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THE GOOD ROADS MEETING.

A Genuine Rally---All Sections of the County Represented.

VARIOUS METHODS OF SECURING BETTER ROADS UP FOR ARGUMENT. A ROAD LAW RECOMMENDED WHICH INCLUDES A ROAD TAX FOR THE COUNTY WITH PERMISSION FOR THE TOWNSHIPS TO ISSUE BONDS.

There was a large crowd of representative citizens from all parts of the county out to the Good Roads meeting at the court house Monday, and every section of the county was represented. As usual in such gatherings there was a refreshing diversity of opinion which had to be aired, and in consequence there was more talk than business.

The meeting was organized by electing J. M. Hamlin of Brevard, chairman, and Leo Hogged of Rosman and T. T. Loftis secretaries.

About the only real business transacted was the selection of a committee, one from each township, to draft resolutions and to recommend a general outline for a good roads act to be submitted to the next general assembly.

The committee made the following report, and after being amended in several particulars by the meeting reads as follows:

Your committee recommends for the consideration of the meeting that your honorable body request the next general assembly to pass for Transylvania county a general road law embodying the following fundamental features, viz.:

1. That each male person now subject to road duty under the present law be liable for six days work on the road each year, or pay in lieu thereof the sum of three dollars.

2. That the labor system as above set out be supplemented by a tax not to exceed twenty cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property or sixty cents on the poll.

3. That the said tax to be levied by the commissioners of the county as a township fund, and that each township have a right to elect a bonded officer to collect and distribute the funds raised in his township.

4. That each township have the right to hold an election on the question of voting bonds for the purpose of constructing, grading or keeping in repair the public roads in the respective township, but no election to be called unless at least one-fifth of the qualified voters of the said township sign a petition requesting the calling of such an election.

5. That each township have a road supervisor or overseer whose duty it shall be to take charge of, keep in repair all roads in his township and to construct all new roads laid off therein, his salary not to exceed two dollars per day.

6. The county commissioners have a general supervision of all

public roads in the county, and it shall be their duty to order the laying out of all new roads and the construction of new bridges.

7. That the road overseers of the various townships shall have the right, and it shall be their duty to meet together and make purchase of all road tools and implements for the whole county. The justice of the peace of each township shall have a general oversight of the work of the overseer in their respective townships, and it shall also be their duty to classify the roads of their respective townships, their compensation not to exceed one dollar per day for the time actually engaged in such work.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

The following resolution in substance was adopted by the Good Roads Meeting held in Brevard on the 7th inst.:

Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting be authorized to appoint a committee of three whose duty it shall be to draft a bill incorporating the features passed upon in this meeting with such details as will make the bill operative and forward the same to our representative in the general assembly of North Carolina, assuring him that the said bill contains the wishes of the people of Transylvania county as expressed in a large representative meeting and urge upon him in the name of the people that it be enacted into law.

The undersigned, by virtue of the above resolution, takes this method of announcing the names of the following gentlemen as constituting such committee—Hon. W. W. Zachary, Hon. G. W. Wilson, D. L. English, Esq. Respectfully,
J. M. HAMLIN, Chairman.

Senator Tillman has called forth considerable comment by keeping quiet during the first month of the session, but no one seems to notice that the pile of sawdust around the desk of Senator Spooner has also been getting pretty high.

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In Memoriam.

WALTER ALEXANDER WOOD.

As the evening shadows were preparing to usher in the gloaming of the last day of the dying year, 1906, a choice spirit passed out of the smoke and clouds, the pains and trials of earth to the clear, shining and blessed peace of God's presence "where there is fullness of joy." After mingling with the scenes and children of earth for twenty-six years, five months and two days, with out a groan or gasp he "laid aside his mortal coil" and his unfettered spirit, lingering not for the incoming of the new year, sought a land where days and years are unknown but eternity holds sway.

One year ago he was bounding in the energy and buoyancy of vigorous youth, the idol of his family, popular with the young people and a favorite with the older ones, but the miasma and debilitating influence of the low country where he was laboring undermined his constitution and laid him open to the attack of fatal disease and month after month, amid much suffering, his strength gave way and disease gained deeper and deeper hold upon him and yet through it all he seemed to be unmindful of his own suffering and was thoughtful of the comfort of those around him.

His generous, unselfish disposition blazed out beautifully to the very last, for when a friend came in to see him and remarked that the evening was quite chilly he said, "I have a right new overcoat and you must wear it home." And then turning to his mother, in whispered, broken accents, almost choked by approaching death he said, "Don't let him go without that overcoat." As this beautiful manifestation of the sweet spirit of Jesus burst out almost with his last accents on earth, the words that many of us love so well came into my mind: "The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass unto glory."

On the morning of the 2nd of January after funeral services under the paternal roof, parents, brothers, sisters, ministers of the gospel, his friends of the fraternal order of Knights of Pythias and loving neighbors sadly bore him away to the spot where mother earth has heaved up her bosom between the valley of the glade and the valley of the river as if to form a resting place for her sons stricken and fallen in life's battle, and there with the impressive committal service of the order of K. P's, and the solemn ritual of God's church, we laid him to rest.

"Though a brightness has passed from the earth,
Yet a star is new born in the sky
And a soul has gone home to the land of its birth,
Where are pleasures and fullness of joy.
And a new harp is strung and a new song is given
To the breezes that blow o'er the gardens of Heaven."

Walter was a good boy, a big hearted, generous young man, scornful what was little, sordid or crooked and delighting in what was kind, true and good. To ministers and relatives who talked freely with him he gave

every evidence of unflinching faith and cheerful acquiescence in God's will and he departed leaving us all in cheerful hope as to his future.

We loved him. We mingle our tears with those of his stricken family and ask you, Mr. Editor, to print this and send it forth as our heartfelt tribute to his memory.
A FRIEND

The following resolutions of Transylvania Lodge No. 143 K. of P. on the death of Knight Walter A. Wood were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased the Benevolent Father, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to take from our Order, our friend and brother, Walter A. Wood; and

Whereas, in his death we have lost a member whose life was an exemplification of those great cardinal principles of our Order, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence; and

Whereas, our ranks have not been invaded by the Angel of Death until this sad hour, for which grateful favor our Lodge is supremely thankful; Be it therefore

Rosolved: 1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of an All-wise and Supreme Ruler.

2. That in the death of our departed brother, our Lodge has lost a faithful, conscientious member, devoted to its great principles which look toward the betterment of mankind.

3. That in his death the bereaved family has lost a splendid specimen of Christian manhood, whose presence was ever laden with joy, whose kindly acts ever made glad the hearts of father and mother, brothers and sisters, and whose life, just verging on the frontier of useful manhood gave forth promise of a full sun-crowned man.

4. That while we deplore his loss, let us hope that his passing from this sphere of toil, care and disappointment to a land beyond the shadows will be the means of strengthening the hope and rejuvenating the faith of those he left behind, and that Celestial realm will be dearer to his friends because of his habitation there.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Order, a copy be sent to the immediate family of our deceased brother and a copy be printed in the Sylvan Valley News. Respectfully,

W. H. DUCKWORTH,
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