could have used that extra time to better advantage if you could have been at home fixing the fences or patching the roof.

The loss of time is not all. You brought in all the corn that your team could pull, and when it was weighed you had on 1500 pounds; you thought from the straining of your team that you had 2000. So you did, the other 500 was mud. So your hauling cost you just 25 per cent. more than it should have.

And still there is another item of loss, namely the wear and tear to your wagon or other vehicle, straining the wheels and wearing off the paint.

And still yet another, viz., the extra amount of food that it takes to keep your stock in good order when the roads are sticky.

Feeling as strongly as we do about this matter of good roads, and knowing the necessity of having them, we feel that when the matter is called to the attention of our citizens that it will meet with their hearty approval and with the usual progressiveness of the people of Transylvania it will not be long before we will be the banner county in the west and the pride of the Good Roads Association.

Let us adopt as our motto and let our efforts be for "good roads and better schools." When we accomplish these two objects we will be a happy and prosperous people.

The following from the Meridian, Miss., Tribune, is as terse as language can make it, and as true as it is terse. If you would that neighboring towns be well as we.

## Clayton's Fall and Winter Business thing Wanted.

See his line of beautiful and stylish Dress Goods arrive soon of the latest styles and patterns in shirts, now in stock, Panama and other up-to-date shapes, jackets. Bargains in trunks, suit cases, shoes, flannel, everything you want at prices to suit the times. Harm to call and see us; we will do our best to please you always on hand. There is no firm in Brevard who can kinds of trade taken in exchange for goods. Yours truly

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Very respectfully yours,

L. E. Low,

No. 24 Montford Ave.

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Andrews, N. C., Nov. 27, 1902.

To-lo-tan Co., Knoxville, Tenn.

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