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What Shall We Do to Obtain This Trio of Goodly Desideratums?

Observations of a Casual Observer Looking Over Some of Our Sister Counties.

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

It was my privilege to visit in the counties of Gaston and Mecklenburg a few days ago and to observe with what wonderful strides these counties were pressing their way to the front rank of these that go to make up this great state.

Looking over the field one would naturally ask himself this question: Why so much more industrial development in these counties than in our own? Is it the climate? Is it natural advantages? Is it soil? If not, whence come these industries? I looked for natural advantages existing in these counties over those found here in Transylvania, but found them not. There are some water courses but they run slow, but you will find that wherever there is a ripple over rocks and boulders in the Catawba the hand of the capitalist has been busy building dams and reservoirs for the storage of power and is now distributing it all over towns, neighborhoods and adjoining counties, and the hum of spindles and the deep bass whistles, breaking with the dawn of morning, speak in thunder tones of the powers that be in these sullen streams. And while thinking of this feature I thought of the rolling, tumbling, sparkling waterfalls up here in Transylvania so full of energy, drawing their very power down from the clouds as it were, but I listened in vain for the sound of anything that man has done yet.

I looked at climatic conditions and found them not so favorable as our own to enervate and energize the working people. I looked for a soil more generous than our own to supply the wants of the people, but the corn cribs stood silent, the bins were not larger, the gardens gave not forth things more palatable to the taste or more plentiful to satisfy, the vineyards were not more thrifty than our own nor the fruits more delicious.

After viewing all these things one is driven to the conclusion that there is something in the people down in these counties akin to growth, power, energy, development, that is not found in our own people, and it is mete that we should examine into the matter and see wherein we are lacking and apply the remedy at once. Two balls of like size and velocity set in motion should produce like effects, all else being equal. So of two counties.

The city of Charlotte is becoming one of the trade centers and one of the inland commercial cities of the south. Beautifully laid out with wide streets, extensive lawns covered with gigantic elms and oaks, make it a city of oaks that are very attractive. It

is a city of churches, schools and colleges that go to make it desirable for a splendid citizenship. All the suburbs are building up rapidly, and leading to this city from every direction you will find a system of well graded public roads, macadamized, and in splendid condition summer and winter, and the people say that nothing has been more conducive to Charlotte's growth than this system of public roads.

Take the county of Gaston, an adjoining county to Mecklenburg, in area about the size of Transylvania. In Gaston county there are twelve towns of considerable size scattered over the county, and this county seeing what good roads have done for their neighbor county, have voted \$300,000 4 per cent 30 year bonds for gading and macadamizing the roads connecting all these towns, and the people feel confident that no better investment could have been made than the results which will follow the building and improving the roads of the county.

There is one feature about which I wish to speak, and that is the fact that the county town of Dallas, which is yet small, had a proposition made by the Southern Railway Company at the time its main line was building from Charlotte to Atlanta, to come by way of Dallas if certain inducements, which were reasonable, should be held out by the town. These propositions were rejected and consequently the road passed within four miles, and the town of Gastonia, which was then of no importance, has sprung up within the last few years and now has a population of 7,000 and is growing fast. The county has three railroads and they have been potent factors in developing the resources of the county. The county has 42 cotton mills, and the population has increased since 1890 from 17,000 to 34,000. The taxable values have increased from \$3,000,000 to about \$9,000,000.

More than a dozen new school buildings have been erected in the county in the last two years at a cost of over \$10,000, and the town of Gastonia has a fine graded school building costing \$6,000 and an attendance of over 400 pupils. Everywhere the people speak of the great advantages of the graded schools, and say that nothing has added more materially to the growth and development of the towns and localities than have these institutions. The people do not seem to be afraid of the tax question, for the wonderful advancement of taxable values make the rate of taxation low. Railroads, splendid public roads, good graded schools and a people

Call for County and Township Conventions.

At a meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee held in Brevard on May 5th, 1906, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"That the democratic voters of the county are requested to meet at the polling places in their respective precincts on Saturday, June 16th, 1906, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purposes of electing delegates to attend the county convention to be held in the town of Brevard on Saturday, June 23d, 1906, at 1 o'clock p. m., and to transact such other business as is provided for in the democratic plan of organization.

"That the aforesaid county convention is hereby called to meet in the court house in the Town of Brevard on Saturday, June 23rd, 1906, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating the candidates for county offices and for electing delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial Conventions and to transact such other business as provided for by the democratic plan of organization.

W. P. WHITMIRE, County Chairman.
W. E. BREESE, JR., Secretary.

who have not been afraid to take some risks and are determined to make the most of their advantages and to strike while the iron is hot, voting bonds if it was necessary in order to obtain certain ends—all these seem to be the drive wheels that are forcing onward the engine of progress.

Now a word about our own county and town. If we see that we can secure the building of another railroad through our county or help in any way to bring it by way of Brevard, we should profit by the mistake of Dallas, and offer the best we have. If the projected line from Greenville, S. C., should contemplate the crossing of the Blue Ridge to Waynesville, Knoxville and other western points, we should set to work to see that Transylvania reaps the benefits of this road, and not allow Henderson county to take it away from us without some effort on the part of the citizens of this county.

If men of capital come into our county seeking for investment don't let every man hoist the flagpole of prices of property out of sight and make it impossible for the man to secure what he wants. Put your property at what is reasonable and let it remain there, and, if necessary, cut your price a little for the good of the community, if by doing so you can secure the location of some man or set of men who will be a help to our county. Men who are looking for a place to invest do not want to, and they will not, pay prices where the advance is already 25 per cent over actual values. If you have town property and want to sell it, cut it up into lots, put it on the market, offer inducements to good people to buy and build, for the building of one good house on vacant property will enhance the value of your other vacant lots more than 25 per cent. Let us join hands on the question of railroads, public roads, good schools, churches, public buildings and everything calculated to build up the town and county.

Do not fight enterprises of any kind, but do all you can to quiet the unsatisfied element in your community on all questions of enterprise and development about which they do not feel fully satisfied. You might as well come to the conclusion that the growth

and development of your county rests with the people of this county, and that every other county is doing all it can for its own and not for our improvement. They are offering their best, they are getting enterprises that mean ready money to laborers and positions to the competent, and are thereby keeping their own population at home and drawing ours to them, for we have nothing to offer.

Get out of the rut, talk your town and county, let the world know what we have to offer. We have slept long enough, drowsiness is enwrapping us—shake it off and try to do better.

Respectfully, G.

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